

SOCORRO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION No 2009-75

PERMITTING BOARD MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY MEANS OF CONFERENCE TELEPHONE OR OTHER
SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Socorro County Commission met upon notice of meeting duly published on November 24, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Socorro County Annex Building at 198 Neel Avenue in Socorro, New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(C)(1991), provides that “[i]f otherwise allowed by law or rule of the public body, a member of a public body may participate in a meeting of the public body by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.”

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that permitting telephonic participation in meetings of the Board of County Commissioners in limited circumstances advances the purposes of the Open Meetings Act, and the democratic process in general, by providing a mechanism by which those members who would otherwise find it difficult or impossible to participate in the meeting in person to participate and to ensure a representative government by representing their respective districts and constituents in the decision-making process, and by setting forth certain requirements, such as requiring that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, that all participants are able to hear each other at the same time, and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the a member of the Board of County Commissioners or any of its Boards may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time, and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting participate in meetings of the Board of County Commissioners by means of conference telephone.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 24th day of November, 2009.

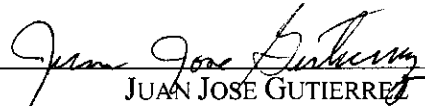
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ATTEST BY:


REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA, COUNTY CLERK

