

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-22-17**

### **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF SOURCES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN GRANT COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Grant (the "County") acting through its Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), is a political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 4-37-1, NMSA 1978, the Board is empowered to enact regulations which provide for the safety, preservation of health, and promotion of prosperity and that improve the order, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the County;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds the County is a favorable location for the development and production of renewable energy resources, including, but not limited to, wind and solar energy;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to promote the responsible development of energy production facilities and also finds that irresponsible and uncontrolled development of energy production facilities can adversely affect the health, safety, public welfare and character of the County and its residents;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to authorize its administrative departments to assist in the development and production of renewable energy in the County by making recommendations for the formation, adoption, and implementation of appropriate ordinances, rules, regulations, permits, and procedures that establish a fair and efficient process overseeing the placement, construction, use, modification and reclamation of renewable energy resources and corresponding production facilities in accordance with best practices and the highest industry standards;

**WHEREAS**, businesses and individuals seeking to develop and produce renewable energy are required to comply with all existing Federal and State laws and County ordinances, rules, and regulations including, but not limited to, obtaining business permits or registrations, complying with floodplain development standards, maintaining properties free of nuisances, and meeting requirements for utilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:**

The County's administrative departments are hereby authorized to assist in the development and production of renewable energy in the County by making recommendations for the formation, adoption, and implementation of appropriate ordinances, rules, regulations, permits, and procedures that establish a fair and efficient process overseeing the placement, construction, use, modification and reclamation of renewable energy resources and corresponding production facilities in accordance with best practices and the highest industry standards.

The County's administrative departments are further authorized to ensure that businesses and individuals seeking to develop and produce renewable energy comply with County ordinances, rules, and regulations including, but not limited to, obtaining business permits or registrations, complying with floodplain development standards, maintaining properties free of nuisances, and meeting requirements for utilities. In the event the County Manager, designee, or appropriate department head believe that Federal or State statutes or regulations are implicated in any renewable energy proposal or project, the Manager, designee, or appropriate department head is authorized to contact the appropriate governing entity.

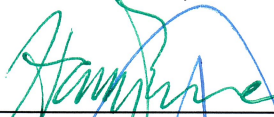
The County Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to implement this Resolution, including the preparation and presentation of ordinances, policies, procedures and forms.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GRANT  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



**Chris M. Ponce, Chairman**

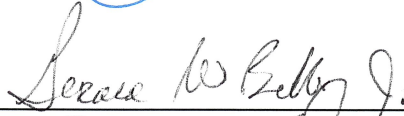


**Harry Browne, Vice Chair**

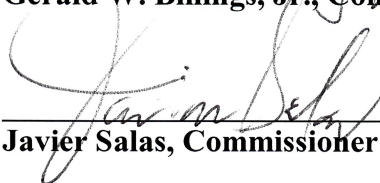


**Alicia Edwards, Commissioner**

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**Gerald W. Billings, Jr., Commissioner**



**Javier Salas, Commissioner**

**ATTEST:**

  
  
**Marisa Castrillo, County Clerk** by *ch*