



**VALENCIA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION 2023 - 61**

**UPDATING APPRAISER CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a Regular Meeting, duly published, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031 on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 5:00 PM as required by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners is authorized by NMSA 1978, SS 4-39-4 (1969, amended 2023) and SS 4-39-5 (1977, amended 2023) to provide additional compensation in cumulative increments to Assessor's, Chief Deputies, and qualified Assessor Appraiser employees, employed in the office of the County Assessor as an incentive for obtaining greater qualification levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of New Mexico State Legislature in its 2023 session amended NMSA 1978, Sections 4-39-4 (for Assessors) and SS 4-39-5 (for certain certified employees in appraiser offices) to increase the amounts payable for "Appraiser 1", "Appraiser 2", "Appraiser 3", and "Appraiser 4" certificates; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Sections 4-39-4 (for Assessors) and SS 4-39-5 (for certain certified employees in appraiser offices) sets a maximum amount for non-mandatory incentives, however the final amounts are to be determined by the Board of County Commissioners of each County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 27 of the New Mexico Constitution provides that "[n]o law shall be enacted giving any extra compensation to any public officer, servant, agent or contractor after services are rendered or contract made; nor shall the compensation of any officer be increased or diminished during his term of office, except as otherwise provided in this constitution;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Article XX, Section 3 of the New Mexico Constitution provides that "[t]he term of office of every state, county or district officer, except those elected at the first election held under this constitution, and those elected to fill vacancies, shall commence on the first day of January next after his election;" and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County desires to provide the County Assessor, Chief Deputy and Assessor Appraiser employees who are employed in the office of the County Assessor up to the maximum compensation for qualification levels as established by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, effective with the pay period beginning August 19, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County that the appraisers working in the Office of the Assessor will be paid a base rate of an additional:

~~\$ 750.00~~ (\$750.00 maximum) a year for holding an "Appraiser 1" certificate  
~~\$ 1,750.00~~ (\$1,750.00 maximum) a year for holding an "Appraiser 2" certificate  
~~\$ 3,000.00~~ (\$3,000.00 maximum) a year for holding an "Appraiser 3" certificate  
~~\$ 3,500.00~~ (\$3,500.00 maximum) a year for holding an "Appraiser 4" certificate

which will be an additional cumulative increment to their salary.

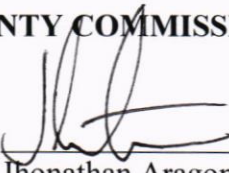
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that per Article IV, Section 27 of the New Mexico Constitution the Elected County Assessor will not be eligible for the increases described herein until the commencement of his/her next term of office on January 1, 2027.

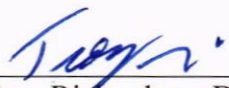
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that continued receipt of the additional incentive pay is subject to maintenance of the certification and the provision of proof of each certification to the County before receiving additional incentive pay.

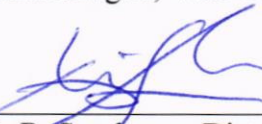
**APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

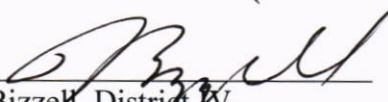
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