



**City of Bayard**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
January 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM  
Bayard City Hall

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**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John L. Ojinaga

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**PUBLIC INPUT- (Limited to 3 minutes)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2024
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Report
3. Approval of Police Department Reports
4. Approval of Maintenance Report
5. Approval of Wastewater Department Report
6. Approval of Fire Department Report
7. Approval of Library Report
8. Approval for Public Works Director to Attend Think Trees Conference on February 6-7, 2025 in Albuquerque, NM

**OLD BUSINESS**

9. Discussion/Action- Real Estate Purchase Agreement between City of Bayard and Foy Incorporated, a NM Corporation

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. Discussion/Action- Stantec projects updates and necessary action if required
11. Discussion/Action- Proposal by Bayard Elementary School to install a Little Library (box) at Bayard Community Park

12. Discussion/Action- New Mexico Wilderness Alliance- Work on Gila Wild & Scenic Presentation by Luke Koenig
13. Discussion/Action- Appointment of Two Library Board Committee Members
14. Discussion/Action- Memorandum of Understanding Between the Bayard Police Department and the County of Grant, New Mexico for FY 24 State Homeland Security Grant Program- Stonegarden Grant
15. Discussion/Action- Master Plan on Union Hall Presented by Ideum
16. Discussion/Action- 911 Addressing Contract

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

17. Discussion/Action- Intent to Adopt Ordinance 1-2025 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Taxable Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement By and Between City of Bayard, New Mexico and the New Mexico Finance Authority
18. Discussion/Action- Resolution 01-2025 Budget Adjustments

### **CLOSED SESSION**

19. Closed Session May Be Held Pursuant to 10-15-1 (H-2) NMSA 1978 Limited Personnel Matters for Maintenance Department Update

### **ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

#### **ACTION FOR PERSONNEL**

20. Discussion/Action- Termination of Temporary, Part-time Librarian
21. Discussion/Action- Hire of Temporary, Part-time Librarian
22. Discussion/Action- Appointment of Fire Department Training Officer
23. Discussion- Resignation of Humane/Code Enforcement Officer
24. Discussion/Action- Hire Police Officer
25. Discussion/Action- Change in Organizational Chart for Utility Clerk Position and Accounts Payable Clerk
26. Discussion/Action- Separate Humane Officer and Code Enforcement Position to Part time Humane officer and Full time Code Enforcement Officer

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCILORS REPORTS**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Regular Meeting - February 19, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**



City of Bayard  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
December 09, 2024 at 4:30 PM  
Bayard City Hall

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**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 Juno Ogle, Dolores Charon, Kyle Waldrip, Jonathan Alvarado, Chris Lemme, Michael Paez, Robert Terrazas, Renee Provence, Frank Gomez, Martha Salas, and Tanya Ortiz.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

1. "Cobre High Volleyball Team Week"

Proclamation was presented to the Cobre High 2024 Volleyball team.

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bayard, wishes to recognize and pay tribute to a certain group of talented Cobre High School Student-Athletes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Cobre High School Volleyball Team has dedicated themselves to succeeding through the sport of volleyball; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF BAYARD is duly proud of the student athletes for their hard work and dedication resulting in State Champ Runner-up; and

**WHEREAS**, the volleyball team included Bella Saiz, Bobbie Mares, Eliana Soto, Hayley Gutierrez, Isabella Garcia, Isenya Silva, Kaishaa Sias, Kamera Ortiz, Kiera Aguirre, Sami Huerta, Vivana Dominguez, Isis Dominguez, Siah Martinez and Manager, Liana Winn; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cobre Volleyball Team are coached with dedication by Head Coach Julie Gutierrez, Assistant coaches, Denise Placencio, Jasmine Black and Shelby Benfield; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I John L. Ojinaga, Mayor of the City of Bayard, proclaim the week of December, 9, 2024 as:

**“Cobre High Volleyball Team Week”**

In Bayard, New Mexico, and further urge all citizens to consider and recognize the achievements the public schools and dedicated student athletes are making in shaping the future of our young students.

**IN Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the **City of Bayard**, this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2024.

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John L. Ojinaga, Mayor

Attest:

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Martha Salas, Clerk/Treasurer

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Chris Munoz from Bayard Elementary would like to place a library box the the community center park. The Bayard Elementary teachers will place the box and maintain the box. If there will be any damage the Bayard staff will take care of any issues.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.

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

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2024
3. Approval of Accounts Payable Report
4. Approval of Police Department Reports

5. Approval of Wastewater Department Report
6. Approval of Maintenance Department Report
7. Approval of Fire Department Report
8. Approval of Library Report

## NEW BUSINESS

9. Discussion/Action- Proposal by Silver City Recycles on Wastewater Biosolids Composting presented by Chris Lemme

Chris Lemme from Silver City Recycles on Wastewater Biosolids, they are a nonprofit corporation. The corporation reduce the amount of waste deposited in the local landfill and recycle inorganic materials. Mr. Lemme gave three options with different price amount. The council tabled the item and would like to review the proposal and options. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

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

10. Discussion/Action- Real Estate Purchase Agreement between City of Bayard and Foy Incorporated, a NM Corporation

The council would like more time to review the agreement and would like for this item to be on the next agenda.

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

11. Discussion/Action- Allsup Land Surveying Expenditure

Clerk/Treasurer Salas stated this is for the land surveying of the Foy property in the amount of \$10,993.31.

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

12. Discussion/Action- Contract Utility Clerk (as needed)

Clerk/Treasurer Salas would like for Esther Mendoza to be hired as a fill in Utility Clerk as needed at the hourly rate of \$15 an hour.

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

13. Discussion/Action- 2025 Holiday Schedule

Motion made by Councilor Medina, Seconded by Councilor E. Gonzales.

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

14. Discussion/Action- Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Hurley, City of Bayard and Village of Santa Clara as the Copper Collaborative

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.

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

15. Discussion/Action- Council, Mayor and staff to attend Grant County Day in Santa Fe on January 28-30, 2025

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.

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

## ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

16. Discussion/Action- Resolution 21-2024 Open Meetings

Option 1 will be one meeting a month this will be every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Ortiz.

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

### RESOLUTION 21-2024

### OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE

#### A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1B, NMSA 1978 provides that all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency, or any agency or authority or any county, municipality, district or any political subdivision held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-3A, NMSA 1978 provides that no resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance or action of any board, commission, committee or other policy-

making body shall be valid unless taken or made at a meeting held in accordance with the requirements of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 provides that any person violating any of the provisions of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1D requires that any meeting at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs, and at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, and any closed meetings, shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public. The affected body shall determine at least annually in a public meeting what notice for a public meeting shall be reasonable when applied to such body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the municipality of Bayard, New Mexico that:

The Office of the Clerk;

The United States Post Office;

The Bayard Public Library

The First American Bank;

The Bayard Community Center

The clerk may in addition to posting, publish one or more times in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, even though it does not maintain an office within the municipality. In addition, written notice of such meetings shall be mailed or hand delivered to federally licensed broadcast stations and newspapers of general circulation in the municipality which have provided a written request for such notice.

6. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the city clerk at 800 Central Avenue (575-537-3327) at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF December, 2024.

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John L. Ojinaga, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Martha Salas, Clerk Treasurer

17. Discussion/Action- Resolution 22-2024 Authorizing the Assignment of Authorized Officer(s) and Agent(s) for Project SAP 24-I2386-GF

Clerk/Treasure stated this is for the mayor to sign the agreement for the 1.6-million-dollar grant. Also, for herself and Deputy Clerk Tanya Ortiz to be signers on the grant for reimbursement. This grant is for plan, design, construct, and equip the wastewater treatment plant.

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

## PLANNING AND ZONING

18. Discussion/Action- Bros Detailing Enterprises, LLC -112 S. Foy Street

Planning and Zoning Chair Cordell Jones stated he is in favor of this business, there is concerns from the committee of potential for hazardous waste such as antifreeze or transmission fluid entering the septic system. Also, the property has no running water. The business owners are using Jonathan Alvarado's hose from his home, as well as paying half of the electricity bill. The property has been used for commercial business back in 1905 but the city has no paper work on were this was approved. So, what is needed is an agreement on a conditional use permit. Mayor Ojinaga would not like for cars to be parked there for day and days. He does not want it to be a problem like the M&M Auto shop. The council tabled this item until the business can get a conditional use permit and its requirements and a business license.

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

## CLOSED SESSION

19. Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1 (H-2) NMSA 1978 for Limited Personnel Matters Pertaining to Hire of Police Officer and Demotion of Lead Man in Maintenance Department

Motion made by Councilor Medina to enter closed session, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.  
Voting Yea: Councilor Medina, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales to enter open session, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.

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

### **ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

20. Discussion/Action- Demotion of Lead Man in Maintenance Department

Demotion of Lead Man back a maintenance worker Mark Diaz and to return pay to \$16.80 an hour.

Motion made by Councilor F. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor E. Gonzales.

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

21. Discussion/Action- Hire Police Officer

To Hire Certified Officer Jonathon Saucedo at the pay rate of \$24 an hour.

Motion made by Councilor E. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor F. Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Mayor Ojinaga, Councilor E. Gonzales, Councilor Ortiz

Voting Nay: Councilor Medina, Councilor F. Gonzales

### **OTHER ACTION FOR PERSONNEL**

22. Discussion/Action- Hire Temporary Part-time Library Assistant

Head Librarian Renee recommended Barbra Susan Bradly with the starting pay of \$14.75 an hour. She will not receive benefits. She will be working on Saturdays for 6 hours and other 10 hours will be through the week as needed.

Motion made by Councilor F. Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor G. Gonzales.

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

23. Discussion- Resignation Letter from Utility Clerk

No action needed

### **MAYOR, COUNCILORS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Wastewater Director Robert Terrazas stated he did have E. coli came out in his samples; he is draying his tanks and will be cleaning them very well. The rest of the wastewater treatment plant is running well.

Maintenance Supervisor Michael Paez stated the 1-million-gallon tank project is moving along and the engineers are on schedule for a completion date in April.

Librarian Renee stated her Thanksgiving break program when well. She has some programs planned of winter break. The next library board meeting is scheduled for December 12. at 4pm.

