



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Bayard City Hall

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John L. Ojinaga

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT

CONSENT AGENDA

- [1.](#) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2025
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Report
3. Approval of Police Department Reports
4. Approval of Maintenance Report
5. Approval of Wastewater Report
6. Approval of Fire Department Report
7. Approval of Library Report
8. Approval for Elected Officials and Employees to Attend the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference on September 17-19, 2025 in Ruidoso, NM
9. Approval for Head Librarian to Attend the NMLA Annual on October 22-24, 2025 in Albuquerque, NM

OLD BUSINESS

10. Discussion/Action- Mine Workers Memorial Presentation by Michael Pino

NEW BUSINESS

11. Discussion/Action- Southwest New Mexico Community Forestry Network Presentation by Allyson Siwik

12. Discussion/Action- Proposal to Lease City-Owned Property for Sustainably Cattle Grazing
13. Discussion/Action- Award Installation of HVAC for Community Center

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

14. Discussion/Action- Resolution 13-2025 Adopting the Grant County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
15. Discussion/Action- 14-2025 Approval of End of FY 2025 Budget Adjustments

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

16. Closed Session May Be Held Pursuant to 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 (H-2) Limited Personnel Matters for Animal Control

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

ACTION FOR PERSONNEL

17. Discussion/Action- Introductory Period Completed by Police Officer
18. Discussion/Action- Termination of Animal Control Officer

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Special Meeting- July 30, 2025

Regular Meeting - August 20, 2025

ADJOURNMENT



City of Bayard
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Bayard City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John L. Ojinaga

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor John L. Ojinaga
Councilor Eloy Medina
Councilor Frances Gonzales
Councilor Eloy Gonzales
Councilor Gilbert Ortiz

Others in attendance were Chuck Gray, Albert Arzola, Marcela Johnson, Kathleen Herrera, Robert Terrazas, Michael Paez, Renee Provencio, Gabriel Gonzales, Cordell Jones, Martha Salas, and Tanya Ortiz.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

PUBLIC INPUT

Albert Arzola thanked the fire department, police department and code enforcement, they are doing a good job for the squatter on Orchard but he thinks this is going to turn in to a environment problem.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor F. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor E. Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2025
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Report
3. Approval of Police Department Reports
4. Approval of Maintenance Report

Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

14. Discussion/Action- Official Notice- Declaration of Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Due to Drought Conditions by City of Bayard Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Motion made by Councilor F. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor E. Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Medina was out on a phone call.

15. Discussion/Action- Mine Workers Memorial

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales postpone and have a presentation on this memorial, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

16. Discussion/Action- Consideration to Lease Foy Land to Graze Cattle

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

17. Discussion/Action- Become a Partner with Best Friends

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

18. Discussion- Update on Closed Investigation by Police Chief

Police Chief is needing documents for the DA and will be postponing this item until next meeting.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

19. Discussion/Action- Ordinance 2-2025- Adopt an Ordinance Providing for the Annexation of Certain Land, Contiguous to the City of Bayard Wherein Will Exist Governmental Services as Provided by the Governing Body of the City of Bayard

Motion made by Councilor F. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor E. Gonzales.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

20. Discussion/Action- Resolution 11-2025 Regular Local Election

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

Fire Chief Gabe Gonzales read this report.

Maintenance Supervisor Michael Paez vac-truck is going to be deliver on Monday and will be doing training on Tuesday. Community Center pavement repairs are 90% done. The counter tops and sink at the little league will be replaced this coming week.

Police Chief Hector Carrillo he will be giving a reconnection letter to Caption Galaz for catching the kids that have done the June 24th he will be having two graduation two officers from the academy. He will be looking to purchase a new police unit.

Clerk Treasure Martha Salas is working on closing out the fiscal year. The community clean up the city through 8 dumpsters full of trash. The maintenance supervisor Paez will be having a quote for HVAC system for the community center.

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS

Councilor Medina asked about the door and sewer for the old fire station building?

