

# Cibola County

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## Resolution No. 22-61

### Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2023 Legislative Priorities

**WHEREAS**, in October 2022, the New Mexico Counties Board of Directors approved eight legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2023 session; and

**WHEREAS**, NMC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties discuss and approve support for NMC's legislative priorities as an important step in assuring maximum understanding of NMC's legislative priorities at the county level; and

**WHEREAS**, county support enables NMC to demonstrate strong local and statewide support to the state legislature for the following issues:

#### **HB 2 Appropriations**

##### **1. Detention Reimbursement Fund**

Increase the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act fund to reimburse counties for the cost of housing NM Corrections Department inmates. Currently the NM Legislature appropriates \$5 million. According to the NM Sentencing Commission, the five-year average to house NMCD inmates is \$7.5 million.

##### **2. Prisoner Transport & Extradition**

Create a line item in the NM Department of Finance & Administration budget of \$750,000 to reimburse counties that provide transportation for state prisoners. Statutes require the state to make such payments, however no money has been appropriated to counties for many years. Counties should not be responsible to pay for state prisoner extradition.

##### **3. Emergency Medical Services**

Create a \$10 million line item in the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau budget to assist local government EMS services. Current state appropriations, taxes collected through local GRT increments, and other sources of revenue do not provide sufficient support to local governments to meet community needs, especially in rural areas of the state. EMS services are vital to the health and welfare of New Mexico citizens.



**Public Safety Package**

**4. Return to Work**

Local governments struggle to fill critical public safety positions. Allowing able and willing retirees to return to work would create a pool of qualified applicants to fill essential public safety positions.

**5. Recruitment & Retention**

Sufficient numbers of detention staff are essential to a safe and well-operated detention facility which is directly correlated to community safety. A public safety recruitment and retention fund would provide local governments with much needed resources to provide detention services to their communities.

**6. Staffing Crisis in Fire & EMS**

Create a \$50 million Fire and EMS fund to support volunteer and paid staff. Many New Mexico fire departments are volunteer, or combination departments and the number of volunteers has greatly declined. Call volume and large events continues to rise in New Mexico.

**7. Courthouse Funding**

Create a fund for construction and renovation of state district court houses.

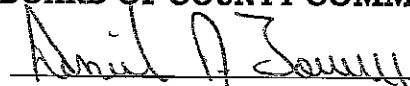
**8. IPRA Election-Related Records & Data**

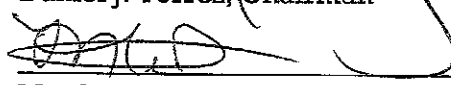
Clearly define how IPRA relates to election records and data.

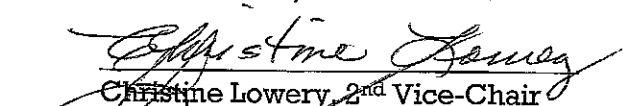
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY OF CIBOLA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex officio COUNTY BOARD OF** hereby approves to support the New Mexico Counties 2023 legislative priorities.

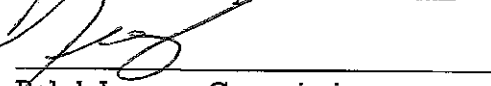
**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the governing body at its regular meeting on the 17th day of November in 2022.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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Michelle E Dominguez, County Clerk