Asst. Fire Chief Frank Gomez stated the fire department will be helping with shop with the cop December 16th. On December 19, the Cobre Daycare asked if the department can do a parade with Santa. On December 21st will be the parade for the city. The department has two new members. The fire department set up a Facebook page.

Police Chief Hector thanked the mayor and council for the hiring another police officer. Chief Carrillo is working with a teacher from Bayard Elem. to put together the 1st Annual Shop with a Cop for the mining district. Chief received this new Durango.

Councilor Frances Gonzales stated the housing meeting is next Wednesday.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Regular Meeting - January 15, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:11 pm

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John L. Ojinaga  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Martha Salas  
Clerk Treasurer

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

| <u>VENDOR</u>        | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                             | <u>AMOUNT</u>      | <u>P.O.</u> |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|-------------|
|                      | <u>GENERAL FUND - 10-31 Police</u>             |                    | <u>P.O.</u> |
| Oreilly Auto Parts   | Supplies for November                          | \$755.94           |             |
| Ace Hardware         | Supplies for the City                          | \$1.21             | 11034       |
| Ace Hardware         | Supplies for the City                          | \$30.67            | 11034       |
| Quill Corporation    | 2025 Calenders for Police                      | \$173.30           | 11053       |
| U.S. Post Office     | Post Office Box for Police yearly renewal fee  | \$154.00           |             |
| Ricoh                | Printers monthly Service                       | \$41.16            |             |
| Ricoh                | Printers monthly Service                       | \$67.30            |             |
| New Mexico Gas Co.   | Monthly Bill for Public Safety                 | \$76.49            |             |
| SBA Monarch Tower    | Tower Site Rent NM40194-A-07                   | \$303.88           |             |
| SBA Monarch Tower    | Tower Site Rent NM40194-A-07                   | \$303.88           |             |
| Allsup Land Survey   | Land Survey                                    | \$3,644.44         |             |
| SBA Monarch Tower    | Tower Site Rental NM4019-A-07                  | \$303.88           |             |
| WEX Bank             | City Monthly Fuel Usage, November              | \$998.39           |             |
| Lexis Nexis          | Software for Police                            | \$215.25           |             |
| Krystal Mountain Wat | Public Safety Monthly Drinking Water           | \$19.22            |             |
| Xfinity              | PD Monthly Internet Bill 10-31-57030           | \$244.85           |             |
| Century Link         | City Monthly Fax Bill                          | \$218.86           |             |
| Civic Plus LLC       | Municode Meetings Premium Annual Renewal       | \$400.00           |             |
| T-Mobile             | Citys Geotabs bill for Decmeber                | \$643.67           |             |
| T-Mobile             | Citys Monthly Cell Phone and MIFI Bill Dec 202 | \$126.00           |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |  | <b>\$ 8,722.39</b> |             |
|                      | <u>GENERAL FUND - 10-24 City Hall</u>          |                    | <u>P.O.</u> |
| Ace Hardware         | Supplies for the City                          | \$127.96           | 11034       |
| Morning Star         | Shirts and Jackets for CH                      | \$310.00           | 11072       |
| Ricoh                | Printers monthly Service                       | \$41.17            |             |
| Ricoh                | Printers monthly Service                       | \$90.62            |             |
| PNM                  | 603 Tom Foy Blvd Unit X-mas                    | \$52.31            |             |



TOTAL

\$109.67

SOLID WASTE FUND - 160

P.O.

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| Beasley, Mitchell  |  |                   |  |
| NM811              | Audit Services- progress bill                    | \$630.36          |  |
|                    | Annual Associate Membership                      | \$25.00           |  |
| Civic Plus LLC     | Municode Meetings Premium Annual Renewal         | \$400.00          |  |
| Stone, McGee 7 Co. | General Correspondence, provide working paper \$ | 50.00             |  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>      |  | <b>\$1,105.36</b> |  |

JNT WASTEWATER FUND - 170

P.O.

|                      |   |            |       |
|----------------------|---|------------|-------|
| Ace Hardware         | Supplies for the City                           | \$71.82    | 11034 |
| Ace Hardware         | Supplies for the City                           | \$132.45   | 11034 |
| Keenan Supply        | Drum of Citric Acid and Saddles for WW          | \$2,471.17 | 11050 |
| American Linen& Unif | WW Weekly Uniform Maint 12/23                   | \$50.71    |       |
| American Linen& Unif | WW Weekly Uniform Maint 12/30                   | \$50.71    |       |
| HughesNet            | Internet Bill for Wastewater                    | \$138.35   |       |
| Stantec              | 5747-CIF-Well Field and pressure reducing valve | \$2,171.44 |       |
| The UPS Store        | WW Weekly Sample Shipment 12/18/24              | \$255.20   |       |
| Beasley, Mitchell    | Audit Services- progress bill                   | \$630.37   |       |
| Eurofins             | Plant Tests 12/12/24                            | \$221.71   |       |
| HMS                  | Tdap Vaccine and Fee for Gary Arellano          | \$162.00   |       |
| WEX Bank             | City Monthly Fuel Usage, November               | \$299.83   |       |
| Eurofins             | Plant Tests 11/21/24                            | \$291.66   |       |
| The UPS Store        | WW Weekly Sample Shipment 12/16                 | \$41.27    |       |
| American Linen& Unif | WW Weekly Uniform Maint                         | \$50.71    |       |
| NM811                | Annual Associate Membership                     | \$25.00    |       |
| Krystal Mountain Wat | WW Monthly Drinking Water                       | \$41.89    |       |
| PNM                  | Monthly Bill for Wastewater                     | \$8,936.36 |       |
| Century Link         | City Monthly Fax Bill                           | \$201.29   |       |

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| The UPS Store      |  |  |  |
| Stone, McGee & Co. |  |  |  |
| Text My Gov        |  |  |  |
| Eurofins           |  |  |  |
| Eurofins           |  |  |  |
| T-Mobile           |  |  |  |
| T-Mobile           |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>      |  |  |  |

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| WW Weekly Sample Shipment 12/11                | \$442.72           |
| General Correspondence- provide working paper  | \$50.00            |
| Software Management and Support Feb 25-Jan 2   | \$700.00           |
| WW Plant Tests 12/19/2024                      | \$221.71           |
| WW Plant Tests 12/05/24                        | \$426.20           |
| Citys Geotabs bill for December                | \$62.14            |
| Citys Monthly Cell Phone and MIFI Bill Dec 202 | \$14.00            |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                                  | <b>\$18,160.71</b> |

MUNICIPAL COURT FUND - 20

|                    |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| New Mexico Gas Co. |  |  |  |
| Beasley Mitchell   |  |  |  |
| Xfinity            |  |  |  |
| Century Link       |  |  |  |
| Stone, McGee & Co. |  |  |  |
| Text My Gov        |  |  |  |
| T-Mobile           |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>      |  |  |  |

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| Monthly Bill for Public Safety                 | \$85.67  |
| Audit Services- progress bill                  | \$630.37 |
| Public Safety Monthly Internet Bill            | \$96.99  |
| City Monthly Fax Bill                          | \$128.36 |
| General Correspondence, provide working paper: | \$50.00  |
| Software Management and Support Feb25-Jan 2    | \$700.00 |
| Citys Geotabs bill for December                | \$43.83  |

**TOTAL:** \$ 1,735.22

COMM. CENTER FUND - 200

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| New Mexico Gas Co. |  |  |  |
| Century Link       |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>      |  |  |  |

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Community Center Monthly Bill | \$190.57 |
| City Monthly Fax Bill         | \$194.44 |

**TOTAL:** \$ 385.01

Ace Hardware  
 Rainbow Painting  
 Ricoh  
 Ricoh  
 PNM  
 New Mexico Gas Co.  
 Xfinity  
 Krystal Mountain Wat  
 Century Link  
 Text My Gov  
 T-Mobile

LIBRARY FUND - 210

Supplies for the City  
 Library Cards  
 Printers monthly Service  
 Printers monthly Service  
 Monthly Bill for library  
 Monthly Bill for library  
 Library Monthly Internet Bill  
 Library Monthly Drinking Water  
 City Monthly Fax Bill  
 Software Management and Support Feb 25-Jan 2  
 Citys Geotabs bill for December

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\$30.67 11034  
 \$567.00 10980  
 \$41.17  
 \$49.35  
 \$378.46  
 \$118.47  
 \$290.99  
 \$26.80  
 \$101.06  
 \$700.00  
 \$44.76

TOTAL:

\$ 2,348.73

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Oreilly Auto Parts  
 Ace Hardware  
 Civic Plus LLC

MUNICIPAL STREETS FUND- 240

Supplies for November  
 Supplies for the City  
 Municode Meetings Premium Annual Renewal

\$104.86  
 \$110.03 11034  
 \$400.00

TOTAL:

\$ 614.89

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EMS FUND - 320



TOTAL:

\$

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Maintenance 150

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| Oreilly Auto Parts                             |            |  |       |
| Ace Hardware                                   |            |  |       |
| Ace Hardware                                   |            |  |       |
| Baker Utility Supply                           |            |  |       |
| Badger Meter                                   |            |  |       |
| PNM  |            |  |       |
| New Mexico Gas Co.                             |            |  |       |
| Beasley, Mitchell                              |            |  |       |
| Allsup Land Survey                             |            |  |       |
| WEX Bank                                       |            |  |       |
| NM811  |            |  |       |
| Krystal Mountain Wat                           |            |  |       |
| Civic Plus LLC                                 |            |  |       |
| Stone, McGee & Co.                             |            |  |       |
| Text My Gov                                    |            |  |       |
| T-Mobile                                       |            |  |       |
| T-Mobile                                       |            |  |       |
| Xfinity  |            |  |       |
| Supplies for November                          | \$49.15    |  |       |
| Supplies for the City                          | \$187.43   |  | 11034 |
| Supplies for the City                          | \$11.83    |  | 11034 |
| Repair Clamps and Meter Coupling               | \$1,200.34 |  | 10757 |
| Monthly Meter Services                         | 326.58     |  |       |
| Cameron CRK/CITY Wells Unit PMP#3              | \$44.21    |  |       |
| Monthly Bill for Maint                         | \$248.89   |  |       |
| Audit Services- progress bill                  | \$630.36   |  |       |
| Land Survey                                    | \$3,644.43 |  |       |
| City Monthly Fuel Usage, November              | \$586.17   |  |       |
| Annual Associate Membership                    | \$25.00    |  |       |
| Maint Monthly Drinking Water Bill              | \$26.78    |  |       |
| Municode Meetings Premium Annual Renewal       | \$400.00   |  |       |
| General Correspondence, provide working paper: | \$50.00    |  |       |
| Software Management and Support Feb 25-Jan 2   | \$700.00   |  |       |
| Citys Geotabs bill for December                | \$92.42    |  |       |
| Citys Monthly Cell Phone and MIFI Bill Dec 202 | \$126.00   |  |       |
| Monthly bill for Maint                         | \$118.04   |  |       |

