

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 27, 2026
9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 27th day of July 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Quay County Commission Chambers, Tucumcari, New Mexico, for the purpose of taking care of any business that may come before them.

PRESENT & PRESIDING:

Jerri Rush, Chairwoman
Brian Fortner, Member
Dallas Dowell, Member
Veronica Manley, County Clerk
Angela Gonzales, County Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director
Felicia Griggs, Quay County Administrative Assistant
Ron Warrick, Eastern New Mexico News
Andrea Page, Quay County HR Director
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari
Lucas Bugge, Quay County Fire Marshall
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff
Sherry Tellez, Quay County Sheriff Administrative Assistant
Janie Lauders, Quay County Emergency Regional Director
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant /Asset Manager
Alyssa Diaz, Quay County Detention Center Resource Manager
Amanda Sanchez, Detention Center Administrative Assistant

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order.

Andrea Page led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve July 13, 2026 regular session minutes. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve agenda. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrea Page Requested Approval of Resolution No. 7 Holiday Schedule (First Responders). A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the resolution. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director, presented the Accounts Payable. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve accounts payable report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Angela Gonzales, Quay County Manager, Requested Approval Resolution 6 EPCOG Participation. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve resolution. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Alyssa Diaz, Quay County Detention Center Resource Manager, did a presentation of the MOU with EPCOG. A copy is attached.

Gonzales presented the following items for the Managers Report.

- Gonzales sent out 3 letters for the road review for the Closing of Quay Road 49, 51, I and H to Richard Primrose, Joe Lavendar and Thomas Sidwell.
- Gonzales attended a planning meeting for the Alco building July 13th.
- Saturday August 1, 2026, will be the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new Recreation Center in Logan at 10 a.m.
- Bill Kardokus held a Tabletop regarding an active shooter or bomb threat on Wednesday July 22nd.
- Gonzales Met with DfA infrastructure planning and development division to request funding to begin the cleaning of Pajarito Creek.

INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD CONVENED. Time noted 9:16 a.m.

Return to regular session. Time noted 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner's Comments: Chairwoman Rush will be attending a weekly hospital meeting. Commissioner Dowell asked if they were able to visit a facility to see how it was set up. September 17th is the day they will set up for a walk through at a facility in Albuquerque.

Chairwoman Rush presented Sherry Tellez, Quay County Detention Center Administrative Assistant with a certificate for being a Certified Law Enforcement Records Professional.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to adjourn. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jeri Rush
Jeri Rush, Chairwoman

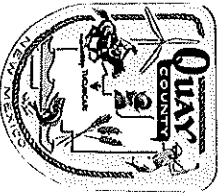
Brian Fortner
Brian Fortner, Commissioner

Dallas Dowell
Dallas Dowell, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Veronica Manley
Veronica Manley, Quay County Clerk





Quay County Government

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FY 2026-2027

Resolution No.7

Recognition Holiday Observation for Public Safety Works

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners annually designates the official County holiday schedule, including observed holiday dates; and

WHEREAS, certain County departments provide essential public safety services that require continuous operations twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, including but not limited to law enforcement, emergency communications and detention services; and

WHEREAS, employees assigned to these departments may be required to work on legal holidays to maintain uninterrupted emergency services for the citizens of Quay County; and

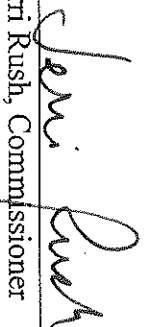
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it to be in the best interest of the Quay County to establish a separate holiday observance schedule for first responder personnel whose work schedules require coverage on legal holidays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Quay County, New Mexico, that:

1. Employees designated as first responders and assigned to departments providing continuous emergency services, including law enforcement, emergency communications, detention services and any other department designated by the County Manager, shall observe County holidays on the actual legal holiday rather than the County's observed holiday schedule.
2. This resolution applies only to holiday observance and holiday compensation as provided by County policy and applicable law. All other County employees shall continue to observe holidays on the dates designated annually by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Department heads shall schedule staffing to ensure uninterrupted public safety services while administering holiday leave in accordance with County policy, applicable collective bargaining agreements, if any, and federal and state law.