Councilor Ortiz had a complanate about the trash bin at the Family Dollar. Everyone keeps dumping.

Mayor Ojinaga thanked all the volunteer for the community clean up. Mayor has been attending all the meeting for this fire is active.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, July 16, 2025

ADJOURNMENT 6:27 P.M.

ATTEST:

John L. Ojinaga
Mayor

Martha Salas
Clerk Treasurer

**BAYARD POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
JUNE, 2025**

Item 1.

Traffic Activity

Accidents	3
Traffic Stops Made	20
Citations Issued	9
Municipal 2	
Magistrate 0	
Written Warnings 7	
Stop Sign 1	
DWI	0
Reckless driver	3
Abandoned vehicle	1
Intoxicated driver-Attempt to Locate	1
Traffic Hazard	1
Stolen Vehicle Info	1

Criminal Activity

Arrests	9
Burglary/Larceny	6
Graffiti	4
Domestic calls	7
Inj./Tamp. with vehicle	1
Harassment	2
Unwanted subject	5
Fraud/Embezzlement	4
Disturbance	3
Battery	1
Narcotic violation	1

General Activity

Suspicious Activity	20
Civil stand by	2
Escorts	1
Welfare check	17
Meetings/classes	2
Follow up investigations	5
Alarm	2
Fight	1
Noise complaints	5
Shots fired	1
Animal call	35
Smoke/Fire	1
Civil matter	1
Open door	2
Frequent Patrols	28
Citizen contacts	16
Medical assists	6
Littering	1

Code Enforcement	5
Child exchange	4
Criminal trespass warnings	3
Citizen assists	6
Trout Fire assists	6
DVO violation	2
Request for public service	4
Livestock	1
Found property	1
Suicide threat	1
 <u>Juvenile Activity</u>	
Citations-GRAFFITI	4
 <u>Agency Assists</u>	5
PNM-utility: 1	
CYFD: 1	
Court-Attempt to Serve: 3	
 <u>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:</u>	<u>228</u>

Offense/Incident reports generated

Informational-Stolen Vehicle
 Battery on household; Battery; Interference w/communications
 Unauthorized graffiti
 Crash report
 Bench warrant
 Domestic
 Warrant arrest
 Possession of a controlled substance; Battery on a household member
 Warrant arrest
 Dead animal call
 Warrant arrest
 Warrant arrest
 Larceny
 Larceny
 Disorderly conduct; Assault
 Fraud/Embezzlement
 Larceny (over \$500)
 Suicide threat
 Harassment
 Fraud
 Informational-Abandoned children
 Possession of a controlled substance; Bench warrant
 Graffiti
 Citizen contact-CHS
 Burglary
 Dog Bite
 Graffiti
 Injuring/Tampering with motor vehicle

<i>Calls in Bayard handled by Grant Co Sheriff's Dept.</i>	<i>27</i>
Suspicious activity	7
Welfare check	3
Frequent patrols	4
Dog bite	1
Citizen contacts	2
Animal calls	3
Domestic disturbance	3
Crash report	1
DVO violation	1
Suicide threat	1
Identity theft	1

BAYARD CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

OFFICER: Valerie Barboa

MONTH OF: June 2025

DATE	TIME RECEIVED	SORCE OF COMPLAINT	COMPLAINANT, LOCATION, TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND ACTION TAKEN
6/2/25		Code Enforcement	Followed up with pending code violations. Responded to complaints on Lusk and Virginia. Researched properties and the owners contact information. Created list of properties in violations.
6/3/25		Code Enforcement	Made contact with 15 residents regarding violations on their property. Documented all contact to follow-up. Followed up with code violation in back alley. Observed the progress owner has made.
6/4/25			Responded to complaint on Blackhawk. Spoke to Mr. Wilguess regarding demolition of building. Will demolish building after court on 6/27/25. Responded to complaint on Roger St. Made contact with the property owners son. He has not cleaned up yard. Will be issuing a citation. Followed up with pending violations. Worked on locating property oweners.
6/9/25			Issued citations to residents on Orchard, McKee and Central Ave. Attempted to locate/contact owners of abandoned homes. Created packets to begin citation process. Took pictures of several properties/structures.
6/10/25			Worked on files. Researched properties and attempted to locate property owners. Followed up with pending violations. Documented progress. Met with BFD regarding fire violations.
6/11/25			Responded to complaint on Mckee. Followed-up with alley behind Snappy Mart. Trash has been cleared out. There is debris that will be picked up on Bayard clean-up day. Responded to complaint on Central Ave.

