

VALENCIA COUNTY

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE VALENCIA COUNTY HOSPITAL

RESOLUTION NO 2025- 23

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, met upon notice of a duly published Business meeting on March 19, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, in late 2006, the residents of Valencia County overwhelmingly approved the imposition of a property tax by a margin of 14,245 in favor to 4,438 opposed to support the expansion of healthcare services in the community through the operation and maintenance of a 24-hour emergency room and hospital; and

WHEREAS, the approved "Hospital Tax Question" authorized Valencia County to impose a 2.75 mills ad valorem tax for a period of eight years to fund the costs of operating, maintaining, or providing for a hospital/24-hour emergency healthcare facility in Valencia County, as permitted by the Hospital Funding Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2024, the Valencia County Commission took a significant step toward realizing this long-awaited project by approving a healthcare facilities contract with Brazos Health Partners, a joint venture between Community Healthcare Corporation and Lovelace Health System, for the operation of the Valencia County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Board also approved a design-build contract with Bradbury Stamm and FBT Architects for the construction of a 15-bed, 40,000-square-foot facility located at the northeast corner of N.M. 6 and Sandsage, west of Interstate 25, in the Village of Los Lunas, with plans for a future expansion of 18,750 square feet and an additional medical office building of 24,500 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Valencia County Hospital is projected to be completed in the spring of 2026, with operations to be managed under the joint venture agreement in which CHC will oversee day-to-day hospital functions and Lovelace will provide critical support services, including medical group integration and electronic health record systems; and

WHEREAS, in light of the importance of the Hospital to our community, the Board of County Commissioners has solicited public input on the name of the hospital and has given due consideration to the proposed hospital names submitted by the public and also by our partners at CHC and Lovelace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, New Mexico, that the hospital to be established and supported through the dedicated mill levy proceeds shall be officially named the Valencia County Hospital, a Lovelace Operation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the responsible and effective use of public funds to fulfill the healthcare needs of the community, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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