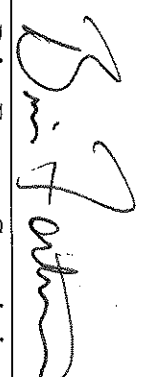
4. The County Manager and Human Resources Department are authorized to implement administrative procedures necessary to carry out this resolution.
5. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption unless another effective date is specified by the Board.

DONE at Tucumcari, County of Quay, New Mexico this 27TH day of July 2026.



Jerri Rush, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brian Fortner, Commissioner

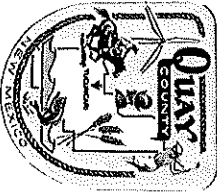


Veronica Manley, County Clerk



Dallas D. Smith, Commissioner

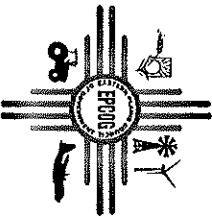




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Date of Holiday	Holiday	Date Observed	First Responders Date Observed
06/19/2026	Juneteenth	11/25/2026	11/25/2026
10/12/2026	Indigenous Peoples Day	12/23/2026	12/24/2026
11/11/2026	Veteran's Day	11/11/2026	11/11/2026
11/26/2026	Thanksgiving Day	11/26/2026	11/26/2026
12/26/2026	Christmas Day	12/24/2026	12/25/2026
2027			
01/01/2027	New Year's Day	12/31/2026	01/01/2026
01/18/2027	Martin Luther King Day	01/18/2027	01/18/2027
02/15/2027	President's Day	02/15/2027	02/15/2027
05/31/2027	Memorial Day	05/31/2027	05/31/2027
06/19/2027	Juneteenth	To be Taken at Thanksgiving 11/24/2027	To be Taken at Thanksgiving 11/24/2027
07/04/2027	Independence Day	07/05/2026	07/04/2027
09/06/2027	Labor Day	09/06/2027	09/06/2027
10/11/2027	Indigenous Peoples' Day	To be Taken at Christmas 12/22/2027	To be Taken at Christmas 12/24/2027
11/11/2027	Veteran's Day	11/11/2027	11/11/2027
11/25/2027	Thanksgiving Day	11/25/2027	11/25/2027
12/25/2027	Christmas Day	12/23/2027	12/25/2027
01/01/2028	New Year's Day	12/30/2027	01/01/2028
	Personal Day	TBD	TBD

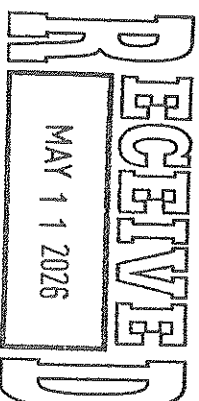


Eastern Plains Council of Governments

418 N Main Street
Clovis, New Mexico 88101-7557
Phone: 575-762-7714

May 4, 2026

300 South Third Street
Tucumcari, NM 88401



QUAY COUNTY,

By: _____

The Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG) continues to serve as a trusted partner for the local governments across our region. As we prepare for the upcoming fiscal year, we are writing to formally request your continued participation and membership for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, beginning July 1, 2026.

Over the past year, EPCOG has made meaningful progress in strengthening regional collaboration and delivering tangible results for our member communities. Highlights of this work include:

Recent Achievements

- Supported multiple communities in securing state and federal funding for critical infrastructure and community development projects
- Expanded grant writing and project development assistance, helping move priority projects from concept to implementation
- Strengthened regional coordination among counties, municipalities, and special districts to address shared challenges
- Continued advancement of transportation planning efforts in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Transportation
- Increased access to training and professional development opportunities for local elected officials and staff

Your ongoing support of cooperative, regional efforts to address infrastructure, economic development, and planning needs remains vital to the success of our region. EPCOG will continue to provide and expand services that benefit our member governments, including:

Continuing Core Services

- Regional transportation planning in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Transportation
- Economic and community development planning
- Support for grant writing, project development, and intergovernmental coordination

While some of our ongoing programs face uncertainty due to changing funding landscapes, EPCOG remains fully committed to serving the needs of our communities with responsive and reliable assistance.

