



BernCo at a Glance

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BernCo Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, Jan. 21 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Five Bernalillo County Elected Officials were Sworn into Office on Jan. 1



Debbie O'Malley

County Commissioner, District 1

Commissioner Debbie O'Malley brings more than 20 years of public service to the Board of County Commissioners. During her first term as commissioner, she led the county's effort to provide much needed funding for new behavioral health, drug treatment and support services for people in crisis. Commissioner O'Malley's work on the commission also includes addressing homelessness. For nine years, she served as an Albuquerque city councilor, focusing on public safety, workforce housing, neighborhood planning and revitalization. [Watch a clip of her swearing in.](#)

Charlene E. Pyskoty

County Commissioner, District 5

Commissioner Charlene E. Pyskoty is an East Mountain resident and licensed mental health counselor working in private practice. In her practice, she has spent thousands of hours listening to Bernalillo County residents, empowering them and helping them to be more successful in their lives. Commissioner Pyskoty holds a master's degree in counselor education from Northeastern Illinois University, where she graduated in 2004. She further

holds a master's degree in sociology and a Master of Public Health. Commissioner Pyskoty is committed to use her extensive background to listen to residents' issues, help develop creative and cost-effective solutions, and lead Bernalillo County to a new level of success. [Watch a clip of her swearing in.](#)



Manuel Gonzales, III County Sheriff

Sheriff Manuel Gonzales, III is serving a second term as Bernalillo County Sheriff. Sheriff Gonzales has committed himself to serving the citizens of this community. He recognizes the importance of implementing best practices, utilizing modern technology and providing professional development opportunities that equip deputies with state-of-the-art training and tools. Sheriff Gonzales is a veteran who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps. Sheriff Gonzales began his law enforcement career in 1989, and has served in all divisions, commands and shifts within the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office.

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Tanya R. Giddings County Assessor

Tanya R. Giddings has served as the Bernalillo County Assessor since 2013. Assessor Giddings has dedicated her tenure to the fair and equitable assessment of properties countywide. Her efforts include instituting quality control measures to ensure the most-up-to-date information and valuations of all properties. As a state certified appraiser, Assessor Giddings modernized the office, creating a culture of transparency, prioritizing customer service and increasing communication and community outreach, garnering industry awards and recognition for her leadership. Assessor Giddings brings over 25 years of professional leadership with a commitment to public service.

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Cristy J. Carbón-Gaul County Probate Judge

Cristy J. Carbón-Gaul has practiced probate law in New Mexico for over 20 years and will bring her extensive experience to her role as Bernalillo County probate judge in serving the constituents of Bernalillo County. Carbón-Gaul grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, but considers herself a New Mexican, living in Albuquerque most of her adult life. Carbón-Gaul has been licensed as a lawyer by the New Mexico State Bar since 1997. She earned her law degree from Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, graduating cum laude.

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Minimum Wage Increases in Bernalillo County

On Jan. 1, employees who work in the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County, outside of the city limits, received a minimum wage cost of living increase from \$8.85 to \$9.05 per hour. Tipped employees receive the federal minimum wage of \$2.13 per hour but must still earn at least \$9.05, with tips.

The Bernalillo County Minimum Wage Ordinance, which took effect on July 1, 2013, implemented an annual cost of living adjustment. Each year, the ordinance requires that the Board of County Commissioners vote whether to implement a cost of living increase to take effect the next year.

BernCo Commission Chooses New Chair and Vice Chair

District 3 Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins is the new chair of the Bernalillo County Commission. District 1 Commissioner Debbie O'Malley is the new vice chair.

Hart Stebbins and O'Malley will serve in their respective leadership capacities for the 2019 calendar year.

County Rules of Procedure say that the County Commission must select a chair and vice chair during its first meeting in January.



[Learn more about the
2019 Mail-In Election](#)

APS "All-Mail Ballot" Election

The Albuquerque Public School election is an "All-Mail Ballot" election. There will be NO early voting or election day polling locations. Each registered voter, within the boundaries of the Albuquerque Public School District, will be mailed an absentee ballot. BernCo began mailing the ballots on Jan. 8. **All completed absentee ballots must be received in the BernCo Clerk's Office, either in person or by mail, no later than 7 p.m. on Feb. 5, 2019.**

Jump Start the New Year

If you've made a New Year's resolution to

get fit, finding a low-cost, convenient, workout spot can make that resolution a little tough to keep. Not this year! BernCo has four fitness centers to help you succeed in 2019 -- and one of them is close to home or work. The hours also make it easy to get in, get out and get on your way. Nominal fees apply, please call individual community centers for costs. Veterans, county employees, city public safety employees, and seniors 60+ are free of charge.

**Check out BernCo's
Fitness Centers**

**HAPPY
NEW
YOU**

Click for more info

**Bernalillo County
Assessor's Office
Veterans Outreach**

501 Tijeras Ave NW
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- ➔ Dec. 20, 2018
- ➔ Jan. 17, 2019
- ➔ Feb. 21, 2019
- ➔ Mar. 21, 2019

In partnership with the
New Mexico Department
of Veteran Services



Learn about the property tax saving programs
available to you as a veteran or a surviving spouse



Tanya R. Giddings

Bernalillo County Assessor

Two types of veterans' exemptions are
available:

- Service related exemption which gives a \$4,000 reduction in taxable value of the property
- 100% disabled exemption that relieves the veteran of all property taxes owed on their primary residence

For more information, go to
www.bernco.gov/assessor
(505) 222-3700



WHO DO YOU CALL?

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
 - To schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, probate@bernco.gov
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- Neighborhood Coordinator, Darrell Dady: (505) 468-7364, ddady@bernco.gov
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, contactcenter@bernco.gov

