

**SOCORRO COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION № 2012-80  
AMENDING SOCORRO COUNTY RESOLUTION 2006-56**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SMALL PURCHASES POLICY  
TO ALLOW FOR FIRE CHIEF REIMBURSEMENTS AND VENDOR PAYMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Socorro is a body corporate and politic existing by and under the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-125 (2007) requires a County to adopt regulations for procuring services, construction or items of tangible personal property having a value not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), commonly referred to as small purchases; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 the Board of County Commissioners of Socorro County adopted resolution 2006-56 that in part set for the County's regulations for small purchases; and,

**WHEREAS**, NM Attorney General Opinion 80-35 declares that "having been granted no power or authority independent of that of the county, the ownership and control of all funds and property credited to independent fire districts, from whatever source, vests in the county"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Socorro County Board of County Commissioners appreciates the time and effort of volunteer fire chiefs who dedicate their services to the administration of their departments at no cost to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the board to ensure the time of these volunteers can be spent as efficiently as possible;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Socorro County Board of County Commissioners that Resolution 2006-56 is hereby amended as follows:

- A. The duly elected or appointed Chief of every Socorro County Volunteer Fire Department is hereby authorized to purchase tangible items and/or services using their County-issued credit card or personal funds (to be reimbursed by Socorro County) without first obtaining a purchase order.
- B. Items and services purchased pursuant to this resolution shall not exceed \$500.00 per purchase, shall be budgeted items or services, and sufficient documentation demonstrating the business need as well as invoices will be immediately remitted to the County's accounts payable office for reimbursement or payment to the County-issued credit card.
- C. All purchases exceeding \$500.00 must be made in accordance with Resolution 2006-56 and other applicable County policies and Ordinances.

D. The County Manager is granted the authority to deny any request for re-imbursement or to otherwise recover excessive, non-budgeted or improper purchases from the Card Holder as determined necessary by the County Manager.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Absent*  
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DANIEL P. MONETTE, CHAIR  
DISTRICT IV

*P. Jaramillo*  
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PAULINE JARAMILLO, VICE-CHAIR  
DISTRICT I

*Phillip Anaya*  
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PHILLIP ANAYA, COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT III

*Rumaldo J. Griego*  
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RUMALDO J. GRIEGO, COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT II

*Juan Jose Gutierrez*  
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JUAN JOSE GUTIERREZ, COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT V

ATTEST BY:

*Rebecca E. Vega*  
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REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA, COUNTY CLERK