Membership Renewal Request

Please review the enclosed Membership Resolution/Agreement and take formal action to:

1. Renew your membership for FY 2026–2027
2. Appoint a voting representative and alternate to participate in EPCOG meetings

Please note that the enclosed invoice reflects a **10% increase in membership fees for Counties and Municipalities**, as well as a **new annual fee of \$500 for Special Districts**, as approved by the Board of Directors at the 2025 Annual Meeting on June 11, 2025. This adjustment ensures EPCOG can continue providing high-quality services across the region and represents the first membership fee increase since 2014.

Should you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Sandy Chancey at (575) 762-7714 or by email at schancey@epcog.org.

If your entity chooses not to renew its membership, we respectfully request written notice by letter or email at admin@epcog.org.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership and commitment to our shared regional goals.

Warm regards,

Sandy Chancey
Executive Director
Eastern Plains Council of Governments

Enclosures:

- Membership Letter
 - Resolution and Agreement 2026–2027
 - Invoice
 - Representative and Alternate Update Information Sheet
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RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT
OF
QUAY COUNTY

APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS
OF THE
EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

WHEREAS the QUAY COUNTY (hereinafter known as the "MEMBER"), desires to continue as a participating member in the programs and policy development for the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (hereinafter known as the "EPCOG");

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that an agreement setting forth the services to be performed by the EPCOG and the MEMBER be entered into, with the EPCOG agreeing to furnish the following:

- a. Implement the work program as established by the EPCOG Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year including providing technical assistance, project and program planning, proposal development and funding assistance.
- b. Continue eligibility as an Economic Development District for participating localities under Section 402 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.
- c. Address problems, issues and opportunities of a regional nature which go beyond single municipal or county jurisdictional boundaries and serve as a liaison and advocate for local governments within the region at the state and federal levels.
- d. Contract with New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to provide Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) planning assistance to the Northeast and Southeast Regional Transportation Organizations (RTPOs) in collaboration with Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SENMEDD) and North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD).
- e. Support planning, development and implementation of infrastructure plans and projects including assistance with preparation of Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP) as requested.

WHEREAS it is necessary to set forth the sum to be paid by the MEMBER to the EPCOG as annual dues, thereby placing the MEMBER with voting powers on the EPCOG Board of Directors as provided in the EPCOG By-Laws, with the MEMBER agreeing to furnish the following:

- a. To participate through their designated representative or alternate, in EPCOG's policy development process by attending meetings, helping formulate the annual work program, reviewing the EPCOG Goals and Objectives, and concurrences with the District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- b. To pay to the EPCOG the sum of \$2437.60 as annual membership dues as payment for the aforementioned services for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

- c. The MEMBER hereby appoints Brian Fortner as their designated representative and Angie Gonzales as alternate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MEMBER and the EPCOG hereby mutually agree to the aforementioned provisions of the Resolution and Agreement.

ATTESTATION:

Melissa Manley
Clerk or other Authorized Official

MEMBER GOVERNMENT

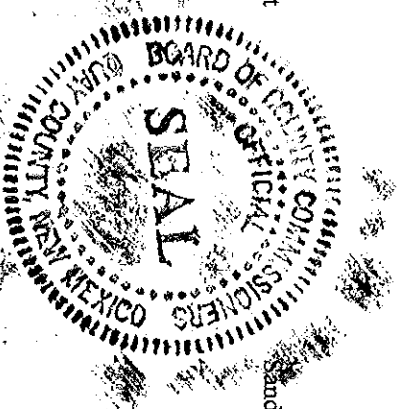
Joni Puck
Signature of Authorized Official

ATTESTATION:

EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Kristen Holmes
Kristen Holmes, Executive Assistant

Sandy Chaney
Sandy Chaney, Executive Director



**EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026-2027
MEMBER INFORMATION**

*Member Information must be filled out even if there was no change. The contact information provided in this document will be used for all records, EPCOG Board correspondence, and 2026-27 board documents.
If this form is not submitted, the representative & alternate will not be added to the 2026-27 email list.*

Please provide contact information for the designated Representative and Alternate.

