



BERNCO at a Glance

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COUNTY COMMISSION

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014
4:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014
5 p.m.

ZONING MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014
3:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014
5 p.m.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

First Wednesday of month
Feb. 5, 2014, 9 a.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014
9 a.m.

Meetings are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
City/County Government Bldg.
1 Civic Plaza
5th and Marquette NW

Bernalillo County Commissioners Select New Chair and Vice Chair

District 1 Commissioner **Debbie O'Malley** is the new chair of the Bernalillo County Commission. On Jan. 7, the County Commission voted 5-0 to select **O'Malley** as its new chair.

The commission also unanimously elected District 2 Commissioner **Art De La Cruz** to the vice chair position.



Debbie O'Malley
Chair, Dist. 1

O'Malley and **De La Cruz** will serve in their respective leadership capacities for the 2014 calendar year.

The County Commission elects a chair and vice chair during its first meeting in January each year.

During 2013, District 3 Commissioner **Maggie Hart Stebbins** served as chair and Commissioner **O'Malley** served as vice chair.



Art De La Cruz
Vice Chair, Dist. 2

NEED Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist Darrell Dady, at 468-7364, or at ddady@berncgo.gov.



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Bernalillo County's 2014 Legislative Priorities

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners recently approved an administrative resolution laying out proposed legislative policy and priorities for the county for the 2014 state legislative session.

Last fall, county lobbyists started preparing for the upcoming legislative session by meeting with the county manager, commissioners and state legislators to come up with a proposed list of projects and policies that the county supports. For detailed information on the county's list of legislative priorities, go to www.bernco.gov.

Capital outlay funding is requested for the following projects:

- \$1 million - North Valley Little League Phase 2. Lighting and turf for the fields and purchase additional property for parking and one more field.
- \$1 million - improvements to the Westside Community Center and adjoining grounds.
- \$500,000 - to plan, design and construct a pipeline for re-use of the chiller blow-down water, the Lobo Community Garden, native landscaped areas between fairways, and additional trails and ancillary landscaping for the UNM North Golf Course in Bernalillo County.
- \$1 million - master plan and projects at the Paradise Hills Community Center and adjoining grounds, including a facilities master plan that assesses the future capacity of the center, annex and pool; parking improvements; on-site circulation and accessibility improvements; and landscape improvements.
- \$1 million - Carlito Springs, Phase 2 rehabilitation, including rehabilitating main house and cabins, construct water/sewer/fire protection systems, parking area, retaining walls, water features and interpretive signage/exhibits, and stabilize outbuildings.
- \$3 million - purchase land for right-of-way, and to plan, design, and construct a sewer system for the North Edith area from Ranchitos to the Sandia area of Bernalillo County.
- \$2 million - improvements to the Second Street and Rio Bravo Boulevard intersection.
- \$1 million - improvements to Second Street, south from Rio Bravo to Valle Del Oro Refuge.
- \$2 million - sidewalk, curb and crossing improvements to Bridge Boulevard from the Rio Grande to Coors Boulevard.
- \$540,000 - plan, design, construct and equip quiet railroad crossings in the South Valley of Bernalillo County.
- \$500,000 - Sunport Boulevard Extension Project, which will extend Sunport Boulevard SE from the interchange at I-25 to Broadway Boulevard SE at the intersection with Woodward Road SE.
- \$1 million - engineering, environmental, and other activities needed to submit a funding Federal Transit Administration request for UNM/CNM/Sunport Transit Project.
- \$1 million - improvements to Second Street, from Alameda Boulevard to the Second/Fourth Street intersections.
- \$350,000 - Sunset Road Phase 2, storm drain improvements between Trujillo Road and Dennison Road.
- \$5 million - pave unpaved roads (in compliance with unfunded federal mandate) and rehabilitate existing roads (not mandated) in each of the five commission districts.
- \$300,000 - purchase, plan, design and renovate facilities for a transitional living and substance abuse recovery center for adolescents and young adults in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.
- Support legislator sponsored capital outlay legislation that is consistent with the priorities set by the county.



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Debbie O'Malley, Chair, Dist. 1

Art De La Cruz, Vice Chair, Dist. 2

Maggie Hart Stebbins, Member, Dist. 3

Lonnie C. Talbert, Member, Dist. 4

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BernCo Solar Array System Generates Energy for Metropolitan Detention Center

Bernalillo County recently began a renewable energy program with the commissioning of a one-megawatt solar energy facility at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC). The solar array/system was installed, and will be operated by SunEdison, LLC. The solar array is interconnected to the Public Service Company of New Mexico's grid.

The system will only supply a small percentage of MDC's power requirements and is not expected to send over-supply power back to the grid. The project will stabilize rates and reduce electrical costs for the power required at the jail.