6/12/25			Worked on locating property owners. Worked on files/packets to begin sending to property owners. Responded to complaint on Taylor St. Issued citations to M. Gonzales.
6/16/25			Followed-up with pending violations. Issued citations. Researched properties. Spoke to several residents regarding violation concerns. Documented concerns. Responded to complaint of someone burning outside on Orchard St.
6/17/25			Followed- up with trailer park owner regarding violations. He stated he is in the process of evicting tenants. He also is in the process of removing burnt trailer on Virginia. Followed-up with pending violations. Worked on files/packets.
6/18/25			Worked on mapping and files. Issued citations. Took photos of pending violations and their progress. Attempted to contact property owners.
6/19/25			Holiday
6/23/25			Followed-up with pending violations. Worked on files. Issued citations. Spoke with Mr. Willguess regarding upcoming hearing. Stated he has someone who will complete demolition after hearing. Responded to complaint on Monson and Pearl St. Spoke to owner about removing camper trailer off street on East St.
6/24/25			Worked on files/packets. Researched properties and attempted to contact property owners. Followed up with pending violations. Responded to complaints on Empire and Rogers St.
6/25/25			Worked on files. Researched properties on Orchard and attempted to contact owners. Responded to complaint on Orchard. Followed up with violation on Chino. Informed owner about residing in her camper trailer for only one year. She stated she has nowhere else to live. She asked if City of Bayard would be willing to purchase her property.
6/26/25			Attempted to contact property owners. Worked on files. Responded to complaint on Mai

July 10, 2025, Bayard Public Library Council Report

We did not get the LOR grant for the Community Garden Project.

I am still working on the Outdoor Equity Fund application with NM Wild Staff. I have gotten letter of supports from Continental Divide Trail Coalition, NM Wild, Latino Outdoors, Bayard City Council. I am expecting one more from Nuestra Tierra and WNMU Outdoor Experience.

The Eco Art Camp organizer decided to postpone it until Fall Break due to only 1 student signing up. Attendance for some of the programming has been low, but other organizations providing summer children's programming are experiencing the same problem.

The NM Summer Reading Program and The Nature Discovery Camp were very successful.

Good news! We are getting 10 Mobile Hotspots from T-Mobile that will be available for patrons to check out. We estimate that the hotspots will be available for check sometime in Aug.

More good news! Our new website is up and running. <https://bayardpubliclibrary.org/>

The Library Board voted to approve a draft Comprehensive Policy for the library. The library board and I have been working on this draft for the last several months. The next step is to have the city attorney or New Mexico Municipal League review the draft before bringing it to the council for final approval.

There are few library board members who are interested in starting a Friends of a Library Group which would be its own non-profit organization and the fundraising arm of the library. The mission of the FOL Group would be to provide financial support to library initiatives such as but not limited for things like programming costs and supplies.

We will be tabling at Cobre's Summerfest on Saturday July 26. We will be giving out library cards and will have a small selection of books to check out as well as a Fish for Book activity for the younger children.

Summer Programming for July:

Saturday, July 12, Weaving for Youth led by SW Women's Fiber Arts Collective, 1 – 2:45 pm

Saturday, July 19, Saturdays Are for Kids: Storytime and Art Lesson led by Carmen Ruiz, 1 – 2:45 pm

Saturday, Aug 2, Saturdays Are for Kids: Storytime and Art Lesson led by Carmen Ruiz, 1 – 2:45 pm

69th NMML Annual Conference

Ruidoso Convention Center • September 17 – 19, 2025

Item 1.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

NMCMA Meeting – Requires a separate registration.