TOTAL:

\$

8,467.63

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Sierra Communications  
 New Mexico Gas Co.  
 Basley, Mitchell  
 WEX Bank  
 Xfinity  
 AirGas SW  
 Stone, McGee & Co.  
 T-Mobile  
 T-Mobile  
 Xfinity

**FIRE FUND-30**  
 Installation of radio for Rescue 1 \$ 262.50 10929  
 Monthly Bill for Public Safety \$143.79  
 Audit Services- progress bill \$630.37  
 City Monthly Fuel Usage, November \$155.25  
 Public Safety Monthly Internet Bill \$97.00  
 Rent Cylinder Oxygen Tanks for Fire \$78.70  
 General Correspondence, provide working paper \$50.00  
 Citys Geotabs bill for December \$43.83  
 Citys Monthly Cell Phone and MIFI Bill Dec 202 \$14.00  
 Monthly bill for fire 30-32-57030 \$11.37

**TOTAL:** \$ 1,486.81 P.O.

Ace Hardware  
 WEX Bank  
 NM811  
 Civic Plus LLC

**SEWER FUND-155**  
 Supplies for the City \$69.84 11034  
 City Monthly Fuel Usage, November \$195.39  
 Annual Associate Membership \$25.00  
 Municode Meetings Premium Annual Renewal \$400.00

**TOTAL:** \$690.23 P.O.

Rough Country  
 ProForce

**Law Enforcement Protection Fund 60**  
 Leveling Kits for Police Units \$ 215.15 11070  
 9MM Optic Ready Gun for Police \$ 468.75 10632

**TOTAL:** \$ 683.90 P.O.

Beautification 430

TOTAL: \$0.00

PROJECTS

|                      |   |             |
|----------------------|---|-------------|
| Stantec              | 5748-CIF-Oak Street Lift Station and wastewater | \$2,461.36  |
| Stantec              | Bayard IMG Water Tank Rehab                     | \$10,932.44 |
| IDEUM, INC           | Bayard Museum Master Plan                       | \$10,849.68 |
| IDEUM, INC           | Milestone-5 Bayard Museum Master Planning Rf    | 18,157.41   |
| SmithCo Construction | Water System Improvements-IMG Water Ta          | 212,482.57  |

TOTAL: \$ 254,883.46

TOTAL: \$ 307,889.57

**BAYARD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
DECEMBER, 2024**

**Traffic Activity**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Accidents           | 6   |
| Traffic stops made  | 146 |
| Citations Issued    | 109 |
| Municipal 86        |     |
| Magistrate 0        |     |
| Written Warnings 23 |     |
| Stop Sign 5         |     |
| DWI                 | 1   |
| Motorist Assists    | 3   |
| Reckless driver     | 1   |
| Parking violation   | 2   |
| Traffic complaints  | 1   |

**Criminal Activity**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Arrests                 | 8 |
| Burglary/Larceny        | 2 |
| Criminal damage         | 1 |
| Domestic calls          | 4 |
| Inj./Tamp. with vehicle | 1 |
| Harassment              | 3 |
| Unwanted subject        | 3 |
| Shoplifting             | 1 |
| Battery                 | 1 |
| B&E                     | 1 |
| Disturbance             | 2 |
| Narcotic violation      | 1 |

**General Activity**

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Suspicious Vehicle or person | 12 |
| Escorts                      | 3  |
| Welfare check                | 8  |
| Meetings                     | 4  |
| Trainings                    | 2  |
| Follow up investigations     | 5  |
| Alarm                        | 1  |
| Shots fired                  | 2  |
| Animal call                  | 28 |
| Smoke                        | 2  |
| Court                        | 3  |
| Citizen assist               | 6  |
| Public service requests      | 5  |
| Citizen contact              | 2  |
| Frequent patrol              | 7  |
| Business checks              | 8  |
| Custodial interference       | 2  |

Agency assists 1  
NMSP-welfare check

**Offense/Incident reports generated** **16**

Breaking & Entering  
Citizen Assists  
Disorderly conduct; Resisting, Evading, Obstructing an officer  
Larceny (over \$250)  
Criminal damage; Possession of drug paraphernalia  
Supplemental report  
Warrant arrest  
Battery  
Battery against a household member  
Battery upon a household member  
Larceny  
Warrant arrest  
Warrant arrest  
Warrant arrest  
DWI; Criminal damage to property  
Injuring/Tampering with a motor vehicle

**Calls in Bayard handled by GCSO** **22**

Unwanted subject 1  
Welfare check 3  
Citizen assist 2  
Alarm 1  
Suspicious activity 5  
Breaking & Entering 1  
Domestic 3  
Animal calls 2  
Overdose 1  
Civil stand by 1  
Disturbance 2











Vehicle Make: ACO UNIT-2020 F-250

| DAY           | Place Purchased | Gal           | Amount          | Quarts        | Amount        | MILEAGE | Invoice PO# | Purchaser |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 5-Dec         | Buttermilks     | 28.08         | 80.00           |               |               | 27875   | 665241      | LG-946    |
| 24-Dec        | Buttermilks     | 30.015        | 84.01           |               |               | 28104   | 686854      | LG-946    |
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| <b>TOTALS</b> |                 | <b>58.095</b> | <b>\$164.01</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> |         |             |           |

Recapitulation

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Fuel         | \$164.01        |
| Oil          |                 |
| Mic          |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$164.01</b> |

Speedometer Reading

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| End of month mileage   | 28104 |
| First of month mileage | 27875 |
| Total miles            | 229   |
| Miles per gallon       | 3.941 |

Vehicle Make: #105

| DAY           | Place Purchased        | Gal           | Amount          | Quarts        | Amount        | MILEAGE | Invoice PO# | Purchaser |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 3-Dec         | Snappy 210             | 22.904        | 66.63           |               |               | 1442    | 614625      | HC-941    |
| 6-Dec         | Tularosa Travel Center | 15.947        | 43.04           |               |               | 1733    | 32450       | HC-941    |
| 13-Dec        | Snappy 210             | 20.55         | 59.78           |               |               | 2065    | 616522      | HC-941    |
| 20-Dec        | Snappy 210             | 18.398        | 51.68           |               |               | 2285    | 617934      | HC-941    |
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| <b>TOTALS</b> |                        | <b>77.799</b> | <b>\$221.13</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> |         |             |           |

Recapitulation

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Fuel         | \$221.13        |
| Oil          |                 |
| Mic          |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$221.13</b> |

Speedometer Reading

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|------------------------|--------|
| End of month mileage   | 2285   |
| First of month mileage | 1442   |
| Total miles            | 843    |
| Miles per gallon       | 10.836 |

## BAYARD ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

OFFICER: FRANKIE GOMEZ #946

MONTH OF: December

| DATE       | TIME RECEIVED | SOURCE OF COMPLAINT | COMPLAINANT, LOCATION, TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND ACTION TAKEN                      |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|---|
| 12/02/2024 | 0730          |                     | Snell School Zones  |
|            | 0900          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Poplar st, maple st,   |
|            | 1000          | Animal              | Loose dog. Chino st. Neg contact  |
|            | 1225          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Watson st, Blackhawk, Rodgers st.                            |
|            | 1350          | Animal              | 800 Watson loose dog. Negative Contact  |
|            | 1530          |                     | Snell School Zones  |
| 12/03/2024 | 0715          |                     | On duty   |
|            | 0730          |                     | Snell School Zones  |
|            | 0900          |                     | Frequent Patrol. East st, Coffee st, Central Ave.                             |
|            | 1102          | Animal              | Dogs Barking. 800 Watson st. Negative contact with dogs barking.              |
|            | 1325          | Animal              | Loose dog Virginia st German Sheppard. Made contact verbal warning.           |
|            | 1530          |                     | Snell School Zone.  |
|            | 1615          |                     | Off Duty  |
| 12/4/2024  | 0715          |                     | On duty   |
|            | 0845          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Lusk, Royal, Dayhill st                                      |
|            | 1018          | Animal              | Rosemary st. Loose dog. (Chihuahua). Took to shelter.                         |
|            | 1254          | Codes               | <del>725</del> Mckee st. Follow up. Made improvements to property.            |
|            | 1450          |                     | Frequent Patrol. North st, N. Franey, Stuart st.                              |
|            | 1530          |                     | Snell School Zones.   |
|            | 1615          |                     | Off duty.   |
| 12/5/2024  | 0715          |                     | On Duty   |
|            | 0730          |                     | Snell School Zones  |
|            | 0825          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Mckee, Bard, Erie st.  |
|            | 0916          | Animal              | 800 Watson st. Barking dogs. Negative Contact.                                |
|            | 1134          | Animal              | Pine St & Poplar. Loose Chihuahuas. Citation x3 issued to Stephanie Steyskal. |
|            | 1352          | Codes               | 901 Empire Sp 14. (unsightly premises). Verbal Warning.                       |

