

November 12, 2024

Honorable Bryan Biedscheid, Chief Judge
First Judicial District
P.O. Box 2268
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2268

Re: Jail Inspection Report in Conformance with NMSA Section 33-3-4

Dear Judge Bryan Biedscheid;

COUNTY COUNCIL

Denise Derkacs
Council Chair

Theresa Cull
Council Vice Chair

COUNCILORS

Melanee Hand
Suzie Havemann
Keith Lepsch
David Reagor
Randall T. Rytí

COUNTY MANAGER

Anne W. Laurent

On October 23rd, 2024, Los Alamos County Councilors Denise Derkacs, David Reagor, and Randall Rytí met with Detention Administrator Hilario Salinas for an inspection of the Los Alamos County Detention Facility. They conducted a tour of the facility that included male and female housing areas, kitchen areas, showers, inmate booking area, exercise room, natural light recreation area, juvenile housing cells, and master control and support service areas.

In accordance with NMSA 33-3-4, the inspection addressed the cleanliness and discipline of the facility. The Councilors participating in the tour prepared a report to the Council as a whole, rating the facility on the following criteria: (1) overall appearance and housekeeping; (2) aisles, passageways and floors; (3) lighting; (4) ventilation; (5) exposed floor, electrical and telephone wires; (6) disposal of trash and waste; (7) office furnishings; (8) outside yard; (9) general building condition; (10) personal cleanliness of the prisoners; (11) appropriate level of discipline and (12) knowledge of detention staff on policy and procedures in response to questions asked.

The Los Alamos County Detention Facility was found to be clean and orderly. Based on the inspection, the prisoners appear to be properly cared for and the detention facility staff is knowledgeable of operating policies and procedures. No violations of law were disclosed.

Sincerely,

Denise Derkacs, Chair
Los Alamos County Council

Enclosures