

### **Bernalillo County Commission Working on Budget**

The Bernalillo County Commission is putting together a budget for fiscal years 2023-2024 that will include major increases for the County Clerk and the Sheriff's Office.

The Clerk's office has asked for an 8.8% increase that will pay for the 54 employees of the office and costs for moving to new offices at 1301 North Broadway. That is an increase of 7 million dollars over the current year's budget. In 2022 the clerk hired more than 900 people to work during the general election.

The Sheriff's office is seeking a 1.2% increase, primarily for increased overtime for court security officers. The department is currently 41 deputies short of a full complement of authorized positions.

The budget includes pay increases for corrections officers and for recruitment of new officers.

The county has also listed federal priorities for the coming years.

- \$4 million for highway infrastructure.
- \$523,571 to Office of the Medical Investigator for cold case and indigent cremation.
- \$1.5 million to design the Carnuel Sanitary Sewer Project, phase 3
- Support to Albuquerque for expansion of the Paseo del Norte NW to the intersection of Atrisco Vista Blvd.