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|           | 1530 |        | Snell School Zones.   |
|           | 1615 |        | Off Duty.   |
| 12/6/2024 | 0715 |        | On Duty   |
|           | 0850 | Animal | Barking Dogs. Mckee st. Negative contact.   |
|           | 1015 |        | Frequent Patrol. Virginia st; Benjamin, Empire, Watson.                                       |
|           | 1050 | Animal | 102. N. Main. large black dog at large. Neg contact with dog. Verbal Warning issued to owner. |
|           | 1432 |        | Patrol. Lusk st, Erie st, steyskal.   |
|           | 1615 |        | Off Duty  |
|           | 0715 |        | On Duty   |
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| DATE       | TIME RECEIVED | SORCE OF COMPLAINT | COMPLAINANT, LOCATION, TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND ACTION TAKEN        |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|---|
| 12/09/2024 | 0715          |                    | On duty   |
|            | 0730          |                    | Snell SZ's  |
|            | 0933          | Animal             | 800 waston. Dogs barking. Neg Contact                           |
|            | 1131          | Animal             | Animal clinic (paperwork)                                       |
|            | 1301          | Animal             | Loose dog 5x. Citations issued <i>Para St Stephanie Skypski</i> |
|            | 1435          |                    | Frequent Patrol. Royal, Taylor, Erie                            |
|            | 1530          |                    | Snell SZ  |
|            | 1615          |                    | Off duty  |
| 12/10/2024 | 0715          |                    | On duty   |
|            | 0730          |                    | Snell SZ  |
|            | 0900          | Animal             | Loose dog N. canyon st. Neg contact                             |
|            | 1130          |                    | Frequent patrol. N. East st, budge, Franey.                     |
|            | 1226          | Animal             | 800 Watson. Barking dog, Neg contact                            |
|            | 1300          |                    | Shop wtih cop   |
|            | 1530          |                    | Snell SZ's  |
| 12/11/2024 | 0715          |                    | On duty   |
|            | 0730          |                    | Snell SZ  |
|            | 0755          | Animal             | 800 watson. Barking dogs. Neg contact                           |
|            | 0845          | Animal             | Deacease dog. Fahey st  |
|            | 1000          | Animal             | 804 Winifred. Follow up on animal cruelty case                  |
|            | 1200          | Codes              | 904 waggoner. Follow up <i>Verbal warning</i>                   |
|            | 1400          |                    | Frequet patrol. Royal, taylor st.                               |
|            | 1530          |                    | Snell SZ  |
|            |               |                    |   |

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

OFFICER: FRANKIE GOMEZ #946

MONTH OF: December

| DATE       | TIME RECEIVED | SOURCE OF COMPLAINT | COMPLAINANT, LOCATION, TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND ACTION TAKEN   |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|--|
| 12/12/2024 | 0715          |                     | On Duty  |
|            | 0730          |                     | School Zones   |
|            | 0900          | Animal              | 803 Watson st. Loose black Pitbull. Neg contact.   |
|            | 1113          | Animal              | Loose grey & white pitbull 713 Lusk. Made Contact at 717 lusk st. Owner was given two citations. |
|            | 1330          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Lusk st   |
|            | 1530          |                     | Snell School Zones.  |
|            | 1615          |                     | Off Duty.  |
| 12/20/2024 | 0715          |                     | On duty  |
|            | 0830          | Animal              | Loose brown shaggy dog. 1001 Blackhawk. Negative contact.  |
|            | 0947          | Codes               | 416 Maple. (Unsightly Premises). Negative contact with owner.                                    |
|            | 1238          | Animal              | Us-180 & mingos. Loose brown Chihuahua. Ran behind food basket. Verbal Warning.                  |
|            | 1420          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Park st, Bayard Elem.   |
|            | 1615          |                     | Off Duty.  |
| 12/23/2024 | 0715          |                     | On Duty  |
|            | 0737          | Animal              | 803 Watson. Barking dogs. Negative contact.  |
|            | 1208          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Orchard, Arsarco, N. Canyon.  |
|            | 1615          |                     | Off duty.  |
| 12/24/2024 | 0715          |                     | On duty.   |
|            | 0729          | Animal              | Barking Dog 803 Watson. Negative on barking at the time.   |
|            | 0915          | Animal              | Two Shaggy dogs on Us-180 & First American Bank. Lost contact behind Guinevan alley.             |
|            | 1200          |                     | Off duty   |
| 12/26/2024 | 0715          |                     | On Duty  |
|            | 0916          | Animal              | Dogs Barking 800 Watson.   |
|            | 1200          | Codes               | 901 Empire st space 14. Citation issued. (unsightly premises)                                    |
|            | 1400          |                     | Frequent Patrol. Mckee, Erie, Royal.   |



## December 2024 Monthly Maintenance Report

### Projects:

#### **City of Bayard 1MG Water Tank Rehab – 181301358**

D&R has completed the roof structural framing, roof sheathing, center support column, floor sheathing, gauge board, access ladder, manways, roof hatched. Waiting on the coating and painting crews. SMITHCO was on site working on valve, inlet, outlet and drain plumbing.

### Maintenance:

This is only a list of the routine activities that were done during this month as follows: checking wells, checking pumps, checking sewer pumps, checking PRV's, working at the cemetery, taking water samples, checking the Little League, checking city parks, checking and servicing vehicles, doing meter turn-ons and turn-offs, checking on plugged sewers, and other customer concerns, checking on the chlorine system, janitorial and being available for whatever problems come along.

#### Water and Sewer;

2 water leaks

5 sewers. 3 sewer preventive maintenance

# City of Bayard Wastewater Treatment Plant

## Monthly Report for December 2024

12-02-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers and run plant test, check N Hurley lift station and turn number one drying bed, turn stockpile, clean UV building.

12-03-2024: Make plant rounds, wash down clarifiers, run plant test, and haul two loads of sludge to silver landfill, clean wash water building.

12-04-2024: Make plant rounds and collect all water sample, run all plant test and take water samples to silver UPS, clean Ras room building, clean lab building.

12-05-2024 Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers and run plant test, check N Hurley lift station and haul two loads of sludge to silver landfill, clean out blower building.

12-09-2024 Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers and run plant test, check N Hurley lift station and haul 2 loads of sludge to silver landfill, turn number one drying bed and turn sludge pile.

12-10-2024: Make plant rounds, wash down clarifier, run plant test and started washing down filter basin at rec plant, ran screw press all day and dump the dump truck, take out flow meter at Rec plant.

12-11-2024: Make plant rounds and collect all water sample, run all plant test and collect samples for 24hrs test and fill up bottles, take water samples to silver UPS, finish washing down filter basin.



12-12-2024 Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers and run plant test, check North Hurley lift station and turn # 1 drying bed, clean up lab building.

12-16-2024: Make plant rounds, wash down clarifiers, run plant test and check North Hurley lift station and turn # 1 drying bed, turn stock pile, go to city hall and turn in paper work.

12-17-2024: Make plant rounds and run all plant tests and collect all water samples and run samples to UPS in silver, change out oil on gear box at screw press.

12-18-2024: Make plant rounds and run all plant tests and collect all water samples and run samples to UPS in silver, clean up shop, clean bar screen.

12-19-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers, run plant test, check north hurley lift station, turn # 1 drying bed, went to ace hardware to pick up parts for lance, clean lab building.

12-23-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers, run plant test and check north hurley lift station, installed pumps at rec plant, dump number 2 & 3 digester to number 2 drying bed.

12-24-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers, had Christmas lunch at city hall and let out early from work.

12-26-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers, run plant test and check north hurley lift station, changed out barrels at north hurley lift station.

12-30-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers, run plant test and check north hurley lift station, turn 1 & 2 drying beds, started to clean rec plant.

12-31-2024: Make plant rounds and wash down clarifiers, run plant test and finished cleaning rec plant, build air lance for the bar screen.

**January 15, 2025, Bayard Public Library Council Report**

Winter Break Programming was not well attended. Next year, we will plan less for Winter Break Programming. Many families were busy with the holidays and sick.

We aim to open on Saturdays starting in mid-February.

We will be hosting once again the AARP Free Tax Help for seniors and low-income people starting on February 3rd.

The next Library Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 23 at 4 pm in the library conference room. Starting in February, the Library Board will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 4 pm while we draft a comprehensive library policy. After the policy is drafted the library board will meet quarterly.



# Bayard Elementary School

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Wendy Tow, Principal  
Christopher Muniz, Administrative Assistant

## Proposal for Installing a Little Library at Bayard Community Park

### Introduction:

This proposal outlines a plan to establish a Little Library within Bayard Community Park, providing a community space for free book exchange, promoting literacy, and fostering a sense of shared connection amongst community members.

### Objectives:

- Enhance accessibility to books for all ages within the community.
- Encourage a culture of reading and sharing within the park environment.
- Create a visible community hub that promotes interaction and engagement.
- Foster a positive and inclusive atmosphere within the park.

### Proposed Location:

- **Site:** South East corner of the park.
- **Rationale:** High visibility, Allows staff to check on conditions when driving into work, proximity to well-traveled pathways, and minimal disruption to existing park amenities.

### Design and Construction:

- **Little Free Library Structure:**
  - Simple wooden construction
  - Weather-resistant materials for durability.
  - Accessible size and shelving for a diverse selection of books.
  - Optional features: decorative elements painted by students and art teacher.
- **Installation:**
  - Securely mounted on a sturdy post to prevent vandalism and ensure stability.
  - Wheelchair accessibility.

### Maintenance and Management:

- **Community Stewardship:**

- **Metrics:** user feedback, observed community engagement around the library.
- **Regular Review:** Periodic assessments to evaluate the effectiveness and identify potential areas for improvement.

Conclusion:

Establishing a Little Library at Bayard Community Park will significantly enhance the park experience by providing a valuable community resource that promotes literacy, engagement, and a sense of shared ownership. This initiative aligns with the schools mission to provide learning opportunities to the greater community and encourage a love of reading.

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# A WILD & SCENIC DESIGNATION FOR THE GILA RIVER

## Context

The Gila River is the **only remaining** undammed, mainstem river in New Mexico.

94% of the river miles of New Mexico’s major rivers have their flow affected by dams.

There have been **four** significant attempts to dam or divert the Gila River.

## How it Works

A **Wild and Scenic Designation** is a federal protection that is passed into law by Congress.

It is the only way to permanently prevent a major dam or diversion project on a free-flowing river.

