

**UNION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR MICHELLE
LUJAN GRISHAM POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE PRISON
LEGISLATION BY REFRAINING FROM PLACING ANY SUCH LEGISLATION ON
THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALL**

WHEREAS, House Bill 72 sponsored by Representative Angelica Rubio has been pre-filed for the 2020 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, there are many issues surrounding the operation of prisons in New Mexico from living conditions to security, jobs to statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 72 if signed into law would effectively end public/private partnerships between rural counties; and

WHEREAS, rural counties are charged with the statutory obligation to provide Constitutional detention facilities for those arrested within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, public/private partnerships with private operators provide facilities that small communities and rural counties could not otherwise provide; and

WHEREAS, these facilities provide hundreds of needed jobs; and

WHEREAS, some of the longest running court actions involving detention facilities in the State of New Mexico involve public bodies; and

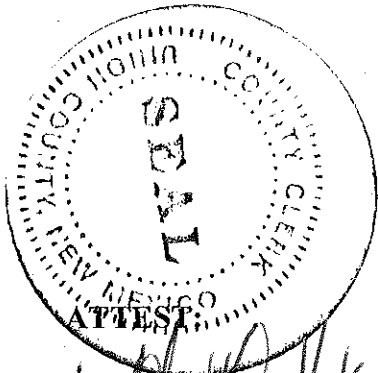
WHEREAS, policy discussions involving the operation of prisons in New Mexico, whether they be public or private, deserve thoughtful contemplation and full, informative hearings; and

WHEREAS, thirty day sessions of the New Mexico Legislature are primarily designed for budgetary matters and do not provide adequate time for complicated non-budgetary matters such as detention reform.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Union County that the Honorable Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham postpone any legislative action on House Bill 72 more appropriately taken up in a sixty day session, by not including it on the Governor's Call.

DONE THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Mary Lou Harkins
Mary Lou Harkins, County Clerk

Date: January 14, 2020

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