



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-09

Supporting Reinstatement of a State Meat Inspection Program in New Mexico

WHEREAS, New Mexico livestock producers have historically been known for producing the highest quality of meat; and

WHEREAS, cash receipts for livestock products in New Mexico are valued at more than \$2 billion dollars with meat animals accounting for \$824 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, some 80 percent of the meat packing industry needs are serviced by only four companies; and

WHEREAS, for decades this concentration has limited the income of cow-calf producers and others in the food chain; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic of 2020 has pointed out the ills of this packer concentration for meat producers and consumers alike; and

WHEREAS, consumers are now demanding to know where their food comes from; and

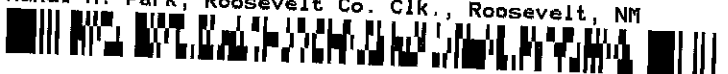
WHEREAS, consumers are demonstrating a preference for purchasing locally grown meat; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico does not currently have a regulatory process in place that would foster locally grown meat products; and

WHEREAS, there is public, legislative and administrative support to reinstate New Mexico meat inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County supports the reinstatement of state meat inspection for New Mexico as outlined in HB 33.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the State of New Mexico should recognize these needed changes to the State Meat Inspection Program and that the current system fails to support New Mexico meat producers.

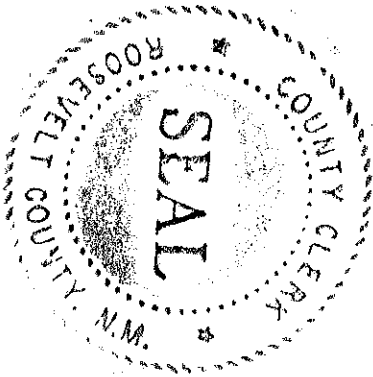


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of February, 2021 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

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

ATTEST:

Mandi M. Park
Mandi Park, Roosevelt County Clerk



Tina Dixon

Tina Dixon, *Chair* – District IV

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Lewis (Shane) Lee

Lewis (Shane) Lee, *Vice Chair* – District III

Voted: Yes No Abstained

absent

Dennis Lopez – District I

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Rodney Savage

Rodney Savage – District II

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Paul Grider

Paul Grider – District V

Voted: Yes No Abstained



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