

LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

July 22, 2026

Mary Templeton, observer (by video recording)

Present: Jordan Juarez (Chair), Jon Herr (Vice Chair), Michael Meek, Joshua Jones (video), Katherine Bruch

Description of Issues Relevant to the League

General Obligation Bonds for 2026

In November, Sandoval County will ask the public for funding for three projects as follows:

1. Libraries: ask \$3.4M
2. Fire Training Facility: ask \$9M
3. Bureau of Elections Building: ask \$22M

No language was presented for these ballot questions at this time.

Additional Comments

Sandoval County Cooperative Extension Program Update

With respect to family services, the Program offers initiatives around

- Mental health education & coaching
- Health & wellness (Nutrition 101, Kitchen Creation classes for diabetics, senior exercise)
- Food security and preservation, since much fresh food distributed by food banks goes into compost or to animals because people don't know how to use it (Garden table-to-pantry program: how to grow, cook and preserve fresh produce, canning center).

Public Comment

Eight of ten speakers asked the Commission to withdraw their resolution of support for Sandia Pueblo to request that Congress transfer T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area land from US Forest Service to Bureau of Indian Affairs management. The public was concerned that the request would reduce their access to the wilderness.

As background, I was unable to find a citation to Sandia Pueblo's request to Congress, but its content appears to be evolving based on a New Mexico Political Report article published [here](#).

Sandoval County Commission Website

<https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/commission/>