

SANDOVAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1500 IDALLA ROAD, BUILDING D
BERNALILLO, NM 87004
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 – 6 P.M.

The meeting may be viewed online at
www.sandovalcountynm.gov.
Public comment will be taken in person and online at
<http://sandovalcountynm.gov/commission/public-comment/>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Juarez called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Present were Chair Juarez, Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Meek, and Commissioner Jones.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG
Chair Juarez led both the Pledge of Allegiance and the New Mexico Pledge.

3. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Juarez directed the Introductions & Announcements to the Interim Sandoval County Solid Waste Manager. He discussed the expansion of Sandoval County’s quarterly Free Dump Day program. The program will now include the communities of Cuba, Canon, and Peña Blanca, providing greater access to the County’s more rural communities. The Free Dump Day events will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Bruch discussed the upcoming retirement of the Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy. Commissioner Bruch directed the announcement to the Sheriff to continue the discussion regarding the Chief Deputy’s retirement.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Herr made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bruch. Chair Juarez, Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Meek, and Commissioner Jones voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PROCLAMATIONS, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

9/11/2001
25 Years Later
Remembering Those who Perished, Honoring the Heroes, and Expressing Gratitude to the First Responders.

Sponsored by Commissioner Jordan Juarez, District 4, and Joshua A. Jones, District 5

Chair Juarez, and Commissioner Jones presented the 9/11/2001, 25 Years Later, Remembering Thos who Perished, Honoring the Heroes, and Expressing Gratitude to the First Responders.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. State of the County Presentation
(Wayne Johnson, County Manager)

Wayne Johnson, County Manager, presented the State of the County Presentation.

- B. Agriculture Program Update Report for Sandoval County Commissions Fall 2026
(Presented By Bethany Abrahamson, Extension Agriculture Agent)

Bethany Abrahamson, Extension Agriculture Agent presented the Agriculture Program Update Report for Sandoval County Commissions Fall 2026.

7. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Approval to Appoint Mr. Tom Swisstack to serve on the Sandoval County Salary Commission for the District 5 seat.
Commissioner Bruch made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Herr. Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Jones, and Commissioner Meek voted yes. Chair Juarez voted no. Vote was 4-1.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Sandoval County Commissioners shall receive public comment regarding Agenda items in person or by email at <http://sandovalcountynm.gov/commission/public-comment/>

Several individuals provided public comments.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of 09/09/2026

B. Approval of the following Budget Resolution:

- (1) No. 9-23-26.9B(1) / Public Works Projects / Funding Received from 13th Judicial Courts – Intergovernmental Agreements for Construction Project / \$23, 374, 139.04
 - C. Approval for a Zone Map Amendment from Rio Rancho Estates Community District (CD_RRE) to Rural Commercial (RC) in Rio Rancho Estates, Sandoval County.
 - D. Approval of a Zone Map Amendment from Rio Rancho Estates Community District (CD_RRE) to Special Use (SU).
 - E. Approval of a Zone Map Amendment from Rural Residential Agricultural District (CD_RRE) to Special Use (SU).
 - F. Approval of Zone Map Amendment from Rio Rancho Estates Community District (CD_RRE) to Special Use (SU).
- Commissioner Meek made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Herr. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Herr, and Chair Juarez, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES / PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Adoption of Ordinances / Public Hearings

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Request for a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9-23-26.11A Declaring the Intent to approve an Ordinance issuing industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, for up to \$300,000000 for a new renewable energy battery farm to Encino Storage LLC.
(Rob Burpo, First American Financial Advisors and Jill Sweeney, Taft Law Firm)
Vice Chair Herr made a motion to approve with the amendment to change the amount to \$280,000,000, seconded by Commissioner Meek. Chair Juarez, Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Meek, and Commissioner Bruch voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Request a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9-23-26.11B Declaring the Intent to approve an Ordinance issuing Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, for up to \$230,000,000 for a new renewable energy battery farm to Encino Storage LLC.
(Rob Burpo, First American Financial Advisors and Jill Sweeney, Taft Law Firm)
Commissioner Meek made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Bruch, Chair Juarez, and Vice Chair Herr, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Request for a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9-23-26.11C Approving the Participation in the Capital Outlay Program Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Approving Sandoval County to enter into a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement for plan design and construction of the new landfill access road in the amount of \$2,015,500.00 (David Martinez, Public Works Deputy Director)
Vice Chair Herr made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Bruch, and Chair Juarez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Request for a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9-23-26.11D Approving the Participation in the Capital Outlay Program Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Approving Sandoval County to enter into a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement for N474 in the amount of \$250,000.00 (David Martinez, Public Works Deputy Director)
Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Herr. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Herr, and Chair Juarez, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Request for a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9-23-26.11E approving the Participation in the Transportation Project Fund Program Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Approving Sandoval County to enter into a Grant Agreement for County Road 13 bridge #9496 plan and design in the amount of \$782,400.00 (David Martinez, Public Works Deputy Director)
Commissioner Meek made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Bruch, and Chair Juarez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Request for a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9-23-26.11F Approving the Participation in Capital Outlay Program Administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation and Approving Sandoval County to enter into a Capital Outlay Grant Agreement for construction of the landfill access road utilizing 28th Ave., 29th Ave. starting at Rainbow Blvd. in the amount of \$2, 500,000.00 (David Martinez, Public Works Deputy Director)
Vice Chair Herr made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Herr, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Meek, Commissioner Bruch, and Chair Juarez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

12. APPROVALS

Request for a Motion to Award Bid and enter into a Professional Service Agreement for Banking and Depository Services with US Bank National Association Contingent upon County Manager Negotiation, m Signatory Approval and Authorizing the County Manager Approval of all Subsequent Amendments.

(Jennifer Taylor, County Treasurer)

Commissioner Meek made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Herr. Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Meek, Chair Juarez, and Vice Chair Herr, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

13. APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES/ SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

No usage of digital signatures,

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.

15. COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Meek thanked Commissioner Jones for the 9/11 Proclamation. He reflected on the tragic events of September 11, 2001, noting that people did what they could in response to an unprecedented situation and emphasized the importance of remembering those events. Vice Chair Herr also spoke about the importance of remembering September 11 and recognizing its place in American history, noting how the events have impacted and changed the country. Chair Juarez thanked the Rivera family for hosting the County at their ranch. He expressed his hope that the County could help provide additional advertisement and awareness of the ranch to encourage more people to visit and support the family's efforts. Chair Juarez also recognized the successful Oktoberfest event.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Juarez, stand adjourned at 7:26pm.

DONE IN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF SANDOVAL, THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026


ANNE BRADY-ROMERO, County Clerk


JORDAN JUAREZ, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MICHAEL ESHLEMAN, County Attorney


JON HERR, Vice Chairman


KATHERINE A. BRUCH, District 1


MICHAEL MEEK, District 3


JOSHUA A. JONES, District 5