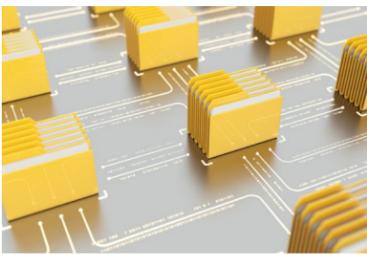




New Mexico Counties Has Your Back, Counties! The interim legislative committees are in full swing. Finance and Administration Director Leandro Cordova, Executive Director Steve Kopelman, and Government Relations Brian Moore spoke to the Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee on essential services that counties provide, the detention center accreditation program, the RISE program, the NMC Loss Prevention programs, the biggest liability for counties being jails, the biggest debt liability being courthouses (capital infrastructure), the restrictions on county revenue, expenses beyond county control, and the issues with HB4. NMC asked for \$8M in detention funding for the next session. General Counsel Grace Philips reiterated to Courts, Corrections, & Justice and Legislative Health & Human Services Committees the increase in county jail populations during the pandemic (from May 2020-current), the fluctuation in detainee vaccination rates and staff vacancy rates, RISE & MAT programs, and the unsustainable increase in insurance premiums and deductibles using the most recent renewal for Lea County as an example.



Digital Documentation
Considering a digital documentation management system? Future proof through cloud technology for storing, controlling, and tracking documents.

Benefits of a Document Management System:

- Manage internal costs
- Increase productivity
- Streamline security, compliance operations

Benefits of a Cloud-Based DMS system

- Improves your security and compliance
- Reduces hardware and maintenance costs
- Makes flexible work a reality
- Increases collaboration

Key Impacts of a DMS on Your Team

- Central access point for projects
- Enhanced information governance
- Improved workflows, efficiency

Appoint a project leader, involve stakeholders, determine scope, select DMS, implement system and hold the team accountable.

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NMC Legislative Review Committee Meeting



The committee recommended the following 2022 legislative issues for the NMC Board to review and take action on Oct. 7: Restore/increase Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act; Reimburse counties' Prisoner Transport/Extradition costs; Make permanent RISE funding; Give counties Law Enforcement Protection Fund reversion; Unify jail system; Create courthouse funding; Revise election code; and Re-introduce SB352 probate judge signing location.



Wendy Mason, EMNRD Wildfire Prevention & Communications Coordinator Forestry Division and Teresa Rigby, BLM Fire Mitigation/Education Specialist & Fire Training Coordinator talk WUFS, wildfire prevention, recovery, and what you can do in your community. Grant County Assessor Raul Turrieta hosts with lots of questions especially about goats!



Tune in next
Thurs. Oct 7 @9AM
streaming at [GMCR.org](http://www.gmcr.org) or
<http://www.gmcr.org/>.



This virtual summit is open to anyone interested in learning more about keeping their communities safe during wildfires. Find out what you don't know! (Control/click photo.)



Untold Stories— Highlighting the Human Impact of County Services
Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, counties have highlighted

our critical role and the key services counties provide, demonstrating to the public and to our federal partners that counties matter. Now, we have an opportunity to tell the full story of our efforts and how we have made incredible differences in the lives of our residents through the *American Rescue Plan Act*, a historic direct investment in our nation's counties. Please share your [stories](#) and access [media relations guide](#), [social media templates](#), and [resources to engage residents](#) at: <https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/untold-stories>

American Rescue Plan Funding Breakdown

Programs that may provide counties with additional funding are denoted as "county eligible." [Access the Tool](#)

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

- Fri Oct 1 Virtual NM Broadband Collective 9AM - Noon [Register Here](#)
- Fri. Oct 1 NACo Webinar: [Delta Variant & Using ARP Funds to Respond](#) 1PM - 2PM
- Mon Oct 4 NACo Webinar: [Navigating Federal Funding Streams - Developing a Grant Management Strategy](#) Noon - 1PM
- 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 CXL
- Thu Oct 28-29 Virtual Wildland Urban Fire Summit (WUFS)
- Thu Nov 4-5 NMCIA Retreat and Board meeting location TBD
- Nov NMC Executive Committee meeting 2PM
NMC Office Date TBD
- Nov NMC /NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM
Santa Fe County Date TBD
- Thu Nov 18-19 Online CPR Instructor Development 8AM - Noon
- Tue Nov 30 Advisory Council meeting 11 AM TBD
- Wed Dec 8 NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 AM NMC Santa Fe TBD

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