



**VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 2015- 42
DIRECTING THE REVISION OF THE VALENCIA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER STIPEND
PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER STIPEND PROGRAM PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-18 (1876) vests a county's management in its Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sections 4-37-1 *et seq.* provides that counties may adopt those resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA, 1978, Section 59A-53-5 (2012) provides that "[t]he county commissioners of any county may establish one or more fire districts;" and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico Attorney General Opinion 80-35 states that independent fire districts were created solely for the purpose of allocating state funds for fire protection services and that the ownership and control of all funds and property credited to independent fire districts, from whatever source, vests in the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Resolution 2005-05 to provide for the administration of the Valencia County Fire Department, including individual fire districts, through the Office of County Fire Chief; and,

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Volunteer Stipend Program was established in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, due to the County's rapid population increase there is inadequate Volunteer fire and EMS cover between the hours of 12:00 am to 6:00 pm; and,

WHEREAS, a revision and update to the Volunteer Stipend Program is needed to facilitate the improvement of training and response in the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of County Commissioners hereby supports a revision of the Volunteer Firefighter Stipend Program and directs that the County Fire Chief take all necessary steps revise the program and submit the proposed revision to this Board for final consideration and implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT there is hereby established a Volunteer Firefighter Stipend Program Committee to exist and serve as a planning and advisory body, to the County Fire Chief for the aforementioned purpose

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT following individuals, as recommended by the County Fire Chief and Fire Chief's Counsel, who represent the County Fire Districts, are hereby appointed members of the committee:

- Chairman - Captain Robert Barr, VCES
- Vice Chairman - Captain Jaime Finch, VCES
- District Chief Jermey Fiedler, Los Chavez FD
- District Chief Tony Villalovos, Meadowlake FD
- Jennifer Morrison, Tome – Adelino FD
- Rosemary Martinez, Valencia – El Cerro FD
- John Cherry, Jarales FD
- Gabriel Salaz, Manzano Vista FD
- David Mayes, Highland Meadows FD

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT following this resolution and the committee will expire on December 31, 2015:

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 15th day of July , 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Reggy Carabajal, County Clerk

