



### ***Sandoval County Clarification Statement for July 12 Commission Meeting***

Sandoval County recognizes the value of public comment and the important role it plays in governing our county. However, the County also recognizes the need to educate, ask questions, and learn about the process moving forward before the public and County leadership can make an informed decision on the Oil, Gas and Water matter. The work session portion of the July 12 meeting is intended to be a learning session for County Commissioners, Planning and Zoning Commissioners and the groups involved in developing an ordinance that will be presented to Sandoval County sometime in the future. Learning and educating is the main goal of the session. This work session is not intended to be a time for debate, but rather a time to get a better understanding of the information in front of us at this time, which includes the New Mexico Tech study and ordinance drafts from the Citizen's Working Group. As the process for developing an oil, gas and water ordinance moves forward, there will be multiple opportunities in the future for public comment at both Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and County Commission meetings. In addition, because this is a work session, where no votes will be cast, no decisions made and no official action will be taken, New Mexico law, under the Open Meetings Act, does not require the County Commission to have a public comment section for this public meeting.