Sandoval County Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM # 10-2-14.7

1. REQUESTED MOTION

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt Resolution No. 10-2-14.7 Supporting the Reauthorization of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (SRS)

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY (Summary):

The National Association of Counties and NM Association of Counties is seeking support from counties, throughtout the nation, to adopt a resolution urging Congress to fully fund PILT for Fiscal Year 2015 and to develop a sustainable long-term approach to funding these essential local services that counties like us rely on.

2. REQUESTOR

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED: ☐ YES ☒ NO

DISTRICT: ☐ DISTRICT 1 ☐ DISTRICT 4 ☐ DISTRICT 2 ☐ DISTRICT 5 ☐ DISTRICT 3

DIRECTOR / ELECTED:

DIVISION:

ELECTED OFFICE:

ATTACHMENTS: ☒ YES ☐ NO

3. MEETING DATE

October 2, 2014

4. AGENDA (To be completed by County Manager)

☐ PROCLAMATION
☐ PRESENTATION
☐ CONSENT
☒ REGULAR
☐ APPEAL

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend Board of County Commission approval.

6. FISCAL IMPACT

None

7. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (Initials & Date)

Department Director/Elected Official	Human Resources	Purchasing	Attorney As to Form	Finance Budget	County Manager	Other
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8. COMMISSION ACTION

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Deferred ☐ Other

SANDOVAL COUNTY

Resolution No. 10-2-14.7

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) AND SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (SRS)

WHEREAS, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program was created in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to federal employees and their families, the public and to the users of public lands; and

WHEREAS, these services include education, solid waste disposal, law enforcement, search and rescue, health care, environmental compliance, fire protection, parks and recreation and other important community services; and

WHEREAS, PILT was extended through the farm bill (P.L. 113-79) as a fully funded, mandatory entitlement program at $425 million for FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, without Congressional action to extend additional mandatory funding, PILT will revert to a discretionary program subject to the annual appropriations process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sandoval County respectfully requests that Congress provide full funding for PILT in FY 2015 and that Congress should develop a sustainable long-term approach to funding these essential local services in American public lands provided by counties.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the governing body this 2nd day of October 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDOVAL COUNTY

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Darryl F. Madalena, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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Eileen Garbagni, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Patrick Trujillo, County Attorney

Mary Jo Trujillo

Subject: FW: NACo New PILT Action Center
Attachments: DRAFT PILT RESOLUTION.docx

PILT Funding in Jeopardy for Counties Impacted by Federal Public Lands

Take Action Now!

With the fate of FY 2015 funding for the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program remaining in jeopardy, **county leaders from across the nation will be participating in NACo's PILT Fly-In in the nation's capital this week.** While Congress is working this week to pass a short-term funding extension for most federal programs, **the current Continuing Resolution (CR) does NOT include new funding for PILT.** NACo members are calling on Congress and the administration to include full mandatory funding for PILT in the final FY 2015 appropriations package, as well as to work on a long-term strategy for PILT reforms and payments for the nearly 1,900 counties with federal public lands. **It is important that all county leaders contact their members of Congress today to urge active support for full FY 2015 funding for PILT!**

Hill Briefing and Meetings

During the PILT Fly-In, **NACo will host a briefing on Capitol Hill** in which county leaders will be joined by members of Congress to discuss the importance of PILT. **Speakers at the briefing will include Sens. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Mark Udall (D-Colo.), Mike Lee (R-Ariz.), John Walsh (D-Mont.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), as well as Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Ariz.) and Chris Stewart (D-Utah). Supervisor Liz Archuleta, Coconino County, Ariz. and County Manager Greg Cable, Graham County, NC, will also address attendees.**

County leaders and NACo staff will also **meet with over 40 key members of Congress, as well as officials from the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service**, to stress the importance of PILT to America's counties and to urge full funding for the program in FY 2015. County leaders will also urge their members of Congress to support a sustainable long-term approach to financing essential local services in America's public land counties.

Take Action Today!

At this critical juncture in the FY 2015 appropriations process, **it is important that all county leaders contact their members of Congress to urge support for full funding for PILT in FY 2015, as well as a sustainable long-term approach.** Please take advantage of our many resources, listed below, to effectively communicate this message to members of Congress.

Visit NACo's New PILT Action Center

In conjunction with the Fly-In, **NACo has launched a comprehensive PILT Action Center to assist county leaders in advocating for full funding for this priority program.** In this information hub, you will find the following:

- **New Individual County PILT Profiles:** these one-page profiles convey the importance of the PILT program to counties across America by providing graphics and statistics that show the amount of PILT funding received by each county that receives at least $10,000 in funding, as well as the percentage of federal land in that county, and other pertinent information.

- **Draft Letter to Congress on PILT:** NACo has prepared a draft letter that county leaders can use to stress to Congress the importance of the PILT program and its full funding in FY 2015.

- **Sample Op-Ed on PILT:** NACo Public Lands Chair Ron Walter, Commission Chair, Chelan County, Wash., has published an op-ed in *The Hill* on the importance of the services counties provide on federal lands, and in turn, the importance of PILT to county governments. NACo members are encouraged to submit similar op-eds to their local newspapers.

- **Other NACo Resources:** NACo has also prepared a presentation that provides a comprehensive overview of the PILT program, as well as a policy briefing fact sheet on PILT.

To visit the PILT Action Center, click here.

NACo staff will continue to provide updates on funding for the PILT program in FY 2015 and beyond.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact NACo's Legislative Director Deborah Cox at dcox@naco.org or 202.942.4286.