Community Project: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Two Rivers Park

Two Rivers Park, where the Ruidoso River and Carrizo Creek merge, is 27 acres of open space that once contained picnic tables, grills, benches, and a paved trail that meandered along the Rio Ruidoso. However, due to flooding, most of this area needs rehabilitation. We will be assembling picnic tables to be placed along the river and throughout the park. Lunch will be provided.

Meet Erica at 9:45 am in front of the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Golf Outing at The Links Golf Course: 11:30 – 5:30 pm

Built on the site of Ruidoso's original airport, The Links at Sierra Blanca is a par-72 championship course offering a one-of-a-kind golf experience. Designed in 1991 by Senior PGA Tour player Jim Colbert and architect Jeff Bauer, this course blends Scottish links-style play with breathtaking mountain scenery.

The front nine features rolling fairways and dramatic mounds reminiscent of traditional Scottish courses, while the back nine winds through towering pines, offering a more secluded and scenic challenge for golfers of all skill levels.

The Links – 105 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 – Shotgun Start at 11:00 AM Lunch will be provided.

Registration: 3:00 – 6:30 pm Ruidoso Convention Center

Exhibitor Welcome Reception: 5:00 – 7:00 pm Ruidoso Convention Center

Join us at the Ruidoso Convention Center as we officially kick off the 68th Annual NMML Conference! Help us give a warm welcome to all our amazing exhibitors while savoring some classic comfort food.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY: 7:00 pm Wingfield Park

Welcome to Ruidoso Movie and Glow Round Disc Golf. Join us for a relaxing evening at Wingfield Park, where you can participate in a round of Glow Disc Golf, watch a movie under the stars, and visit with friends. There will be vendors on site selling food and beverages.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

Registration: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vendor Stroll: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 am

Spouse Program: 9:30 – 11:30 am Visit the historical town of Lincoln, NM site of the Lincoln County Wars, Ft. Stanton a former military fort known for its role in the Indian War, Civil War and an internment of German sailors during WWII. You will also visit Smokey Bear Historical Park and Visitor's Center where exhibits on forest health, wildfires and the infamous Smokey Bear can be experienced. Across the street lunch will be served by the Oso Grill where their award-winning Green Chile Cheeseburger among other menu items can be found. Don't forget to visit their amazing gift shop!

Subsection Meetings: 9:00 -11:30 am

Mayors/Councilors/Commissioners/Trustees Caucus

NMCFOA & NMGFOA Joint Meeting

NM Association of Chiefs of Police

NM City Management Association

NMMJA & NMMCC Joint Meeting

NM Municipal Environmental Quality Association

NM Municipal Librarians Association

Lunch: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th - Continued

Welcome & Opening General Session: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Unleash the Rockstar Within – Igniting Peak Performance – Mark Kamp

What if your team could perform like a headlining band, delivering their best performance day in and day out? Employee or team disengagement and turnover are like a band playing out of tune, but with Marvelless Mark's Four Chords to Rockstar Success, you can build a culture where every team member is aligned, inspired, and fully engaged. Mark doesn't just speak — he electrifies the room, fostering an interactive atmosphere where audience members can let loose, have fun, and fully engage in the process. By making participants comfortable, Mark helps them tap into their unique potential, leading to transformative breakthroughs and getting them AMP'd UP WITH ATTITUDE, MINDSET, AND PERFORMANCE.

Break: 3:00– 3:15 pm

General Session: 3:15 – 4:15 pm

Ruidoso Recovery Panel

Credentials Committee: 4:15 – 4:30 pm

Resolutions Committee: 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Exhibitor Breakdown: 5:00 pm

Wild West at Wingfield Park: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Wednesday night will be filled with everything wild west. A genuine chuckwagon feast, gun fight, local artists and music from the Flying J Wranglers and Clay Hollis. If you don't have a hat, don't worry, we'll have one for you. Beware, you might get "Shot in Ruidoso"!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Fun Run/Walk: 6:30 – 8:00 am

Join our annual 5K Fun Run/Walk at the beautiful Links (path around the Sierra Blanca Golf Course) to race into the day. Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m., the run/walk starts at 7 a.m., and whether you come in first or last, you'll be rewarded with breakfast at the finish line. This race will go on, rain or shine.

