



RESOLUTION # 2005-53

WHEREAS, the Torrance County Board of Commissioners have read and discussed the New Mexico Association of Counties List of Legislative Priorities and

WHEREAS, the Detention Cost issues are a high priority and.

WHEREAS, all of the high priorities benefit Torrance County as well as our sister Counties

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be included in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County as a permanent record.and

Be it Further Resolved, that this document be forwarded to the New Mexico Association of Counties in support of all initiatives described in the Priorities List of December of 2005.

ADOPTED, and approved this 28th day of December, 2005.

Torrance County Commission

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This will be a quick status report on our priority legislation before the holiday break (and I hope that you get one).

Prisoner costs: we have met with Brian Condit in the Governor's office and Tuesday we had a meeting with Linda Freeman (researcher), the detention admin affiliate leadership, Bernalillo County (Gus, Steve K and me). Senator Richard Martinez and Representative Tom Swistack have asked to sponsor this legislation and they both want to get it drafted and introduced very early in the session. See previous message on good LFC hearing on 12/07.

DWI redistribution: Rob Mitchell & Harry Montoya & I met Tuesday w/ the Speaker's Chief of Staff. Gus and I have had 2 previous meetings w/ Brian Condit (1 also w/ the DWI Czar). The Speaker is again supporting legislation to give local DWI programs additional money. We are working to incorporate the Governor's proposal for regional replications of San Juan County's 28 day program.

Elected Officials Salaries: Senator Nancy Rodriguez and I will meet the second week of January to discuss possible sponsorship of this bill. **It would be very helpful to tell her (and the legislature when it convenes) that the individual counties are supporting this legislation. As I stated in a memo last week, we are aware of a few counties supporting the prisoner cost, DWI, and fire fund distribution legislation only!**

Fire Fund Distribution: The Governor's office requested that we meet with the Secretary of DFA to talk about this legislation. Gus will set this meeting up in early January.

Voting Machine Costs: The Election Reform Taskforce Co Chair (Linda Lopez) has requested numbers from the Association regarding costs to individual counties. Gus will be working with the Clerks to put together these numbers in early January.

Term Limits

Gus will contact possible sponsor in early January and then meet with Legislative Council drafts person to work out possibility of local option language.

As you may know, Gus is on leave this week and next, spending some well deserved time with his son who is home on leave from Iraq. I am available by phone or email until I leave for San Francisco on Christmas Day. I will have my cell phone and remote access to my email until I return on the 30th. So if it's urgent, email me or give me a call.

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