REPRESENTATIVES INFORMATION

MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY/SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTED

Brian Fortner County Commissioners
NAME TITLE

300 S. Third P.O. Box 1246 Tucumcari nm 88401
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575-461-2112
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MOBILE E-MAIL

ALTERNATE'S INFORMATION

MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY/SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTED

Angie Gonzales County manger
NAME TITLE

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MAILING ADDRESS CITY ZIP

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PHONE FAX

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E-MAIL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG) and Quay County

Quay County Detention Center Discharge Coordinator Position

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Eastern Plains Council of Governments ("EPCOG") and Quay County ("County") to establish a partnership for the implementation of a full-time Discharge Coordinator position assigned to the Quay County Detention Center.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to support post-detention transition assistance and discharge coordination services for individuals preparing to return to the community. The Discharge Coordinator will assist individuals with connections to behavioral health services, substance use treatment, recovery supports, housing resources, transportation assistance, and other community-based resources to reduce barriers to successful reentry.

II. TERM

This MOU shall become effective upon the date of the final signature and shall remain in effect through **June 30, 2027**, contingent upon the availability of funding.

Any amendments to this MOU must be made in writing and agreed upon by both parties.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF QUAY COUNTY

Quay County agrees to:

1. Employ a full-time Discharge Coordinator assigned to the Quay County Detention Center.
2. Be responsible for hiring, payroll, benefits, supervision, and personnel management of the Discharge Coordinator.
3. Provide the Discharge Coordinator with the necessary access and workspace to perform discharge coordination services within the detention facility.
4. Ensure the Discharge Coordinator provides services including:
 - o Discharge planning and transition assistance;

- o Coordination of behavioral health, substance use treatment, and recovery referrals;
 - o Connection to housing, transportation, and community resources;
 - o Assistance with basic needs and client support resources as funding allows;
 - o Temporary housing assistance and other stabilization services.
5. Submit reimbursement requests and supporting documentation to EPCOG for eligible expenditures.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EPCOG

EPCOG agrees to:

1. Serve as the fiscal administrator for the funding supporting this program.
2. Retain **15% of the total award (\$22,500)** for administrative costs associated with fiscal oversight, reporting, grant compliance, and program administration.
3. Reimburse Quay County for eligible direct program expenses up to **\$127,500** in accordance with Attachment A.
4. Provide coordination and technical assistance related to program implementation and reporting requirements.

V. FUNDING

The total funding available under this MOU is **\$150,000** and shall remain available through June 30, 2027, subject to continued funding availability.

EPCOG shall retain administrative costs of **\$22,500 (15%)**. The remaining **\$127,500** shall support direct program expenses, including the Discharge Coordinator position, client resources, and temporary housing assistance.

Reimbursement shall be based on actual eligible expenditures submitted by Quay County with appropriate supporting documentation.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both parties agree to protect confidential client information and comply with applicable federal and state privacy requirements.

VII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this MOU by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

SIGNATURES

EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

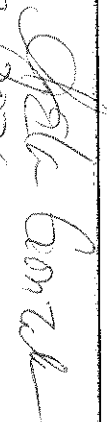


Sandy Chancey
Executive Director

Date: 7/13/26

QUAY COUNTY

County Manager

Date: July 27 18026 

QUAY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Detention Administrator

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Budget

Total Award: \$150,000

EPCOG Administrative Costs (15%): \$22,500

Direct Program Budget: \$127,500

Category	Amount
Full-Time Discharge Coordinator (Salary and related personnel costs)	\$50,000

Category	Amount
Client Resources and Support Materials	\$37,500
Temporary Housing Assistance	\$40,000
Total Direct Program Costs	\$127,500