There will also be a hike and yoga option – location, information and sign up at onsite registration.

Breakfast: 7:45 – 8:45 am

Registration: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 1: 8:30 am – 9:45 am Breakout Jam Session: Turning Up the Power of Big Unreasonable Dreams How to Hit Volume 11 Results on Volume 3 Output


*Forget "business as usual"—it's time to **crank it up to rockstar levels**.*

*In this high-energy, interactive session, Marvelless Mark takes you on a deeper dive into his Turn It Up keynote to unlock the psychology and power of **Big Unreasonable Dreams**—inspired by the 80/20 rule, built to help you get **more by doing less**.*

You'll discover:

- How to supercharge success by creating your own Big Unreasonable Dream—and letting go of "good enough"
- Why finding and freeing your business's biggest bottleneck will explode results
- How to 11X performance by stripping away anything that's not aligned with your biggest goals
- The real reason your productivity is stuck: a lack of innovation
- Tools for visionary leadership and future-focused execution using the **4 C's of Success**

*This isn't fluff—it's a **strategic jam session** with real, actionable takeaways to help you scale smarter, lead louder, and produce peak results without burning out.*

 If you're ready to leave behind burnout and busy work and start achieving outrageous success with rockstar ease, this session is your backstage pass.

Workshop 2: 8:30 am – 10:00 am Workplace Etiquette - Department of Workforce Solutions

Spouse Program: 10:00 – 2:00 pm *Start your morning with a visit to the WoodSwan. Handmade products from New Mexico rescued wood. Cutting boards, display boards, and furniture that display the natural beauty and character born from adversity. Followed by a tour to the Hurd La Rinconada Gallery in San Patricio that features a spectacular collection of artwork while enjoying the Sentinel Ranch Wine Tasting Room where fine NM wine and gourmet food can be enjoyed. Then to the much-loved Wingfield House Heritage Museum to step back in time and explore the region's history.*

Break: 9:45– 10:15 am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th - Continued**Concurrent Workshops: 10:15 – 11:15 am****Workshop 3: NLC** *(details forthcoming)***Workshop 4: Water – Chuck Thomas** *(details forthcoming)***Lunch Honoring Past Presidents: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm****Closing General Session: 1:15 – 2:15 pm****Be the Light – Scott Paine**

We don't need statistics to tell us that many people we serve are struggling. The reasons vary, but the typical result is frustration, anxiety, and sometimes despair. As public servants, we are more likely than many to have contact with residents in their struggles. Sometimes, the darkness in their lives can overshadow ours. How do we break through the darkness and bring light, for ourselves, our colleagues, and our community?

NMML Annual Business Meeting: *Immediately following the Closing General Session***Dinner at the Derby: 6:00 – 11:00 pm Ruidoso Jockey Club**

The most spectacular night to wrap up the week. Enjoy premium dining, and breathtaking views. Wear your fanciest derby hat. Awards for the Best Man's Derby, Best Woman's Hat, and Most Creative. If you have never seen an Ostrich race, you are in for a treat!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th**Closing Breakfast: 8:00 – 10:00 am MCM Eleganté**

NMML Annual Conference Hotels

The MCM Elegante has been reserved exclusively for Board Members, Speakers, Staff, and special Guests. A limited number of additional rooms may become available at a later date. We appreciate your understanding and will share any updates as soon as possible.

1. Elevate Hotel at Sierra Blanca – Ascend Hotel Collection

- a. 25980 US Highway 70
- b. Ruidoso, NM 88345-6066
- c. 575-378-4051
- d. <https://www.choicehotels.com/new-mexico/ruidoso/ascend-hotels/nm095/rates?hotel=NM095&pu=no&ratePlanCode=LNMML>
 - i. The rate plan is good for all of September for NMML employees and others.

2. Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

- a. 26141 US Highway 70 E
- b. Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
- c. 575-378-1199

3. Comfort Inn by Choice Hotels

- a. 2709 Sudderth Drive
- b. Ruidoso, NM 88345
- c. 575-315-7012
- d. <https://www.choicehotels.com/new-mexico/ruidoso/comfort-inn-hotels/nm084>
 - i. There will not be a special booking link. Use the above link.

4. Best Western Plus Ruidoso Inn

- a. 97 Camelot Drive
- b. Ruidoso, NM 88345
- c. 575-257-3600
- d. https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/ruidoso/hotel-rooms/best-western-plus-ruidoso-inn/propertyCode.32102.html
 - i. We are awaiting for a special booking link. I will forward once I receive it.

5. Best Western Pine Springs Inn

- a. 111 Pine Springs Drive
- b. Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
- c. 575-378-8100
- d. https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-ruidoso-downs/best-western-pine-springs-inn/propertyCode.32103.html
 - i. We are waiting for a special booking link. I will forward once I receive it.

6. Days Inn by Wyndham Ruidoso Downs

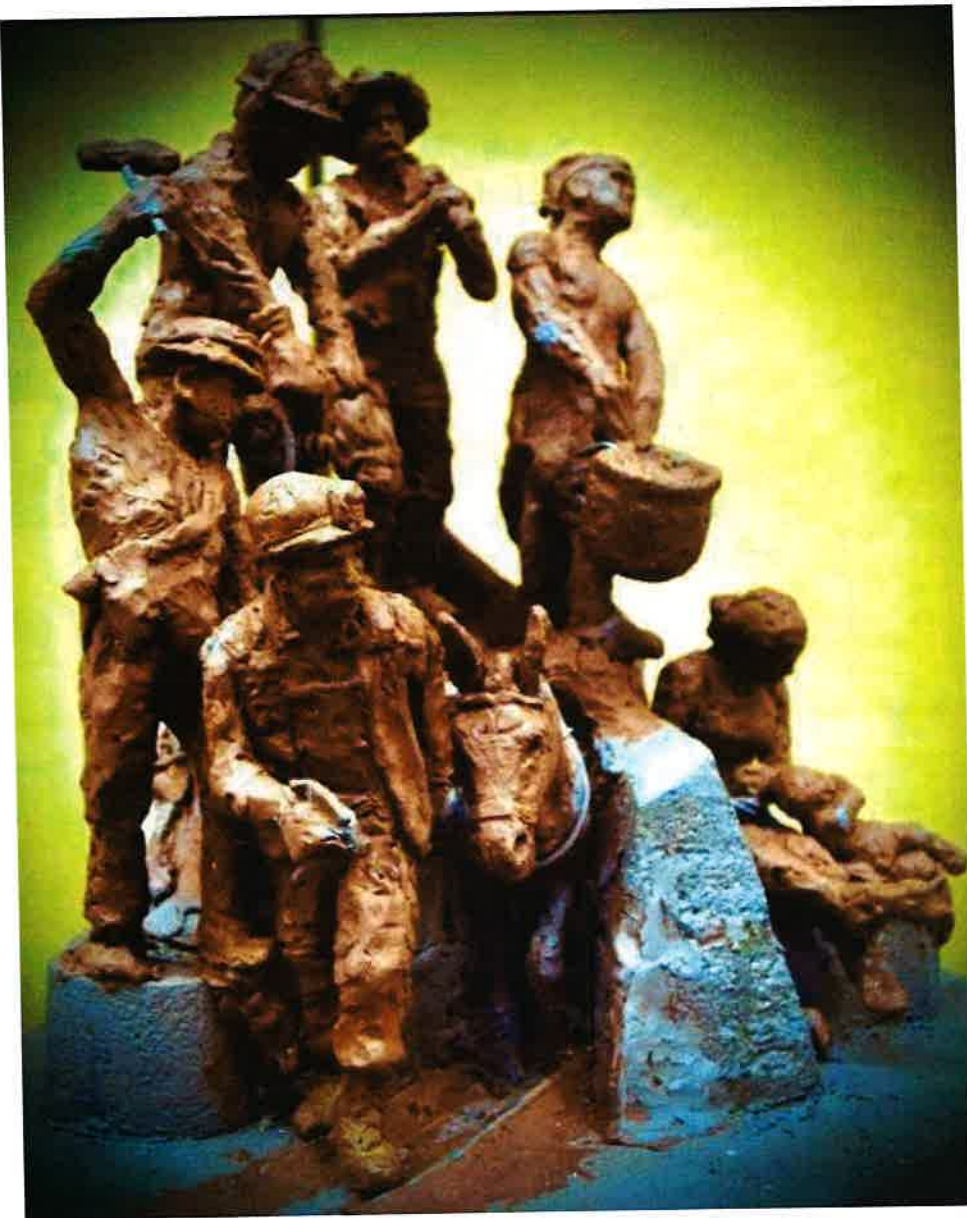
- a. 26150 US Highway 70
- b. Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
- c. 575-305-3563
- d. <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/ruidoso-downs-new-mexico/days-inn-ruidoso-downs/overview>
 - i. There will not be a special booking link as the GM does not know how to create one.

