

Grant County
State of New Mexico

RESOLUTION #R-03-28

ORDINANCE NO. O-03-03

DECLARING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR A FIVE-MEMBER
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; REQUIREMENT OF UNANIMOUS
VOTE; PROVISION FOR THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY INTO FIVE
COMMISSION DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, Article X Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, as amended, provides that the Board of County Commissioners may be increased from three to five members; and

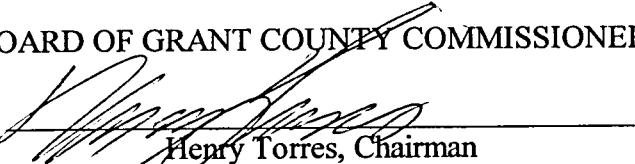
WHEREAS, the Board of Grant County Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on December 9, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss and receive public input regarding Ordinance No. O-03-03; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Grant County Commissioners shall meet in a regular County Commission meeting on December 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to approve or disapprove the adoption of Ordinance No. O-03-03.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS that said Resolution #R-03-29 declares the intent to adopt an ordinance for a five-member board of Grant County Commissioners.

SIGNED and APPROVED this 13th day of November 2003.

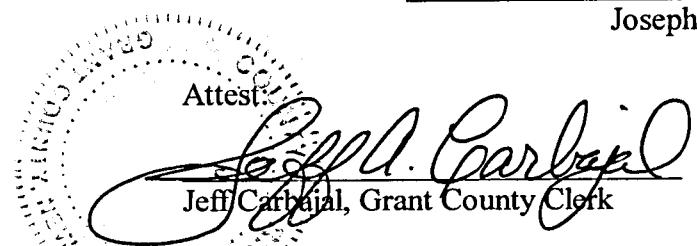
BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Henry Torres, Chairman

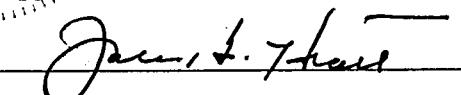

Charles Kelly, Member


Joseph Arellano

Attest:


Jeff Carabajal, Grant County Clerk

Approved As To Form:


John B. Hiatt, Grant County Attorney

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COMMISSIONERS; REQUIREMENT OF UNANIMOUS VOTE; PROVISION
FOR THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY INTO FIVE COMMISSION
DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, Article X Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, as amended, provides that the Board of County Commissioners may be increased from three to five members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Grant County has determined it will serve the best interests of the citizens of Grant County to expand the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Grant County desires to enact an Ordinance for the creation of a five member Board of County Commissioners in order to further provide for the safety and general welfare of the citizens of Grant County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF GRANT COUNTY AS FOLLOWS;**

Section 1: Composition of Board. The Board of County Commissioners of Grant County shall be composed of five members elected from five separate commission districts which shall be compact, contiguous and as nearly equal in population as possible.

Section 2: Unanimous Vote. Enactment of this Ordinance shall require the unanimous vote of Board of Commissioners of Grant County.

Section 3: Residency Requirement. One County Commissioner shall be elected from and reside within each district.

Section 4: Length of Terms. All County Commissioners, after having served two four (4) year terms, shall be ineligible to hold any county office for two years thereafter.

Section 5: Districting Requirement. Upon enactment of this Ordinance, the incumbent Board of Commissioners of Grant County shall undertake to divide Grant County into five County Commission districts. All action necessary to complete redistricting shall be completed no later than March 15, 2004 for inclusion in the 2004 Election Proclamation.

Section 6: Severability Clause. If any section of this Ordinance is determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the Constitution of Laws of the State of New Mexico, that portion shall be severed and, thereafter, be deemed invalid without affecting the validity of the remaining sections.

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Section 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become law 30 days after recording by the Office of the County Clerk of Grant County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2003.

BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Henry Torres, Chairman

Joseph Arellano, Member

Charles Kelly, Member

Attest:

**Jeff Carbalal
Grant County Clerk**

Approved As To Form:

**John B. Hiatt
Grant County Attorney**