## Bill Details

Name: M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

First introduced to Congress: 2019

Includes approx. 450 river miles of the Gila and San Francisco rivers and their tributaries across 30 segments

## Key Benefits

Protects cultural heritage for future generations.

Stimulates economic growth and promotes a tourism and recreation-based economy.

Preserves irreplaceable natural systems dependent on free-flowing rivers.



## Important Facts

- ✓ No effect on private property rights
- ✓ No effect on existing water rights
- ✓ No effect on recreation access

Learn more and reach out:

[wildgilariver.org](http://wildgilariver.org)

[luke@nmwild.org](mailto:luke@nmwild.org)

# Planning Report

Master Planning for  
The Union Hall Community History Center  
Prepared for the City of Bayard

December 2024

# Project Overview

## Executive Summary

### Rationale

The purpose and goals of the Union Hall Master Plan is to explore the potential for renovating and repurposing the existing Union Hall building to serve as an history center for the interpretation of the role of the mining industry in the formation and development of the communities of Grant County, with a focus on Union Hall and the role of the local unions, and the context and events around the Zinc Empire Strike.

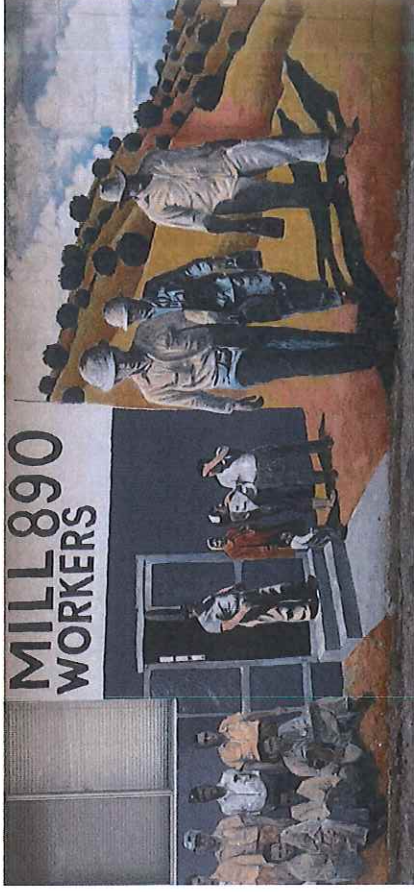
### Mission and Vision

The Mission of the Union Hall Community History Center is to serve both tourists and local residents by building awareness, appreciation and understanding of the local mining history and to record, share, and

celebrate the mining district's history and culture

### Specifically to:

- Serve as a vital way to preserve and communicate the region's cultural heritage and build community around shared experiences;
- Demonstrate how residents and miners can work together to sustain a mining community;
- Cultivate an appreciation and understanding of the role and impact of labor union activity as told through the mining history of the region;
- Tell the stories of the people who lived and work here.



*“The Bayard Union Hall building has tremendous historical and cultural significance for its association with the union and the Empire Zinc Mine strike. Although the building is modest, its importance comes from the story it has to tell.”*

Excerpted from *The Grant County, New Mexico Strategic Recommendations & Action Plan* by Angelou Economics



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Corrales, NM 87048



# Project Overview

## Executive Summary

### Goals and Local Impact

The rationale for the Union Hall Community History Center is to create a positive local impact. The following points make the case for how this project can have a real impact on the local community through building community, economic development, historic preservation and restoration, and stewardship of the historic legacy of the mining district.

- Providing a missing locus for communicating the history of the community, especially to younger generations.
- Preserving and restoring a historic site that embodies and enshrines important events in the heritage of the community.
- Building a greater sense of community and help to mend the existing divide (ethnic divides, union vs non-union divides) within the community.
- Providing new educational opportunities for local schools, and new opportunities for youth to be constructively engaged in community activities.
- Providing an additional cultural tourism destination and “link in the chain” of a network of historic heritage sites, including the Five Points Initiative, to help create the critical mass necessary to draw visitors to the local mining district and the City of Bayard specifically.
- Providing a place to go - a “third space” - in Bayard where there are limited options of public places to gather.
- Attracting past residents to visit.
- Increasing out-of-town business traffic to local stores and restaurants.
- Contributing to the braintrust of local non-profit organizations.

### Target Audiences

The Union Hall experience can maximize its impact by embracing a range of visitor types and reasons for coming.

#### For Local Residents and Students, a place where:

- The community’s sense of identity, pride and shared history can be promoted and celebrated.
- Local oral histories can be recorded and shared.
- The strengthening of community, and healing from collective and generational trauma can be facilitated and nurtured.
- A younger generation can learn about and develop a greater appreciation for their local heritage.

#### For Affinity Groups, a place that can:

- Inspire previous residents to return to visit or live.
- Attract visitors with a mining, union, or geological interest or background as an engaging and compelling example of the historic forces around mining in the southwest.

#### For Regional Tourists, a place that can:

- Provide additional things to see and do in the vicinity.
- Serve as part of a larger southwest mining tour.

#### For Out of State Tourists

- Have an interesting experience and learn something new.
- Feel that their time has been used well.
- Recommend a visit to Union Hall and the Five Points sites to relatives and friends.



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# Vision

## The Site



Upon approaching the new Union Hall, visitors are greeted by a symbolic headframe signaling the presence of this Community History Center. Period mining equipment punctuates the forecourt landscaping, communicating the historical tone and context of the site. During special events, the forecourt can become a celebratory area for market stalls and food trucks.

**ideum**  
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# Vision

## Storyline

### “Sustaining a Mining Community”

The exhibition storyline centers on “Community” and how a mining community works together to ensure its sustenance, welfare and continuance. The telling of this story begins with the distinctive aspects of the region’s settlement and mining history and how local communities were shaped by adapting to these different eras of mining. The story highlights Union activity and the Empire Zinc Strike as case studies and examples of the determination of the residents to maintain their community and improve their quality of life. The telling of this history revolves around the local “Way of Life” showcasing personal experiences over a history of mining developments and events. Throughout, the story is interpreted through the lens of how residents can work together to unify a single industry community and and thereby sustain a higher quality of life.

Union Hall stands as a symbol and embodiment for the unification of this community around shared goals and a common future.

### Hook

A “Behind the Scenes” look at mining practices over time is proposed as a logical entry point for visitors while serving as a differentiating attraction element for the project. Providing a first person account of what miners do can serve to better attract and stimulate the curiosity of most visitors.

### Thematic Threads

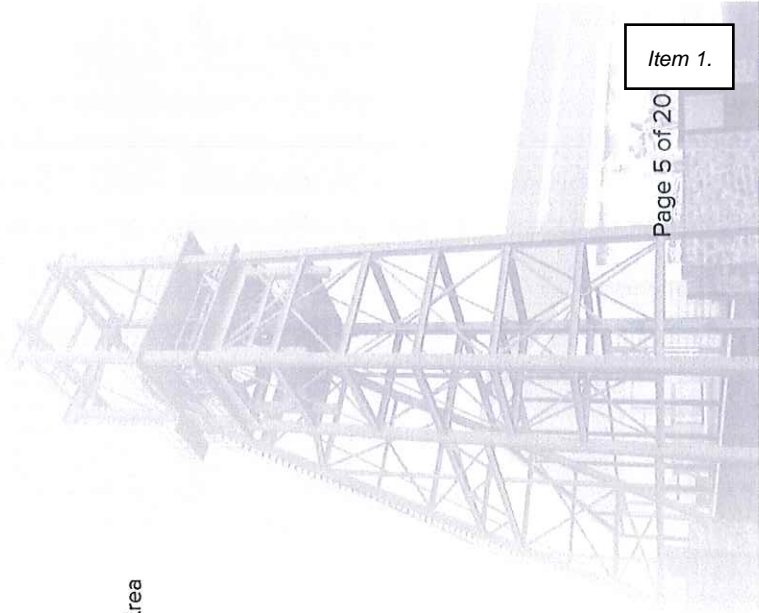
- Way of Life in a company town
- Community formation, cohesion and division
- Working towards a better quality of life
- Organizing for social justice and quality of life
- Continuity of history

### Content Areas

- Introduction
- Regional Mining History
- Behind the Scenes
- Union Hall
- Personal Stories (*Oral Histories*)
- Mural Display
- Temporary Exhibits
- Outdoor Education and Activity Area



