

BERNALILLO COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4

A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNTY OF BERNALILLO FOR THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION, OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

1. General County

- A. Oppose any legislation that 1) proposes any revenue reductions, 2) adversely affects funding sources or 3) diminishes the County's regulatory authority, provided however, that some revenue and regulatory related proposals that promote economic development, create jobs, or enhance public services will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- B. Support any legislation for the Second District Judicial Court and Metro Court that enables them to become more financially self-sufficient.

2. Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office

- A. Amend State Statute 4-41-16 to increase the legal processing service fee from \$40 per case to \$60 per case. This increase is required to cover BCSO's full costs for processing each case.

3. Health and Public Safety Division

- A. Urge the State of New Mexico Human Services Department to expedite Medicaid funding and provider reimbursement for services associated with behavioral health crisis funding and response regulations.
- B. Support legislation to allow Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health crisis response treatment and services to be allowed in hospital and residential settings.
- C. Expand Medicaid's transportation services for behavioral health clients. Currently Medicaid pays for transportation on a limited basis as dictated by the client's service plan. Expanding this service to provide transportation to the high volume of behavioral health utilizers, instead of simply based on medical need, would allow clients to stay out of crisis for longer periods of time.
- D. Support legislation to fund data base integration and other initiatives of the Bernalillo County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (BCCJCC) by providing funds for the reforms necessary to advance the criminal justice system in Bernalillo County.
- E. Oppose any legislation that would diminish funding for LDWI funds to HSD or to any other programs, offices, or departments, provided however, that if provisions in contract, rule or statute assure an equivalent or greater amount of prevention or treatment resources for existing alcohol or substance abuse services for Bernalillo County, including social model detox, then a diversion of funds for the purpose of matching federal Medicaid funds may be considered for support.
- F. Propose and/or support legislation to reclassify certain low level petty misdemeanors from criminal penalties to civil penalties. This would include petty misdemeanors such as the failure to have a driver's license on your person which currently results in a criminal penalty.
- G. Propose and/or support legislation requiring the Human Services Division to increase the compensation paid for forensic competency evaluations ordered in criminal proceedings in order to ensure a sufficient number of qualified evaluators to mitigate the current undue delay and unnecessary incarceration while waiting for competency evaluations.

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- H. Propose and/or support legislation to clarify by statute that small bonds (\$5-100) are not required to ensure that the defendant gets credit for time served when the defendant is also being held in another case.
- I. Support legislation proposed by and/or funding to another governmental entity that:
 - 1) Increases funding for mental health and substance abuse counseling in public schools.
 - 2) Supports funding for early childhood intervention programs.
- J. Amend the Inspection of Public Records Act Statute to not require complying with requests that involve a mental health crisis intervention team responding to a call when wearing lapel cameras.
- K. Amend the State of NM Mental Health Code to add provisions for research and information sharing among approved entities, without violating an individual's privacy under HIPAA, when said information is used toward pinpointing high utilizers and their collective impacts on behavioral health, law enforcement, and corrections systems.
- L. Support legislation that reduces recidivism and criminal activity through funding for programs and resources for inmates transitioning from incarceration to the community.

4. Community Services Division

- A. Support legislation that would provide for limited liability in agritourism activities.
- B. Support legislative funding for the Community Schools Act that provides extended learning opportunities, increases family engagement and support services, and supports school-based or linked health care.

5. Finance Division

- A. Support a legislative memorial with input from local governments to evaluate property taxes in conjunction with the overall revamping of the Gross Receipts Tax system, local government hold harmless distributions, the 3/8th increment, and all local option taxes.
- B. Support legislation that allows local county and city governments to review state data relative to tax distributions to local jurisdictions.
- C. Yield Control Issues:
 - 1) Support an amendment to Section 7-38-34 NMSA 1978 that removes the requirement for the County Commission to issue its own order and increases the five-day rule.
 - 2) Amend Section 7-37-7 NMSA 1978 Property Tax Language. Request that the legislature appoint a committee of state and local economic and finance professionals tasked to develop a mechanism allowing taxing authorities the ability to decrease or maintain prior year tax rates while still maintaining the intent of the property tax law.

6. Public Works Division

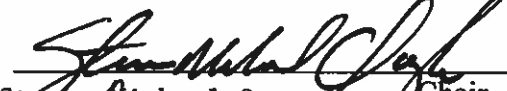
- A. Urge the State of New Mexico to pursue of primacy for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

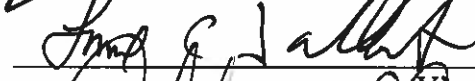
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, the governing body of the County of Bernalillo that the legislative program described herein for the Fifty-third Legislature, Second Session, of the State of New Mexico is hereby approved and adopted and shall terminate December 31, 2018.

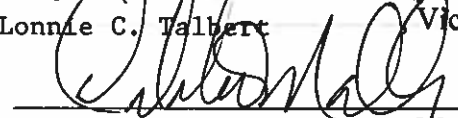
1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Administrative Resolution shall terminate on
2 December 31, 2018, or upon adoption of an Administrative Resolution establishing the 2018
3 legislative priorities, whichever occurs first.


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5 **DONE** this 9th day of January, 2018.
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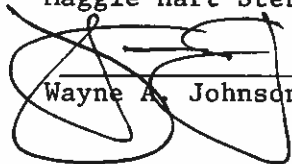
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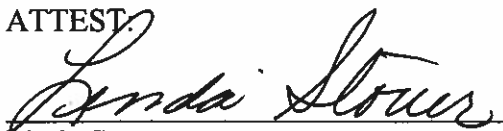
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