7. Ruidoso Mountain Inn

- a. 25971 US Highway 70
- b. Ruidoso, NM 88345
- c. 575-257-3736
 - i. Please call the hotel directly for reservations. Mention NMML for special pricing.
 - The hotel is not bookable directly on their website.

8. Simple Rewards Inn

- a. 101 Cliff Drive
- b. Ruidoso, NM 88345
- c. 575-378-8180
 - i. Please call the hotel directly for reservations. Mention NMML for special pricing.



A memorial to honor mine workers is one step closer to creation after the New Mexico legislature allocated \$350,000 to build the sculpture in Socorro on the New Mexico Tech campus. If the funding is approved by the governor, another \$70,000 will still need to be raised through donations. "It's important for the America miner," said Michael Pino, an organizer behind the project. "It's the only national memorial in the United States. There are other memorials, but it's usually dedicated to tragedies."

The American Mine Worker Memorial is a project that Pino has been working on for six years. Twice before he's been close to securing funding from the legislature, with the help of Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, who has sponsored the memorial all three times.

"Former miners, retired miners brought the idea to us and they made a compelling case," said Ortiz y Pino.

He points out that mining for resources like gold, uranium and copper has played a big role in New Mexico's history.

"It really impressed me that they wanted to have a memorial for the men, many of whom spent their lives in that field, and for their families who supported them in that field," said Ortiz y Pino.

The first time, \$420,000 was allocated four years ago. But that funding couldn't be correctly funneled through New Mexico Tech and went back to the state's general fund, said Michael Pino. The second

time was just last year, when the legislature allocated \$150,000 to build the memorial. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham vetoed the item, and funding for the memorial again slipped away.

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Pino took the veto well, especially for someone so passionate about a project.

"If she vetoed it last year, it was probably for a darn good reason. I have nothing but respect for the governor and her staff."

Still, he wasn't ready to give up on the dream of honoring American miners with a memorial that he believes could boost local tourism and encourage visitors to historic mines in the area, including places like Magdalena, Silver City and Carlsbad. The memorial would be located on the New Mexico Tech campus near the Mineral Museum, adding to a spot that is already a draw for those interested in mining history and geology.

"We decided to go back and try one more time because of the importance of the sculpture itself, and we were able to get \$350,000, but we are waiting for approval from the governor."

The Miners

The memorial would honor miners from different backgrounds and commemorate the contributions the American mine worker has made to society.