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# Vision

## Interior View



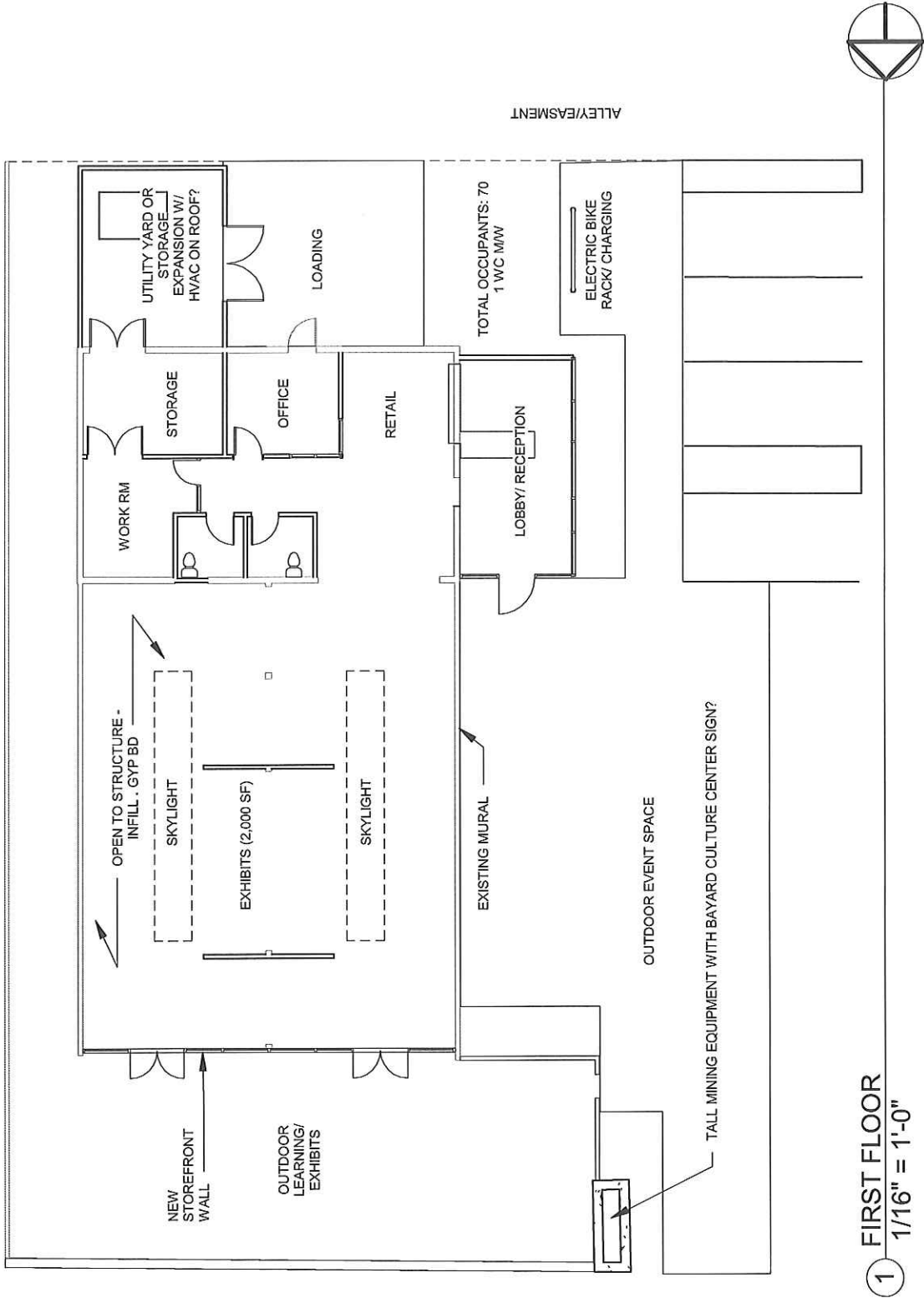
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# Vision Floorplan



1 FIRST FLOOR  
1/16" = 1'-0"

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## Arrival Experience



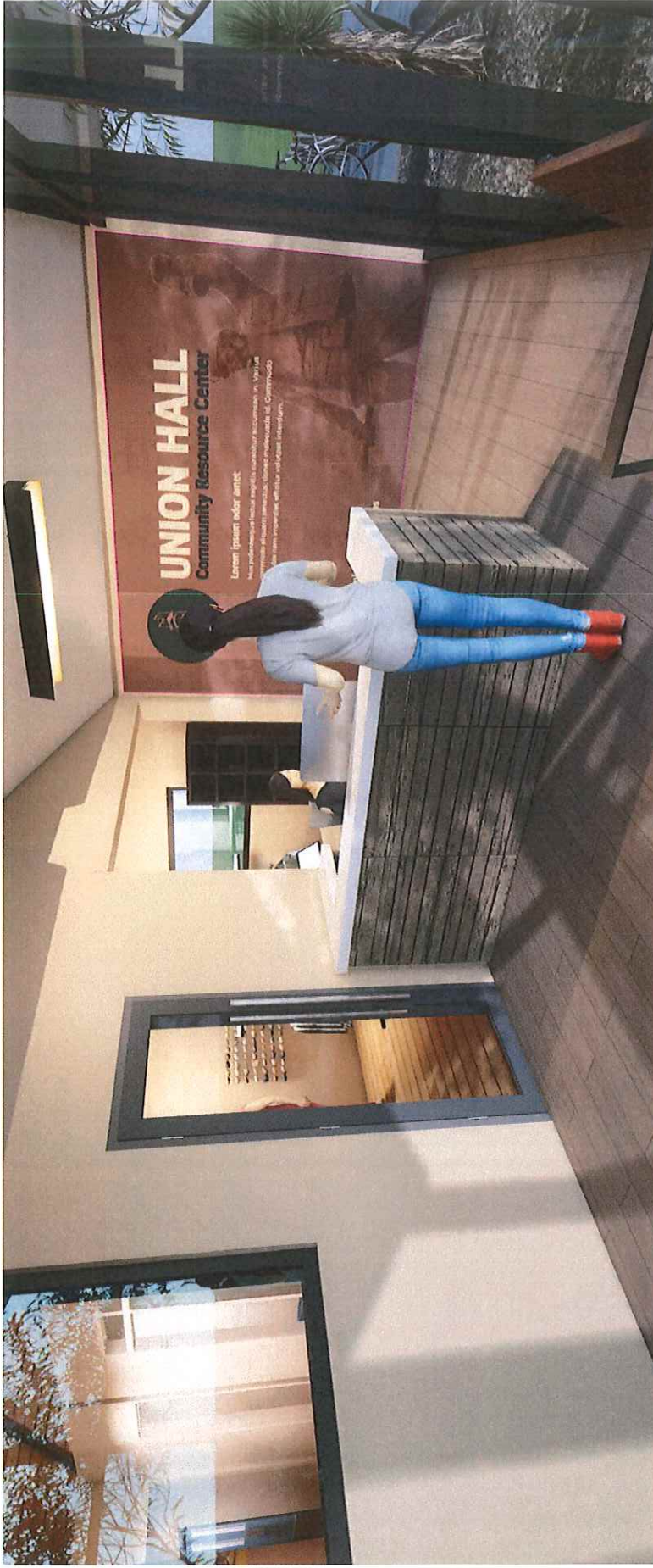
A colorful mural extending the length of the building depicts the Empire Zinc Mine strike. As visitors walk along the length of the mural on their way to the entrance to the building, they can appreciate the storytelling nature of the painting and discover more about it via interpretive panels.



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## Entry Experience



As they pass through the entrance doors they are welcomed by staff or a volunteer who can help orient them to their visit.

Along the northeast side of the building, a shaded area shielded from the street by planting, provides outdoor space for educational activities for local youth, school groups, and the children of visitors.



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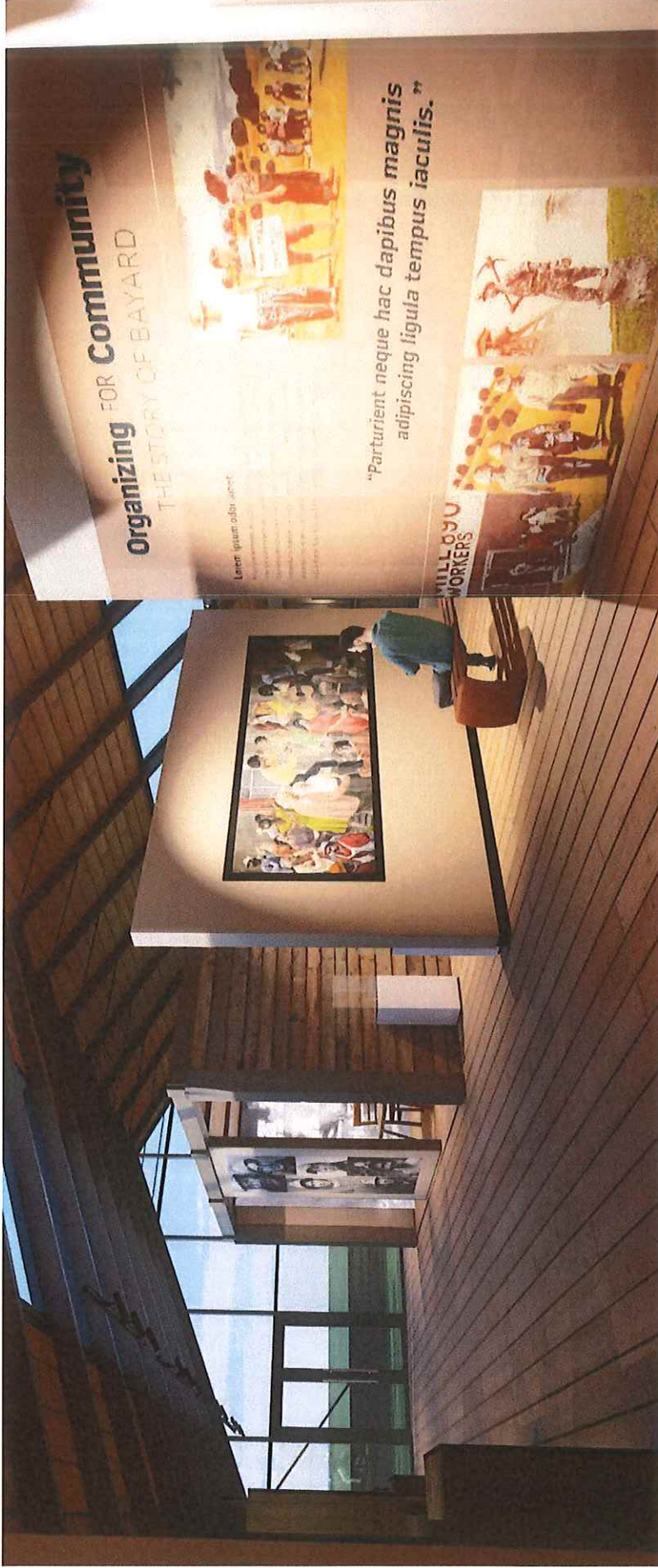
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## The Exhibition



