

Observer Report – Bernalillo County Commission

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Bernalillo County Commission Approves Tax Exemption for Film Studio

The Bernalillo County Commission has endorsed a \$186 million Industrial Revenue Bond to Mesa Film Studios. The IRB will exempt the studio from property taxes for 30 years. The city of Albuquerque owns the land north of Double Eagle Airport that the company plans to lease. Negotiations are underway with neighborhood associations, nearby tribal governments and the City of Albuquerque about the height of the proposed buildings for the studio.

The company plans to build six sound stages, and oversized mill and 60-thousand square feet of office space. Company representatives say there will be 48 fulltime jobs associated with the studio.

The Bernalillo County Clerk's office received \$2.2 million dollars for expenses related to the November general election.

The commission also approved a 6.5% increase in solid waste fees, and accepted grants from the state of New Mexico to assist in hiring more officers for the Metropolitan Detention Center and the Youth Services Center.

It also approved \$3.8 million dollars to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to design a sewage system for Carnuel, an unincorporated land grant community in the east mountain area.