The sculpture would be formed from museum-quality bronze and include eight figures to represent the progress of mining history. The figures, a mule and seven people, would be based on real miners. Alan Noris, a local mining engineer and manager, would be one of the miners represented.

"Alan died from COVID a year and a half ago," said Pino. "Alan was alongside me when we first started this, and I promised him that I would put him on that sculpture, and I'm not going to go back on my word. He has three children also that are following the project."



Benny Zamora from Magdalena will serve as inspiration for a figure in the memorial.

Another figure would be based on New Mexico mine owner Benny Zamora from Magdalena, who has also been a supporter of the project from the beginning, and unfortunately also passed away last year. "We have one woman on there with a child, representing the women who fought for their husbands in mining, and so she's going to represent those women."

West Virginia miner Gregory "Action" Jackson, who was an active Mine Workers of America Union member in Logan County, West Virginia, will be used as a model to represent the Black miners of West Virginia. Pino said a striking photo of Jackson that was taken some years ago had been found to base the figure on, but first the miner in the image needed to be identified.

When he was finally located, Jackson was excited to be part of the project.

"We let him know about what was going on, and he said that he was over the moon over it," Pino said.

Silver City miner Fidel Hinojosa will also be represented.

Kelly miner Richard Michael McAlexander will represent miners with a Scottish and Irish background. McAlexander was a federal mine inspector and Pino's uncle. Pino's grandfather was also a miner at the Kelly Mine.

Pino still needs to find a Native American miner who can be used as a model for the memorial to represent Native American miners.

A piece of smithsonite would be embedded into the sculpture. Magdalena is well-known for the smithsonite mined there. The memorial would be lit 24/7 with green energy.

If the funding is secured, New Mexico's Office of Cultural Affairs will oversee a bidding process to pick the artist who will create the memorial.

A renowned New Mexico bronze sculptor is already interested in the project and has created the artist's rendering used to promote the memorial: Reynaldo "Sonny" Rivera. The Albuquerque sculptor's work has been featured in museums and galleries and can be found in public spaces. He's created statues that commemorate school desegregation and Rudolfo Anaya's "Bless Me Ultima," and sculptures of Juan de Onate that sparked controversies in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

If the memorial can move forward, Rivera will have to bid for the project just like any other interested New Mexico artist, but Pino is hopeful that Rivera will be chosen.

"It's all coming together, and I believe it should make a difference for the Socorro economy and for the entire county of Socorro."

That is if the funding isn't vetoed once again.

"Six or seven of us set aside some of our allocation for this project and it would be a shame for the governor to veto it again," said Ortiz y Pino. "I just hope that it goes through this time."

"It would be advantageous for everyone who wants the sculpture to call the governor's office and tell her that they support it," said Pino.



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CITY OF BAYARD, NEW MEXICO**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BAYARD ADOPTING THE GRANT COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the City of Bayard recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Bayard; and

WHEREAS, the County of Grant has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Grant County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Hazard 2025 Mitigation Action Plan, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Bayard from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City Council demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Grant County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BAYARD, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

The City Council adopts the Grant County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

ADOPTED by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against, and ____ abstaining, this 16 day of July, 2025.

By: _____
John L. Ojinaga, Mayor

ATTEST: By: _____

Martha Salas, City Clerk Treasurer

City of Bayard

RESOLUTION 14-2025 End of FY 25 Budget Adjustments

WHEREAS, the Bayard City Council in regular session on July 16, 2025 did propose to make certain budgetary adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Council does hereby authorize the attached listing of budgetary adjustments for the June 30, 2025 financial statements as listed in Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Council does hereby approve the June 30, 2025 budget adjustments as presented.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council does hereby accept and approve the budgetary adjustments for the period ending June 30, 2025.

Done at Bayard, New Mexico, this 16th day of July 2025.

John L. Ojinaga
Mayor

Eloy Medina
Mayor Pro Tem

Frances Gonzales
Councilor

Gilbert Ortiz
Councilor

Eloy Gonzales
Councilor

ATTEST:

Martha Salas
Clerk-Treasurer