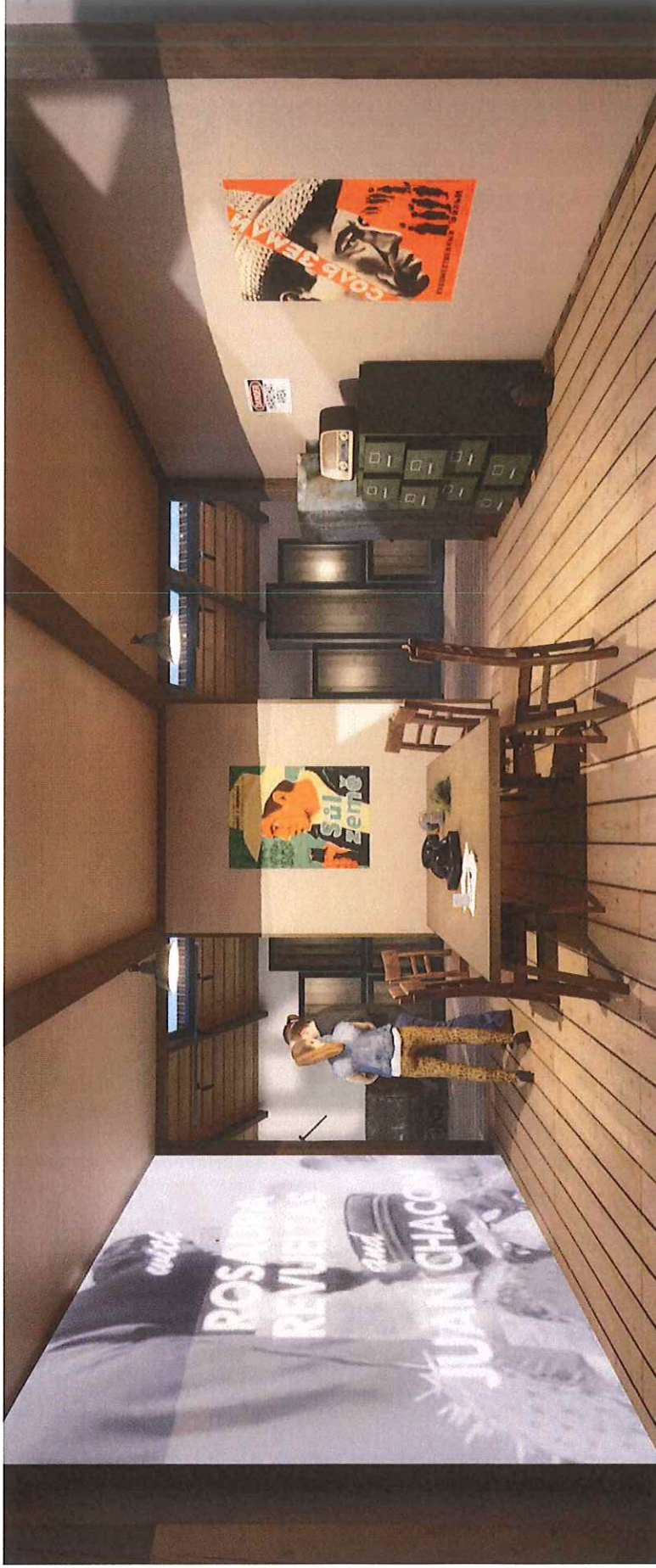
An introductory wall orients visitors to the main themes of the exhibition. The central focal point of the exhibition space is a historic “War Room” setting that recreates the feeling and action that took place during planning sessions occurring inside the Union Hall. This installation serves as both a symbolic anchor to the visitor experience and a place that local residents can utilize as a meeting place. Wrapping around the perimeter of the room is a variety of

interpretive exhibits that offer visitors a range of ways to explore the content and stories behind the district’s mining history and the community life it supports, to the depth and degree they choose. These displays include historic mining tools and equipment, an oral history station, a rotating display of the original murals that adorned the walls, and an art installation honoring the miners of the district.



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## War Room Experience



This central focal exhibit and symbolic anchor is intended to be flexible to accommodate multiple uses by both visitors and residents. This installation is historically staged as a union meeting room with table, chairs, and other period props and documents and can include background ambient audio effects. During visiting hours, it operates as a physical setting that visitors can occupy and explore to catch glimpses into what union meetings were like.

This will be done through overheard audio conversations, video projections of recreated scenes and excerpts from the *Salt of the Earth* film, environmental effects simulating the presence of union members, and document facsimiles. The meeting table can function as a touch table or projection table with interactive text and images. During off hours, the space can be used for small meetings or fundraising events, and the video equipment can be used for presentations.



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## Mural Display



A special exhibit is devoted to showcasing and interpreting the original historic murals restored from the interior of Union Hall. After having been carefully removed, stabilized, conserved, and remounted onto archival backing, the murals are rotated on display. To make all the murals fully accessible at all times, visitors can view digital versions on an interactive touchscreen.

By touching specified “hot spots” on the display, visitors can call up information about particular features they see in the murals and learn about who created them and why. Provision can be made so that the original murals can also be displayed in a traveling exhibition.



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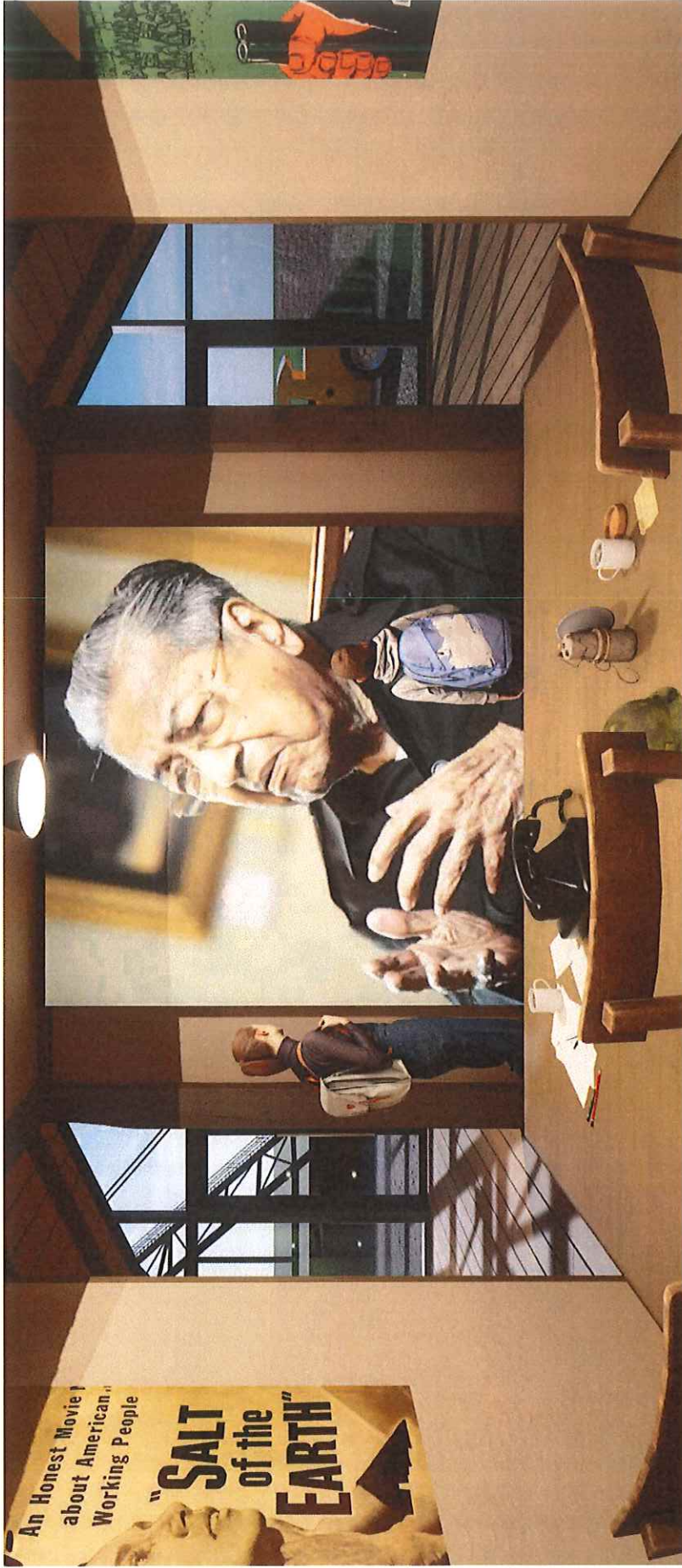
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## Oral History Experience



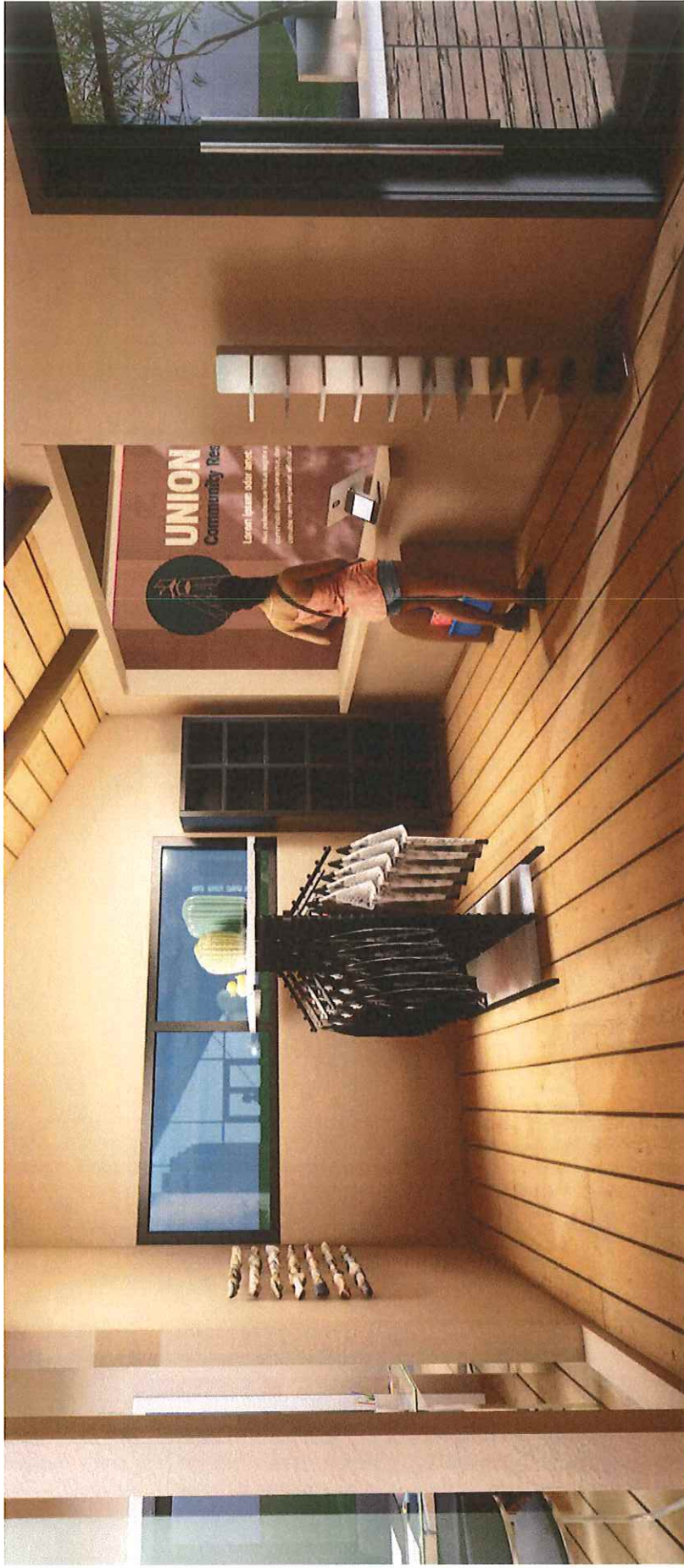
A key component of the project is its oral history project. This project involves the recording, archiving, and playback of personal stories shared by residents of the district. A video wall serves as a playback area where visitors can select curated excerpts on topics or individuals of their choice. Provisions for recording local oral histories can also be provided on-site for use in conjunction with trained staff.



