

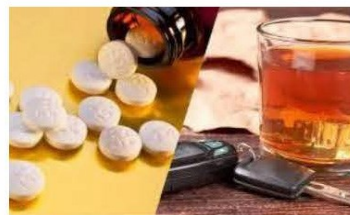


## NM Counties recognized 13 retiring Board members

Catron County Commissioner **Anita Hand** (serving two years), Chaves County Commissioner **Will Cavin** (serving three years and as the WIR representative), Lea County Commissioner **Rebecca Long** (serving seven years), Lincoln County Clerk **Whitney Whittaker** (serving one year), Luna County Commissioner **Linda Smrkovsky** (serving seven years), McKinley County Commissioner **Billy Moore** (serving one year), Mora County Commissioner **L. Frank Maestas** (serving three years), Otero County Assessor **Steve Boyle** (serving six years and as a president of NMC), Santa Fe County Commissioner **Henry Roybal** (serving three years), Sierra County Sheriff **Glenn Hamilton** (serving five years), Socorro County Commissioner **Manuel Anaya** (serving five years), Taos County Commissioner **Jim Fambro** (serving five years), Union County Commissioner **Justin Bennett** (serving five years and as the WIR representative). Thank you for your outstanding leadership and dedication to NM Counties and the citizens of NM!!!

## NM counties ask for help in operating jails ~excerpt Albuquerque Journal

In light of “crisis levels of understaffing” at jails across the state, general counsel for the New Mexico Counties organization raised concerns that counties – which run detention facilities – are footing the majority of the costs without much assistance from city and state governments. “Money’s tight – a big portion of the county money is going to jails, a very small portion of municipal funds are going to jails – so there’s the financial issue,” said attorney Grace Philips, speaking before the Legislature’s Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee on Wednesday. “But I would suggest to you – because I know this is a committee that cares about policy – that there’s also policy implications. ... I think you need skin in the game for policy reasons and you need skin in the game, just because it’s a resource that you’re using.” Out of 26 jails statewide five had more than 50% vacancy rates among correctional officers, as of August. A recent analysis found about 28% of general funds from counties statewide are going toward detention facilities, Philips said, although smaller counties are putting a greater percentage toward the facilities. Of the \$282.5 million spent on running jails statewide in Fiscal Year 2022, 90% was from county governments.



## Overview of Drug & Alcohol Testing in the Public Sector

Online Wed. Oct. 12, 2022, 10AM–Noon

Target audience: Supervisors, Managers and HR professionals

- Provide a basic understanding of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988
- Federal drug & alcohol testing laws applicable to counties
- Constitutional protections for public employees
- Marijuana legalization implications
- Testing under the ADA, FMLA, PEBA, and Workers Compensation

A sampling of questions that will be addressed:

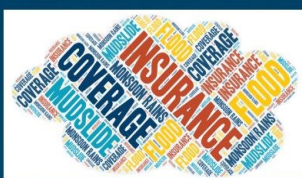
- Which county employees are required by law to be tested?
- Can a county test all employees?

Registration link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y-FfGO5tQsmjxsuP-IDZfQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y-FfGO5tQsmjxsuP-IDZfQ)

## Tune in Thur Oct 13, 9AM

Live streaming on  
GMCR.org



Host Grant County Assessor **Raul Turrieta** speaks with NMC Risk Management Director **Taylor Horst** about the NMCI insurance pool for counties.



**November 16-18, 2022  
The Lodge, Santa Fe**

**Community Recovery, Cultivating Resilience**

**Power in Partnerships: How a county and cities united during the McBride Fire**

Ira Pearson, Lincoln County Manager, Tim Dodge, Village of Ruidoso Manager, Lawrence Chavez, Ruidoso Police Chief, Eric Boyda, Ruidoso Water Rights & Water Conservation Specialist

- **Wed. Nov. 16** Pritzlaff Ranch, San Miguel County (optional pre-summit tour)
- **Thu. Nov. 17** Group tour of Santa Clara Canyon
- **Fri. Nov. 18** CWPP workshop (option to register separately if not attending summit)
- More than 14 presentations with over 30 presenters!

**Registration opens next week! \$75 fee  
Sponsor Table \$150**

## NMLR Website Training for All NM Counties

October 12 or October 19, 10AM-11AM

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83246044185?pwd=ZGNHQmlsdWhPY3NScW5CbWhlcWtUT0g>

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**October 26-28, 2022  
Embassy Suites  
1000 Woodward Place NE  
Albuquerque**

- Local entities/communities, individuals, businesses, and state agencies
- Network, ask questions, provide guidance, and move capital projects to reality

[Learn more here, view prices, and register.](#)

## Grants Management Training

**October 13-14, 2022**, In-person, Albuquerque Hosts Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Department and Grant Writing USA. Learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rule and regulations. \$565 special rate using code “ASSN”. [Click here for full event details.](#)

## New Mexico Broadband Connections

County IT: please sign up to receive the newsletter from NM Office of Broadband Access and Expansion. Hear about updated federal programs and funding opportunities. Contact Dir. Kelly Schlegel, [kelly.schlegel@doit.nm.gov](mailto:kelly.schlegel@doit.nm.gov)

Link to NMC Meetings 2022 [Annual Calendar](#)

Link to Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

[2023 NMC Calendar of Events](#)

**Thu Oct 20** NMCI Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM, Cloudcroft The Lodge

**Fri Oct 21** NMCI Board Retreat 8AM, Cloudcroft

**Wed Oct 26-28** Infrastructure Finance Conference ABQ, Bernalillo County

**Thu Nov 3** NMC Executive Committee 10AM Santa Fe County

**Fri Nov 4** NMC/NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Santa Fe County

**Mon Nov 14-18** 40-Hour First Line Supervisor training, Albuquerque, FREE to county members Register: [lbarela@nmcounties.org](mailto:lbarela@nmcounties.org)

**Wed Nov 16-18** New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit Santa Fe County, The Lodge

**Tue Dec 6-8** NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Embassy Suites

**Thu Dec 8** Advisory Council meeting 2PM ABQ Embassy Suites

**Wed Dec 14** NMCI Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM TBD

**Mon Jan 16-19** NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe County

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