

LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission special meeting

September 9, 2026

Mary Templeton, observer (by video recording)

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

Description of Issues Relevant to the League

No topics for which the League has an advocacy position were taken up during this meeting.

Additional Comments

Public Comment

All eight commenters spoke in favor of the resolution opposing the transfer of land into the Cochiti Pueblo Trust because doing so would close two public roads used by the speakers.

Resolution opposing transfer of land into the Cochiti Pueblo Trust

The Bureau of Indian Affairs published notice that Cochiti Pueblo had applied to transfer fee land acquired from the State in 2019 into trust by the Federal Government. The Commission unanimously adopted a resolution opposing this land transfer as a reply to the Department of Interior's 30-day invitation to submit written comments.

The resolution states that the 2019 transfer of land to Cochiti Pueblo was subject to a right-of-way agreement from 2011 in which the State Land Commissioner granted Sandoval County Right-of-Way for the public roads mentioned in public comments. However, the Pueblo filed a Cancellation of Easement and blocked the roads in 2019. The matter continues to be heard in tribal court and the County has been working with the New Mexico Federal members of Congress to find a resolution.

Resolution authorizing publication of notice of proposed Automated License Plate Reader Systems.

The Commission unanimously passed a resolution of intent to introduce an ordinance regulating Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Systems in Sandoval County at their next meeting. Key excerpts from the proposed ordinance include:

"No person shall install, maintain, or operate any Automated License Plate Reader system in, on, over, or under any public right-of-way or on any property owned or controlled by Sandoval County, except as may be expressly authorized by a written permit issued by the County."

"No person shall access, download, copy, or transmit any information, record, photograph, or data from an Automated License Plate Reader that is installed in violation of this section."

"Any ALPR system installed or operating in violation of this Article on its effective date shall be removed within sixty days."

The proposed ordinance would not impact these systems within municipalities. The full text of the resolution is posted [here](#).

Sandoval County Commission Website

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