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## Visitor Amenities



A small retail area is provided for the sale of books, souvenirs, and educational toys related to the history of the mining district. The welcome desk doubles as a sales desk for the retail area to process payments. Accessible restrooms are provided near the entrance to the building.



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# Implementation

## Operations

### Staffing and Implementation

A critical component to the longevity and success of the Union Hall experience will be how to sustainably staff and operate the facility. To minimize staffing cost, a hybrid approach is proposed where the project is operated by combination of full time and part time staff, volunteers and interns, complemented by existing City of Bayard personnel, where possible.

A promising possibility is for the project to come under the umbrella of a potential future organization that would operate the other publicly owned Five Points sites. In this scenario, administrative, maintenance and support staff could be shared, where each site has a dedicated exhibit and programming director.

### Regional Alignment and Networking

By becoming a part of a larger network of cultural heritage offerings in the region, the Union Hall stands to have: a broader reach; attract more visitors; have access to greater support; have a greater impact; and a better chance at success.

Networking and partnerships can involve a range of relationships that can include; collaboration on public programming, exhibits and special events, shared marketing and fundraising efforts, research, volunteer support, and off-site activities.

### Networking and Partnership Opportunities

Components of the Five Points Initiative

- Silver City Waterworks - Gateway to the Continental Divide Trail
- Santa Clara Bradley Hotel - Gateway to Historic Fort Bayard
- Hurley Train Depot - Gateway to the Gila region
- Arenas Valley Whiskey Creek Zocalo - Art/food hub with temporary and permanent housing

In addition:

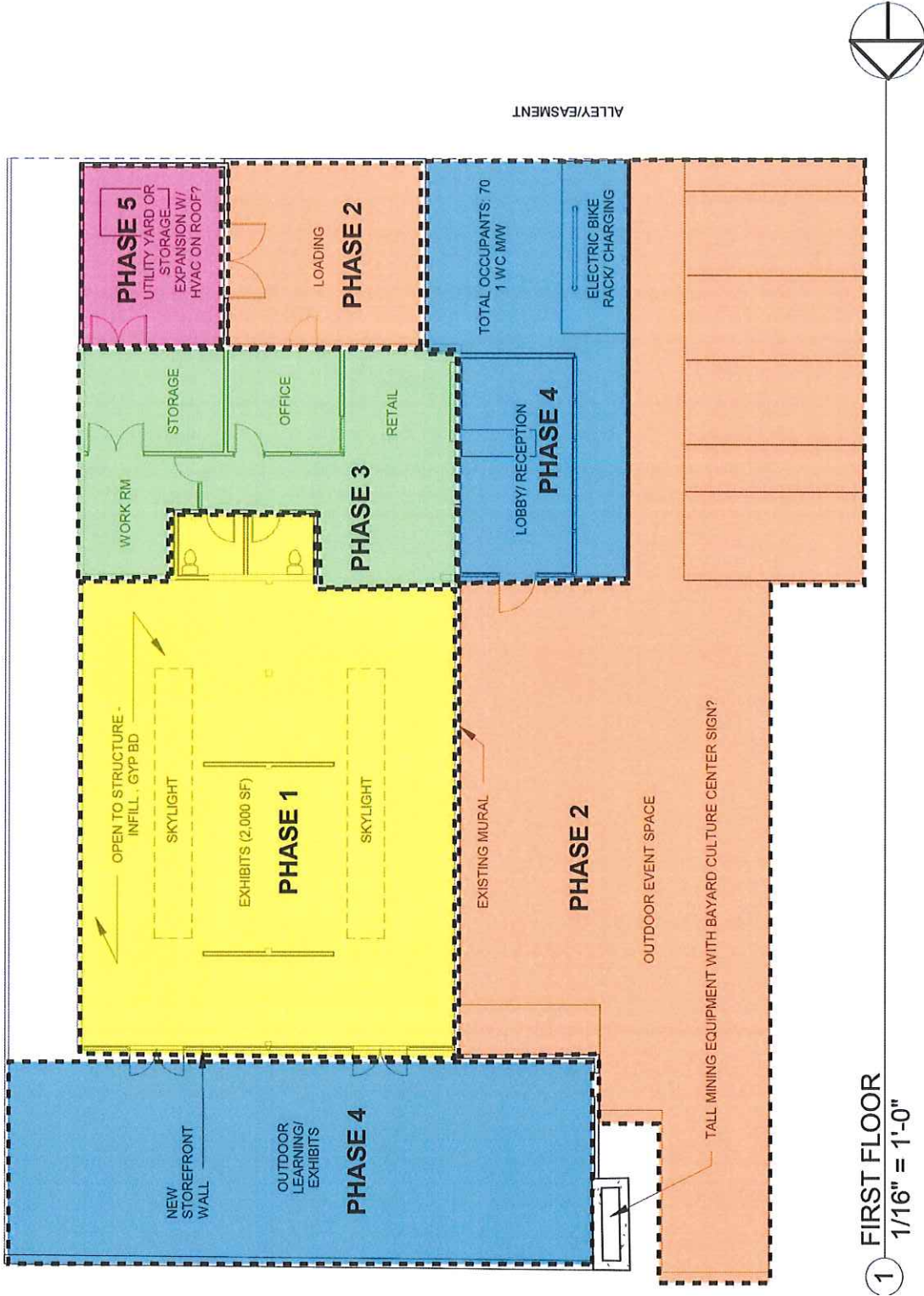
- The local school district
- The City of Bayard Community Center
- The Silver City Museum
- Historic Downtown Silver City
- The Western New Mexico University Museum
- The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs
- The New Mexico History Museum
- The University of New Mexico



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## Proposed Phasing



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## Subtotals

| Category   | Subtotal    | Phase | Scope  | Subtotal    |
|--|-------------|-------|--|-------------|
| Building Demolition & Construction                       | \$1,550,000 | 1     | Interior Demo and Renovation; Primary Interpretive Exhibit                   | \$1,084,200 |
| Architecture, MEP, Structural, and Landscape Design Fees | \$108,500   | 2     | Roof & Site Access Renovation; Introductory Exhibits                         | \$510,300   |
| Exhibit Design, Fabrication, & Installation              | \$1,200,000 | 3     | Office & Exterior Envelope Renovation; Regional Mining History Exhibits      | \$521,000   |
| Paintings Conservation & Traveling Exhibition Production | \$342,000   | 4     | Lobby Addition & Landscape; Behind the Scenes of a Mining Operation Exhibits | \$521,000   |
|  |             | 5     | Storage Addition; History of Bayard Union Hall Exhibits                      | \$564,000   |

**Grand Total \$3,200,500**

# Implementation

## Budget

| Phase | Architecture | Exhibits    | Conservation | Architecture Fees - 7% | Subtotals   |
|-------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1     | \$460,000    | \$250,000   | \$342,000    | \$32,200               | \$1,084,200 |
| 2     | \$290,000    | \$200,000   | \$0          | \$20,300               | \$510,300   |
| 3     | \$300,000    | \$200,000   | \$0          | \$21,000               | \$521,000   |
| 4     | \$300,000    | \$200,000   | \$0          | \$21,000               | \$521,000   |
| 5     | \$200,000    | \$350,000   | \$0          | \$14,000               | \$564,000   |
|       | \$1,550,000  | \$1,200,000 | \$342,000    | \$108,500              | \$3,200,500 |

The quoted costs to conserve the painting artworks inside the Union Hall building are estimated in excess of 10% the total project costs; \$342,000. These fees add considerable costs to phase one of the project because the paintings will need to be stabilized and removed prior to demolition and construction. We recommend that City of Bayard find a painting conservation partner, such as the Conservation Department within the Museum Resources Division of Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), to donate labor or resources to remove, stabilize, and also to conserve these artworks. These efforts could be made in exchange for temporary exhibition of the artworks at the DCA's New Mexico History Museum or at DCA's Historic Sites across the State of New Mexico, honoring the legacy of the Chicano population and its history in Bayard. Since the paintings will need to be removed in order to make the building habitable, please consider the production of a traveling exhibition of these artworks that

could travel to museum destinations around the region, country, and world. This exhibit would honor the story of the community efforts embodied in the Bayard Union hall, attracting expanded interest into the history of the communities, miners, and unions in Bayard.

The design fees and estimated costs to demolish the structurally compromised elements of the Union Hall and then to renovate the building to the standard for public use amount to a cost that is equivalent to building an all new, purpose built, 3,500sf structure. The City of Bayard should consider whether the preservation of the building itself is the highest priority, and/or whether new construction might be a preferred direction.



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*"You were right.  
Together we can push  
everything up with us  
as we go.  
Then I knew we had  
won something they  
could never take away.  
Something I could  
leave my children.  
And they,  
the salt of the earth  
would inherit it."*

Excerpted from of last line of the *Salt of the Earth* film.

# Planning Report

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