

SOCORRO COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION № 2009-40  
ESTABLISHING A DETENTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Socorro County Annex Building 198 Neel Ave., Socorro, New Mexico 87801; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has general authority to provide for the appointment and removal of volunteer advisory boards; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners deems it advantageous to appoint a Committee pertaining to assessment of and improvements to the Socorro County Detention Center;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Socorro County Board of County Commissioners the following:

**Section 1.** Establishment & Purpose

There is hereby established the Detention Center Advisory Committee to exist and serve as an advisory body, at the discretion, pleasure and direction of the Board of County Commissioners.

The purpose of the Detention Center Advisory Committee is to organize a community-based committee to work with the Detention Center Administrator for the best interests of the staff, administration and inmates of the Socorro Detention Center and their families.

**Section 2.** Rules & Officers

The Committee may at its option adopt, amend, and repeal rules (bylaws) for its further organization and operation, not inconsistent with the permitted Board of County Commissioners Policies, Orders or Directives.

The Board of County Commissioners may, from time to time by resolution or order, at its discretions, and as it deems appropriate or desirable, adopt, amend, abolish or otherwise change the rules and directives under which the Detention Center Advisory Committee exists and operates.

The Detention Center Advisory Committee shall elect a chairperson & vice-chairperson at its first meeting in a new year.

**Section 3.** Membership, Qualifications, Structure & Terms

A. Membership shall consist of ten (10) members representing the following agencies or community segments, with members to be voted on by the full Board.

- a. Detention center administrator
- b. Detention center officers
- c. Seventh Judicial District Attorney's Office
- d. Adult Probation and Parole Office
- e. Socorro County Sheriff's Office
- f. City of Socorro Police Department
- g. NM Children, Youth & Families Department
- h. Seventh Judicial District Court
- i. 2 members of the community at large

If any agency listed declines membership to the committee, a member-at-large will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners in the open position.

B. It is desired that each member have a demonstrated interest and/or expertise in law enforcement, detention, inmate advocacy, court system, facilities management, emergency management or behavioral health.

C. All Committee members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners

D. Term of appointment shall be one (1) year.

E. Individual members of the Committee may delegate their authority to a proxy to attend a meeting(s) in their place if the appointed member is unable to attend.

**Section 4. Meetings**

A. All meetings of the Detention Center Advisory Committee shall be advertised, open to the public and at all times be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 *et. seq.*

B. Meetings may be called by the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager or the Detention Center Advisory Committee as deemed appropriate.

C. The Detention Center Advisory Committee shall meet on a regular basis.

**Section 5. Support Staff**

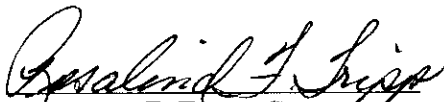
Support staff may be provided as deemed necessary by the County Manager.

**Section 6. Duties & Responsibilities**

- A. Act as an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners in matters pertaining to the Socorro County Detention Center;
- B. Review and make recommendations to the Detention Center's Standard Operating Procedures;
- C. Identify opportunities to improve efficiency and improve processes at the Detention Center;
- D. Perform facility assessment and improvement recommendations;
- E. Explore issues regarding and make recommendations for detention officer retention;
- F. Develop a detainee advocacy and improvement program;
- G. Assess overall security of the facility;
- H. Abide by the terms of the Government Conduct Act NMSA 1978 Section 10-16-1 *et. seq.* and conduct meetings in accordance with the highest ethical and moral responsiveness.
- I. Maintain communications with the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager, furnish approved minutes of Committee meetings, and provide any reports as needed or requested.

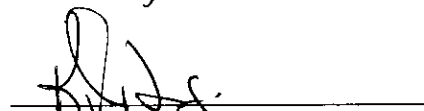
**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

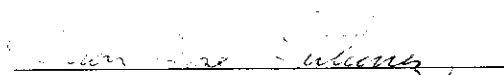
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