# VALENCIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (VALEO)

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

### **PURPOSE**

The Commissioners of Valencia County and Councilmembers of the various municipalities located in Valencia County, New Mexico, desire to meet in a cooperative effort to seek solutions to community and regional issues being experienced by their respective communities.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO) is comprised of members of the governing bodies of Valencia County, and the municipalities of Belen, Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, Peralta, and Rio Communities.

## **HOST COMMUNITY**

A Host Community shall sponsor each meeting of VALEO on a rotating basis. The Host Community is responsible for preparing and distributing the agenda ten (10) days prior, and the minutes thirty (30) days after, their respective meeting.

### **MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of VALEO should occur quarterly on a rotating basis. A special meeting may be convened upon the request of the chief elected official of any of the governing bodies of the association.

#### VOTING

In order to be as inclusive and broad-based as possible, VALEO is organized as a NON-VOTING "advisory group" only, to the respective governing bodies, and NOT as a policy-making body.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Copies of these Articles of Association, and any further amendments thereto, shall be distributed to the members of VALEO, and to the clerk/administrator/manager of each participant.

Charles D. Eaton, Chair

SIGNED AND DATED this \_2<sup>nd</sup>\_ day of \_February\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Mark Gwinn, Jr., Mayor