

GRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R-25-52

A Resolution Condemning Conduct by Law Enforcement Officers and Reaffirming the County's Commitment to Accountability and Public Trust

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board of Commissioners is aware of a disturbing video involving Sheriff's deputies abusing and killing a rabbit, while laughing and displaying a complete disregard for the ethical and professional standards expected of all public servants, but particularly for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge this behavior reflects negatively on the Grant County Sheriff's Department and casts a shadow over the entire Grant County government and its commitment to the people we serve; and

WHEREAS, the actions seen in the video are inconsistent with the values of decency, responsibility, and compassion that we as elected officials are sworn to uphold, as well as the expectations we have for the County's employees; and

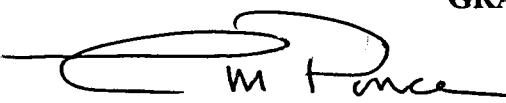
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Grant County:

1. Unequivocally condemns the inhumane actions portrayed in the video and expresses deep concern and disappointment in the conduct of the deputies involved;
2. Clarifies that these actions are an aberration from the day-to-day conduct of our employees and are not representative of the values, ethics, or mission of the Grant County administration, and such behavior will not be tolerated in any department operating under the authority of this Board;
3. Commits to partnering with the Sheriff's Department to implement stronger oversight, training, and community engagement initiatives aimed at restoring public trust, promoting ethical conduct, reinforcing a culture of accountability, and ensuring that matters requiring investigations and discipline are thoroughly and timely addressed;
4. Acknowledges the public's rightful outrage and concern, and reaffirms that the County government stands with its residents in demanding integrity, transparency, and respect for all life and dignity in public service; and
5. Review and seek solutions from the State Legislature and Agencies concerning the difficulties public sector employers face when taking corrective action for egregious behavior. With respect to law enforcement specifically, recommend reforms and changes to the State Law Enforcement Academy to ensure that complaints concerning officers' conduct are dealt with precisely and promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made publicly available, and a copy delivered to the Office of the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and posted on the official Grant County website.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of July 2025.

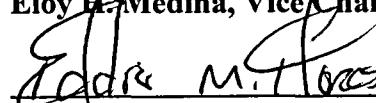
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GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:**


Chris M. Ponce, Chairman

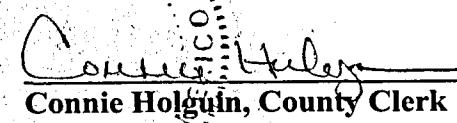

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Connie Holguin, County Clerk