



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-5

APPROVING THE REVISED NAME OF THE NEW VALENCIA COUNTY HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County met upon notice of a duly published business meeting on July 23, 2025, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and

WHEREAS, in late 2006, the residents of Valencia County overwhelmingly approved the imposition of a property tax by a margin of 14,245 in favor to 4,438 opposed to support the expansion of healthcare services in the community through the operation and maintenance of a 24-hour emergency room and hospital; and

WHEREAS, the approved "Hospital Tax Question" authorized Valencia County to impose a 2.75 mills ad valorem tax for a period of eight years to fund the costs of operating, maintaining, or providing for a hospital/24-hour emergency healthcare facility in Valencia County, as permitted by the Hospital Funding Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2024, the Valencia County Commission approved a healthcare facilities contract with Brazos Health Partners, a joint venture between Community Healthcare Corporation (CHC) and Lovelace Health System, for the operation of the Valencia County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the County also entered into a design-build contract with Bradbury Stamm and FBT Architects for construction of a 15-bed, 40,000-square-foot facility located at the northeast corner of N.M. 6 and Sandsage, west of Interstate 25 in the Village of Los Lunas, with plans for future expansion including an 18,750-square-foot addition and a 24,500-square-foot medical office building; and

WHEREAS, construction of the hospital is projected to be completed in the spring of 2026, with operations to be managed under the joint venture agreement in which CHC will oversee daily operations and Lovelace will provide key support services, including integration of its medical group and electronic health records systems; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution naming the facility "Valencia County Hospital, a Lovelace Operation"; and

WHEREAS, subsequent input from Lovelace Health System's branding and legal teams has indicated that the phrase "a Lovelace Operation" does not align with established naming protocols designed to distinguish among facilities and avoid public confusion; and

WHEREAS, Lovelace has recommended that the term “affiliate” more accurately reflects its legal role in the joint venture, and that the signage and public naming of the facility reflect this relationship in a way that maintains the County’s preferred identity; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that the name “Valencia County Hospital, A Lovelace Health System Affiliate” preserves the local identity of the facility, acknowledges the partnership, and complies with professional branding standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, New Mexico, that the Board’s prior designation of the hospital name as “Valencia County Hospital, a Lovelace Operation” is hereby rescinded, and the official name of the hospital facility shall be: Valencia County Hospital, A Lovelace Health System Affiliate

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that The County Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this change, including coordination with Lovelace Health System, execution of any licensing agreements, and updates to signage, communications, and public documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Board reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the responsible and effective use of public funds to fulfill the healthcare needs of the community, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY 2025.

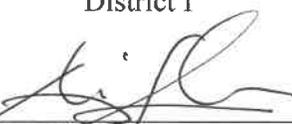
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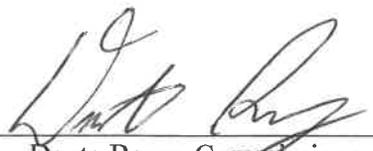
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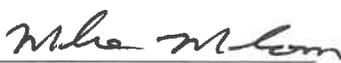
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