

RESOLUTION

R-05-41

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO ASSURE ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY

Whereas, state and federal governments suggest a 30 minute maximum travel time for primary medical services for rural and geographically isolated populations; and

Whereas, the nearest access to comprehensive health care services is in Silver City, minimum of 26 miles from the Mimbres Valley and often exceed an hours travel time from remote areas in the valley; and

Whereas, current facilities providing basic health care services in the Mimbres Valley are grossly inadequate; and

Whereas, Grant County owns and operates an Emergency Medical Services facility in the Mimbres Valley that is currently operational and designed to accommodate growth for additional county-supported services; and

Whereas, there are health care and family support providers that are committed to providing basic health care services to the people of Grant County and the Mimbres Valley, especially to children and the elderly; and

Whereas, the increase in available health care services in the Mimbres Valley would generate jobs, gross receipts tax, stimulate growth including the retirement industry, and promote generally, economic development by attracting other industry to the area; and

Whereas, access to health care services is a primary aspect of local infrastructure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grant County Commission that it strongly supports legislation to renovate and expanded its Emergency Medical Services facility in the Mimbres Valley to include primary medical and related services for a cost not to exceed three (3) hundred thousand dollars.

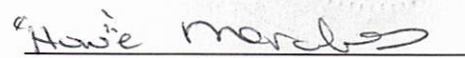
DONE this 22nd day of September 2005


Joe Arellano, Commissioner District 1


Charles Kelly, Commissioner District 2


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Attest:


"Howie" Morales, County Clerk


Deputy Clerk