

Property Transfers and Building Acquisition 2023

The legislature passed three joint resolutions in 2023 authorizing the disposition of state property. There has long been a desire to open a magistrate court facility in Santa Fe. **Senate Joint Resolution 12** transfers property in Santa Fe County from the General Services Department to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use as a future building site for a magistrate court facility. If the Administrative Office of the Courts decides against using this property for a magistrate court facility, the property shall be reconveyed to the General Services Department.

The General Services Department is authorized by **Senate Joint Resolution 13** to sell to Bernalillo County, for \$479,515, approximately four and four-tenths acres of real property located at 4003 Edith Boulevard NE in Albuquerque, valued at \$1,360,000, for use as a public recreational facility. Should the county ever decide the property is no longer needed for any county purpose, at the option of the state and at no cost to the state, the real property shall be reconveyed by Bernalillo County to the state.

A land swap of four parcels of land between the state and the City of Albuquerque was approved and ratified through **Senate Joint Resolution 14**. The state is authorized to transfer real property at 401 Commercial Street NE in Albuquerque containing approximately three-fourths of an acre, and at 3401 Pan American Freeway NE in Albuquerque containing approximately 12 acres, with a combined value of approximately \$4.5 million, to the City of Albuquerque to be used for an expanded rail trail and solid waste operations. In return, the City of Albuquerque agrees to transfer to the state two tracts of real property at 1250 Menaul Boulevard NE in Albuquerque containing approximately three-fourths of an acre and 12 acres, with a combined value of approximately \$4.3 million, to be used for a new public safety headquarters.

In addition to certain property dispositions, the legislature approved a state agency's acquisition of property. **Senate Bill 144 (Chapter 34)** authorizes the Facilities Management Division of the General Services Department to purchase a building on Camino de los Marquez in Santa Fe and to renovate, equip and furnish the building for eventual use by the Public Regulation Commission. While the Educational Retirement Board currently owns and occupies the building, it is in the process of constructing a new facility. Funds for the purchase of the Camino de los Marquez property are subject to legislative appropriation, and the lease of the property is subject to approval by the legislature pursuant to a joint resolution.