



SOCORRO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 2011-47

ADOPTION OF COUNTY ROADWAY STANDARDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-13 (1953) provides that board of county commissioners shall have power at any session to make such orders concerning the property belonging to the county as they may deem expedient; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sections 4-37-1 *et seq.* provides that counties may adopt those resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 67-2-1 (1905) defines public highways as “[a]ll roads and highways, except private roads, established in pursuance of any law of New Mexico, and roads dedicated to public use, that have not been vacated or abandoned, and such other roads as are recognized and maintained by the corporate authorities of any county in New Mexico, are hereby declared to be public highways”; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 67-2-2 (1905) provides that “[a]ll public highways, except such as are owned and operated by private corporations, and highways within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, shall be maintained and kept in repair by the respective counties in which they are located”; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 67-5-2 (1905) requires that “[a]ll public highways laid out in this state shall be sixty feet in width unless otherwise ordered by the board of county commissioners”; and,

WHEREAS, a provision of the County Subdivisions Act, NMSA 1978, Section 47-6-5 (1996), provides, in regard to acceptance of roads in a approved subdivisions, that “[t]he final plat shall contain a certificate stating that the board of county commissioners accepted, accepted subject to improvement or rejected, on behalf of the public, any land offered for dedication for public use in conformity with the terms of the offer of dedication. Upon full conformance with the county road construction standards, the roads may be accepted for maintenance by the county. Acceptance of offers of dedication on a final plat shall not be effective until the final plat is filed in the office of the county clerk or a resolution of acceptance by the board of county commissioners is filed in such office”; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners with the adoption of Resolution 2010-80 established a procedure for the acceptance of roads for county maintenance and now desires to establish uniform standards and specifications for the construction of roads in order for them to be eligible for acceptance for county maintenance pursuant to Section III of Resolution 2010-80.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following roadway standards are hereby adopted for the construction of county roads and as a prerequisite for roads to be accepted for county maintenance pursuant to Resolution 2010-80 which shall be considered *in pari materia* to this resolution.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, it is the goal of the County to bring all currently maintained roads to these standards however, in recognition of the expense to the taxpayers to upgrade the 1281.5 miles of currently maintained roads, this resolution shall not be interpreted as a requirement that current county roads meet these roadway standards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if there is a conflict between the roadway standards required by the Socorro County Land Subdivision Regulations, Ordinance, 1996-006, and this resolution in regard to roadways within a platted subdivision the standards of Ordinance 1996-006 shall control.

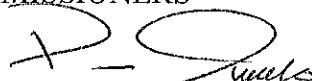
SEE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED TO THIS RESOLUTION

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 10th day of May, 2011.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS




DANIEL P. MONETTE, CHAIR
DISTRICT IV



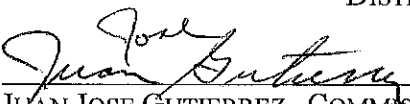
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ATTEST BY:



REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA, COUNTY CLERK

