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Bernalillo County Commission Moves Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative Forward

The Bernalillo County Commission took steps to formalize the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative at its January 23 meeting. The commission appointed University of New Mexico Law Professor Serge Martinez and the new state housing leader appointed by Governor Martinez, Dan Majewski to the board of the collaborative.

They also passed an administrative resolution to explore the viability of combining the city's housing authority and programs with the Bernalillo County Housing Department. The city and county will each provide half a million dollars for startup costs.

The county had also asked for \$10 million from the state legislature for the housing collaborative. They received \$1,183,000.

According to the resolution, the money will be used to survey current affordable housing and look for gaps., acquire land for future development, repurpose existing properties to expand affordable housing, and prioritize equity building investments such as apartment cooperatives.

It will now be up to Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller to appoint two people to represent the city to the collaborative.

All members of the Bernalillo County Commission were present for the meeting.

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