

#### **News Brief**

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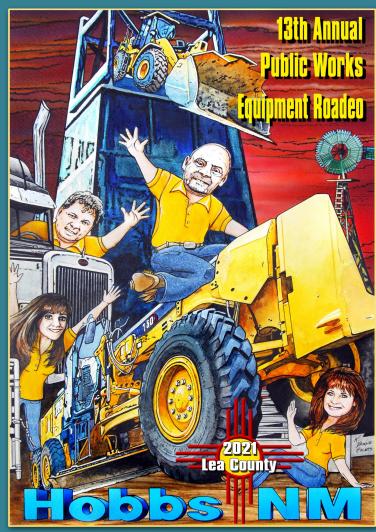


**Lea County Goes Big!!!** NMC Annual Conference promises to be an event you won't want to miss! Tuesday evening entertainment: ride a zipline, find your way through a dark enclosed maze, compete in ax throwing, corn hole, or a pig race, ride a mechanical bull, dance to a DJ, and enjoy a variety of food and beer garden all within a gated area.

After a day of workshops, meetings, and networking with your peers on Wednesday, registered attendees will be shuttled to the Lea County Fairgrounds in Lovington for dinner, VIP seating, and performance by CMA/ACM award winning country singer-songwriter Martina McBride! Guest tickets (dinner + concert) may be purchased for \$25. Exciting!!!

Registration for <u>County Members</u>
Fees for <u>Virtual & In-Person</u>
Conference <u>Agenda HERE</u>

Counties Caring for Counties <u>Duty of Care</u> Special <u>Events</u> Registration for <u>Sponsors & Exhibitors</u>



September 21, 2021



In Taos County, NMC Board of Directors meeting highlights: county GRT changes, ratifying the board treasurer, approving IT Affiliate bylaw changes, involvement with NACo/policy committees, costs of cyber security coverage, rising virus cases in detention centers, vaccination misinformation PSA videos, capital outlay projects, and revisiting NMC mileage reimbursement.



#### County Legal Services Wanted—RFP



San Miguel County seeks sealed proposals from qualified law firms for legal services to oversee and assist in managing all County related legal matters, ensuring

maximum protection of legal rights and continued operation consistent with federal, state, and local laws.

The duration of the professional services shall be for one year from the date of award with auto contract renewal on an annual basis, for up to three additional one year terms, not to exceed four years. Read REP HERE

#### NM Regulation & Licensing Department Announces Cannabis Advisory Board

Members The Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Cannabis Control Division on the development of rules covering best practices, the promotion of economic and cultural diversity in licensing and employment opportunities, and protection of public health and safety, among other subjects. Four of the positions on the committee required by the law were chosen by their peers: from the NM Law Offices of the Public Defender, the NM Association of Counties, the New Association Office of District Attorneys, the NM Associations of Police. Eddy County Sheriff Mark Cage will represent the counties!



Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen has been appointed to NACo leadership as vice chair for both the Arts and Culture Committee and the EELU Energy Sub-committee.

### NM Broadband State Price Agreements (Planning, Grant Writing, Infrastructure)

The New Mexico Department of Information Technology has recently awarded eight State Price Agreements (SPA) in support of Planning (6), Grant Writing (2), and Infrastructure (3) in support of Broadband. These SPAs are open to all public agencies and tribal entities. To access link to the State Purchasing Division Statewide Price Agreements page, search on "Broadband" or the SPA Number (10-00000-21-00080) to get to the awards. Contact Gar Clarke, George.clarke@state.nm.us

## U.S. Senate passes bipartisan infrastructure package

The package includes a five-year surface transportation reauthorization and invests in other infrastructure, including water, stormwater, and broadband. Read NACo summary

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# Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP All trainings open to county elected officials & employees

Fri Aug 13

Tue Aug 17–20 Virtual NMML 64th Annual Conference ABQ
Wed Aug 18 NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM hybrid at
Marriott Pyramid ABQ
Thu Aug 26–27 OSHA 10 Hr Outreach 8AM–4PM Guadalupe
County (Santa Rosa)
Mon Aug 30–3 First Line Supervisor 40 Hr 8AM–5PM ABQ
Wed Sep 8–9 OSHA 10 Hr Outreach 8AM–4PM McKinley
County

Deadline for State Fair booth registration

Thu Sep 16 Gathering of Counties, NM State Fair—Booth

setup 6AM-8:30AM; ends 3PM **Tue, Thu in Sep** NM EDGE classes 9/14, 9/16, 9/23, 9/28,

9/30 Live online; in-person 9/20-9/21 **Tue Sep 21-23** NMC 84th Annual Conference, Lea County (Hobbs) hybrid in-person and virtual

Wed Sep 29 Legislative Initiatives Review 10AM-Noon
Thu Oct 7-8 NMC Board of Directors legislative meeting
2PM & Board meeting 8:30AM Bernalillo
County, Albuquerque

Mon Oct 25-26 Virtual Infrastructure Finance Conference
Thu Oct 28-29 Virtual Wildland Urban Fire Summit (WUFS)
Thu Nov 4-5 NMCIA Retreat and Board meeting location

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TBD

Nov NMC Executive Committee meeting 2PM NMC Office Date **TBD**Nov NMC /NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM

Santa Fe County Date **TBD Tue Nov 30** Advisory Council meeting 11 AM **TBD Wed Dec 8** NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 AM NMC Santa

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