Just as important, this project enables the county to invest in renewable energy without the use of county bond funding, or up-front costs, to the county. The project generated employment and gross receipts taxes in Bernalillo County during the construction of the project. The project will reduce Bernalillo County's use of non-renewable fossil fuels, and cut carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions.

Arenal Storm Drain Public Meeting Scheduled

Construction schedule will be discussed at the public meeting for Arenal Storm Drain project. **The public meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Rio Grande High School's auditorium beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

For more information about this project, please visit www.bernco.gov/projects.

Answers To Your Zoning, Building & Planning Questions from Bernalillo County Planning & Development Services

Send your zoning questions to Tom Kay at tkay@bernco.gov (314-0396), building-related questions to Brad Jackson at bjackson@bernco.gov (314-0380), and your planning questions to Enrico Gradi at egradi@bernco.gov (314-0385). **This is a monthly feature in the BernCo at a Glance.**

Q How do I make a zoning complaint?

A We take complaints from the public online at www.bernco.gov or call the Zoning Department at 314-0350. You can also call Zoning Enforcement directly at 314-0367.

PARKS AND REC Public Meetings - FEBRUARY -

Bernalillo County's Parks and Recreation Department wants to hear from the community about a series of master plans that will shape the future of the county's community centers, pools and other parks and recreation facilities.

FEB. 3, 5-7 P.M.

Paradise Hills Community Center Master Plan public meeting, Paradise Hills Community Center, **5901 Paradise Boulevard NW**

FEB. 4, 5-7 P.M.

Aquatics Master Plan public meeting, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, **9800 Fourth Street NW**

**FEB. 10 AND 12
6-7:30 P.M.**

Los Vecinos Community Center Master Plan, **478 ½ Old Highway 66, Tijeras**

FEB. 18, 5-7 P.M.

Aquatics Master Plan Hiland Theatre Lobby **4800 Central Avenue SE**

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Aquatics Master Plan Los Vecinos Community Center **478 ½ Old Highway 66, Tijeras**

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Bachechi Open Space

PARKS AND REC Public Meetings - MARCH -

MARCH 12
6-7:30 P.M.

Fallen Officer Memorial
public meeting Los Vecinos
Community Center
478 ½ Old Highway 66,
Tijeras

Additional meetings in other
areas of the county will be
announced in the future.

All meetings are open
to the public.

For more information, or
to provide input, contact
John Barney at 314.0404 or
jbarney@bernco.gov.

Meeting dates and times
are subject to change.

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OR 848-1504

contactcenter@bernco.gov

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Deputy County Clerk to Participate in Remote Voting Technology Research Project

A new study will team scientists with election officials to examine feasibility of end-to-end, verifiable, secure internet voting using transparently auditable encryption methodology.

Overseas Vote Foundation (OVF), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to overseas, military, and domestic absentee voter participation has received a grant from the Democracy Fund in support of a research-based approach to the unanswered question of whether remote absentee voting can be conducted securely online. The project is called *End-to-End Verifiable Internet Voting: Specification and Feasibility Assessment Study (E2E VIV Project)* and will examine a form of remote voting that enables a so-called “end-to-end verifiability” (E2E) property. A unique team of experts in computer science, usability, and auditing, together with a selection of local election officials from key counties around the U.S., will assemble for this study.

The efforts of the committee aim to produce a system specification and set of testing scenarios, which, if they meet the requirements for security, auditability, and usability, will then be placed in the public domain. At the same time, they intend to demonstrate that confidence in a voting system is built on a willingness to verify its security through testing and transparency. The secure, tested, certified remote voting systems that election officials envision aren't for sale. Available online ballot return systems are not considered secure by the scientific community, nor are they certified. As a result, email has become the default stopgap method for moving ballots online. E-mail is especially weak on security, yet it is being used regularly by election officials because viable alternatives are not yet available.

The goal of the study is to specify and define a system and its testing scenarios for an online voting method that can provide both security and confidence to voters that their selections are accurately recorded and counted. While systems of this nature have been developed in the past, none have been broadly used or successfully commercialized; this study will be informed by these past efforts and build upon them as appropriate. Usability factors will also be considered from the outset of the study to address the significant challenges faced by remote and disabled voters when using such systems to participate. A viable outcome of this study with respect to security, auditability, and usability will enable development efforts to ensue.

The About Overseas Vote Foundation helps overseas and military U.S. voters participate in federal elections by providing public access to innovative voter registration tools and services. It is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. More information is available at www.overseasvotefoundation.org. The U.S. Vote Foundation (US Vote) provides domestic U.S. voters with public access to innovative voter registration tools and absentee ballot request services. It is a trademarked initiative of the nonpartisan, nonprofit Overseas Vote Foundation. More information is available at www.usvotefoundation.org.

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