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SNAPSHOT OF THE SESSION

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“FINAL REPORT ON FIRST SPECIAL SESSION”

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:

House

Rep. Lee Alcon, D-6
 Rep. Patty Lundstrom, D-9
 Rep. Sandra Jeff, D-5
 Rep. Ken Martinez, D-69
 Rep. Ray Begaye, D-4
 Rep. Tom Taylor, D-1
 Rep. James Strickler, D-2
 Rep. Paul Bandy, D-3
 Rep. Roger Magdalena, D-65

Senate

Sen. John Pinto, D-3
 Sen. David Ulibarri, D-30
 Sen. George Munoz, D-4
 Sen. Lynda Lovejoy, D-22
 Sen. William Sharer, D-1
 Sen. Steve Neville, D-2

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE:

House

Rep. Ben Lujan, Speaker
 Rep. Ken Martinez, Majority Floor Leader*
 Rep. Sheryl Williams-Stapleton, Majority Whip
 Rep. Patty Lundstrom, Caucus Chair*
 Rep. Tom Taylor, Minority Floor Leader*
 Rep. Don Bratton, Minority Whip

Senate

Sen. Tim Jennings, President Pro Tempore
 Sen. Michael Sanchez, Majority Floor Leader
 Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, Majority Whip
 Sen. Stuart Ingle, Minority Leader
 Sen. William Payne, Minority Whip

UPCOMING SESSION DATES - 2012

January 17 - Opening day (noon)	
January 20 - Reauthorizations submission deadline	
January 24 - Capital Outlay submission deadline	
February 1 - Bill deadline for introduction	
February 16 - Session ends (noon)	
March 7 - Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed	
March 16 - Effective date of legislation not carrying an emergency clause or other specified date	

FOCUS ON: Capital Outlay Bill (SB10)

The Session drew to a close with an unlikely result: Legislators shrunk the capital outlay bill from \$213 million to only \$86 million. In the end, a Senate Finance Committee substitute for Senate Bill 10 was approved by an overwhelming majority in both Houses. At first glance, the bill seems to have no local project funding but actually northwest New Mexico will benefit from this legislation. There is significant funding for senior centers, prisons, and other State facilities in our region. A portion of the State’s match for Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement in the San Juan River was also part of the package.

The belief for the reduction of the size of the package was that Legislators would like to retain some bonding capacity for the 30-day Session in January, and have time to properly vet the capital outlay needs of the State. This reduction also leaves the ability for the Legislators to prioritize and take local capital outlay requests from constituents and entities.

A complete breakdown of direct benefits and potential programmatic funding that local entities could qualify for are captured on the next page. Other bills that passed included:

Bills that Passed Both Houses

Bill Number	Title	Location	Sponsor	Date Passed
*HB 1	FEED BILL	Chaptered	W. Ken Martinez	9/08/2011
HB 16	REDISTRICTING PEC CONCEPT A	Passed	Mary Helen Garcia	9/23/2011
HB 39	REDISTRICTING HOUSE	Passed	Mary Helen Garcia	9/23/2011
HJM 1	ALLOW TRAVEL FOR MEXICAN VISITORS	Passed	Dona G. Irwin	9/23/2011
HJM 3	JOE S. SANDO, IN MEMORY	Signed	James Roger Madalena	9/20/2011
*SB 1	PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES	Passed	Timothy M. Keller Larry A. Larrañaga	9/23/2011
*SB 3	MEDICAID & SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE	Passed	Lynda M. Lovejoy	9/23/2011
*SB 10	SEVERANCE TAX BOND PROJECTS	Passed	Carlos R. Cisneros	9/24/2011
SB 24	REDISTRICTING PRC	Passed	John M. Sapien	9/22/2011
SB 33	SENATE REDISTRICTING	Passed	Linda M. Lopez	9/23/2011
SB 41	REDISTRICTING ADJUST BERNALILLO PRECINCTS	Passed	Linda M. Lopez	9/24/2011
SJM 2	U.S. ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS LEROY A. PETRY DAY	Signed	Phil A. Griego	9/13/2011
SJM 3	"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"	Signed	Michael S. Sanchez Danice Picraux	9/14/2011

Capital Outlay Breakdown.

State Agency	Amount	Language	Other
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS PROJECT	\$1,032,000 Statewide	To purchase and install security equipment, including related infrastructure, at judicial district and magistrate courts statewide.	Facilities in NWNM could benefit from a portion of this funding.
AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROJECTS	\$60,000	To make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Ramah chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in Cibola county.	
	\$18,500	To make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Baca chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in McKinley county.	
	\$100,000	To make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Thoreau chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in McKinley county.	
AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROJECTS	\$230,000	To make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Pueblo of Zuni senior center in	

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		McKinley county.	
	\$107,000	To purchase and equip vehicles for senior centers countywide in San Juan county	
	\$25,000	To purchase and equip vehicles for the Bloomfield senior center in San Juan county.	
	\$60,000	To make improvements, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Nageezi chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in San Juan county.	
	\$250,000	To make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Sanostee chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in San Juan county	
	\$31,000	To make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Tse'Daa'Kaan chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in San Juan county.	
CAPITAL PROGRAM FUND PROJECTS	\$500,000	To plan and design water, wastewater and erosion control improvements at the western New Mexico correctional facility in Cibola county.	
	\$10,000,000	To upgrade the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and infrastructure at the southern New Mexico correctional facility in Dona Ana county, the central New Mexico correctional facility in Valencia county and the western New Mexico correctional facility in Cibola county	A portion should be used at the western NM correctional facility in Cibola county.
	\$2,000,000	To upgrade, repair and equip correctional facilities statewide	Facilities in NWNM could benefit from a portion of this funding.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT	\$1,000,000	For mainstreet infrastructure and renovation projects statewide	Grants MainStreet, Farmington MainStreet, and potentially Zuni MainStreet could apply for project funding.
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS PROJECT	\$1,600,000	To design and construct a readiness center in Farmington in San Juan county.	
INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT	\$15,000,000	To the Indian water rights settlement fund. Notwithstanding the requirement for a joint resolution of the legislature in Subsection A of Section 72-1-11 NMSA 1978, if corresponding commitments have been made for the federal portion of the settlement in the <i>Navajo Nation</i> , <i>Taos</i> and <i>Aamodt</i> cases, the money may be expended by the interstate stream commission in fiscal year 2012 and subsequent fiscal years to implement the state's portion of the settlement, and any unexpended balances shall not revert at the end of a fiscal year.	A portion should be used as match for the Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement in the San Juan river.

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NM ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



- **Property Tax Solutions:** Address property tax issues in terms of equity, constitutionality, and revenue adequacy. (Assessors)
- **Vote Centers:** Support the establishment of county-option Election Day vote centers. (Clerks) Study length of stay for arrestees held on felony charges in county detention facilities.
- **Mentally Ill in Detention Facilities:** Develop strategies to reduce the number of people with mental health disorders who are in detention facilities or who require law enforcement intervention. (Detention Administrators)
- **911 Surcharge:** Ensure that all technologies utilizing 911 services are contributing equally to the state 911 Fund. (E-911 Directors, GIS/Rural Administrators, Fire & Emergency Managers, Sheriffs)
- **Right-of-Way Fees:** Authorize county collection of rights-of-way fees for use of county public highways, streets and alleys. (Board of Directors)

The Association will continue to oppose legislation that significantly erodes its revenue base and preempts local autonomy, including removal of hold harmless provision.

NM MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PRIORITIES



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