

BERNALILLO COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-80

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

1. General County:

Oppose any legislation that a) proposes any revenue reductions, b) adversely affects funding sources or c) diminishes the County's regulatory authority, provided however, that some revenue and regulatory related proposals that promote economic development and job creation will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

2. Public Safety Division:

a) Support legislation requiring the Secretary of Health 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.

b) Urge HSD to promulgate Crisis Response Regulations and ask HSD to seek input on these drafted regulations from Bernalillo County.

c) Request \$1,360,000 for behavioral health programs and services that focus on intensive case management.

d) Request \$1,500,000 for behavioral health programs and services that focus on crisis response services.

e) Support funding for residential substance abuse treatment and supportive aftercare services for children and adolescents in New Mexico.

f) Request \$900,000 in operational funding for a behavioral health crisis respite pilot project that would allow for emergency respite services for clients requiring continued stabilization once they have been stabilized in a hospital setting. The funding could be routed through MCO's as a value added service.

g) 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

1 health utilizers, instead of simply based on medical need, would allow clients to stay out
2 of crisis for longer periods of time.

3 h) Support the constitutional amendment on bail and bond reform as recommended by the
4 Bernalillo County Criminal Justice Review Commission and proposed by the NM
5 Supreme Court.

6 i) Introduce legislation to extend the term, which expired July 1, 2015, of the Bernalillo
7 County Criminal Justice Review Commission (BCCJRC) created by the legislature via
8 HB 608 in 2013, for a five-year term, and to retain the BCCJRC under the supervision of
9 the New Mexico Supreme Court.

10 j) Oppose any legislation that would move LDWI funds to HSD or to any other programs,
11 offices, or departments, provided however, that if provisions in contract, rule or statute
12 assure an equivalent or greater amount of prevention or treatment resources for existing
13 alcohol or substance abuse services for Bernalillo County, including social model detox,
14 then a diversion of funds for the purpose of matching federal Medicaid funds may be
15 considered for support.

16 k) Support legislation to fund the initiatives of the Bernalillo County Criminal Justice
17 Reform Commission (BCCJRC) by providing funds for the reforms necessary to advance
18 the criminal justice system in Bernalillo County.

19 l) Support legislation proposed by and/or funding to another governmental entity that:

- 20 1) Increases funding for mental health and substance abuse counseling in public schools.
21 2) Supports funding for early childhood intervention programs.

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23 **3. Community Services Division:**

24 a) Amend NMSA 1978 34-7-1, Probate Judge Authorized, and or other appropriate
25 section/s, to include language for judicial requirements to include an active New Mexico
26 bar license in good standing, with a minimum two years' practice experience, for
27 counties with a population of 600,000 or more.

28 b) Amend NMSA 1978 34-7-14, Fees of Probate Court Clerks, to increase the docket filing
29 fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00

30 c) Support legislation that would provide for limited liability in agritourism activities.

31 d) Support legislative funding for HB542 Community Schools Act that provides extended
32 learning opportunities, increases family engagement and support services, and supports
33 school-based or linked health care.

1 4. **Finance Division:**

- 2 a) Support a legislative memorial with input from local governments to evaluate property
3 taxes in conjunction with the overall revamping of the Gross Receipts Tax system, local
4 government hold harmless distributions, the 3/8th increment, and all local option taxes.
- 5 b) Yield Control Issues:
- 6 1) Support an amendment to Section 7-38-34 NMSA 1978 that removes the requirement for the
7 County Commission to issue its own order and increases the five-day rule.
- 8 2) Amend Section 7-37-7 NMSA 1978 Property Tax Language. Request that the legislature
9 appoint a committee of state and local economic and finance professionals tasked to develop
10 a mechanism allowing taxing authorities the ability to decrease or maintain prior year tax
11 rates while still maintaining the intent of the property tax law.
- 12 c) Introduce legislation allowing public bodies in Class A counties to delegate authority for
13 making certain determinations regarding sales of public securities.
- 14 d) Introduce a memorial that amends the State Procurement Code exemption(s) to include
15 Pay Equity Disclosure and Best Practices.

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17 5. **Public Works Division:**

- 18 a) Clarify state law concerning the authority of New Mexico counties to establish user fees
19 with utilities.
- 20 b) Urge the State of New Mexico to pursue of primacy for the National Pollution Discharge
21 Elimination System (NPDES) program.

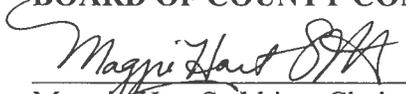
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, the
24 governing body of the County of Bernalillo, that the legislative program described herein for the
25 Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Session, of the State of New Mexico is hereby approved and
26 adopted.

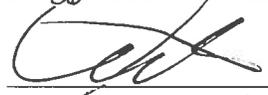
27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Administrative Resolution shall terminate on
28 December 31, 2016, or upon adoption of an Administrative Resolution establishing the 2017
29 legislative priorities, whichever occurs first.

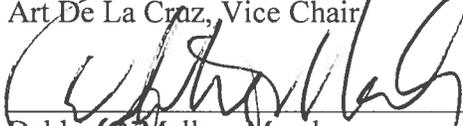
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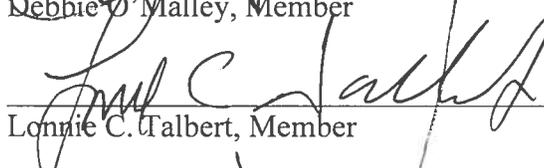
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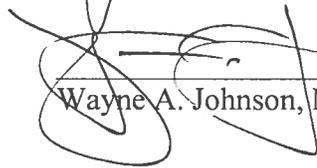
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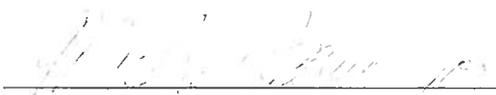

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