

LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

June 28, 2023

Mary Templeton, observer (by online audio; video is unavailable)

Present: David Heil (Chair), Michael Meek (Vice Chair), Katherine Bruch, Jay Block, Joshua Jones

Description of Issues Relevant to the League

Drug & Alcohol Treatment

The Desert Mountain Healing out-patient drug rehabilitation center requested funding from the County. The center frequently treats people released from County detention. The center currently can only provide assistance to patients who have or can obtain Medicaid. The Commission requested additional information and offered to pursue possible sources of funding. One commissioner expressed his wish that "we could just kill every single drug dealer because...that would make this country better"

(<https://sandovalcountynm.new.swagit.com/videos/258041> 28:52).

Climate Change Action

The commission unanimously adopted a resolution declaring intent to issue up to \$275 million in industrial revenue bonds on behalf of NMRD Data Center III to develop a PNM solar farm in Sandoval County. In compliance with section 4-59-4 of NMSA 1978, Rio Rancho Schools would receive funds in lieu of the land tax payments deferred for the solar farm.

Additional Comments

Commissioners Discussion

A Commissioner claimed that gender-inclusive bathrooms lead to rape of young girls, and that participants in Pride parades expose themselves to children.

Sandoval County Commission Website

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