



**Resolution No. 2019-20**

**Opposing the Relocation of Asylum-seekers to Roosevelt County and Request for Border Check Points to be Reopened and Remain a Priority**

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, §4-37-1 (1975) grants Counties the powers necessary “to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the County and for its inhabitants”; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, §4-38-18 (1876) provides that the Board of County Commissioners has the power to represent the County and to manage the interest of the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is an immigration crisis on the border of the United States of America with the United Mexican States; and

**WHEREAS**, The President of the United States on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, issued Proclamation 9844, “Declaring the National Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States,” which was published in the *Federal Register* on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The President of the United States in Proclamation 9844 stated “The current situation at the southern border presents a border security and humanitarian crises that threatens core national security interests and constitutes a national emergency. The southern border is a major entry point for criminals, gang members, and illicit narcotics”; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the immigration crisis, the United States Border Patrol has closed its border checkpoints in New Mexico and Texas, so that the officers who man those checkpoints could be reassigned to the Mexican border; and

**WHEREAS**, the closing of those border checkpoints has opened New Mexico’s Counties including Roosevelt Counties to increased numbers of drug traffickers, human traffickers, illegal immigrants and criminals; and

**WHEREAS**, the immigration crisis and the problems it has caused threatens the safety and welfare of the citizens of Roosevelt County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has been transporting and moving large numbers of undocumented immigrants into counties and communities without regard for the availability of adequate food, water, medical supplies or shelter, and leaving such counties and communities without funding or assistance to deal with the influx of immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, Roosevelt County is an impoverished county with very limited resources, and is not equipped to handle, even on a small scale, the placement of asylum-seekers within its communities as neither Roosevelt County nor local governments within Roosevelt County have the human or financial resources to house these individuals, nor the social or medical services to accommodate these individuals; and



**WHEREAS**, steps should be taken by the Federal Government to hire sufficient Border Patrol agents to man the border checkpoints within New Mexico so as to prevent the flow of drugs and other illegal activities within the State of New Mexico and its Counties;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County calls upon the United States Border Patrol to reopen the border checkpoints located in New Mexico and West Texas.
2. That public safety and constituent services are paramount therefore the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County will not allocate or use any County resources or Property for relocation and placement of asylum-seekers in Roosevelt County.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



Stephanie Hicks, Roosevelt County Clerk

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

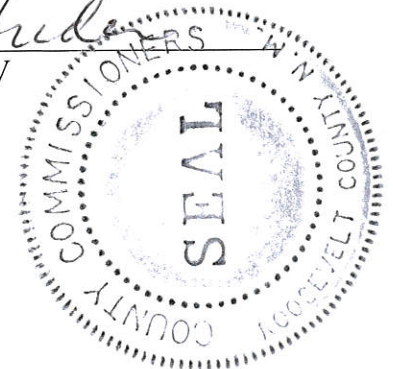
*Lewis Shane Lee*  
Lewis (Shane) Lee, Chairman – District III

*refused to sign*  
Matthew Hunton, Vice Chairman – District II

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Dennis Lopez – District I

*Tina Dixon*  
Tina Dixon – District IV

*Paul Grider*  
Paul Grider – District V



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