

# Eddy County News Letter

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## MESSAGE FROM EDDY COUNTY LEADERSHIP...



As 2020 draws to a close, it's worth noting that Eddy County has faced some extraordinary challenges during the year- the Covid-19 crisis, decline in oil price and demand, and closure of many of our small businesses and restaurants. It's a true testament to Eddy County the way people in our community reached out to help support our restaurants and small businesses. It shows that we care for our own and we are in this together.

As we celebrate Christmas, and the New Year let us all pray for the ones less fortunate than ourselves and thank God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon us. Let's be thankful for our families and the great communities that we are blessed to live in. Let's remember as Christmas approaches that it is a celebration of the birth of Christ our Lord.

As we all enter this holiday season, let us all pray for hope, healing and prosperity in this coming year. Always remember there is never a crisis or problem we can't solve and overcome if we work as a community of one.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years.

GOD BLESS YOU!

Ernie Carlson

Eddy County Chairman



# Updates & News



- Eddy County Incumbents Win Second Term
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## Eddy County Incumbents Win Second Term



Eddy County Sheriff, Mark Cage, and Eddy County Treasurer, Laurie Pruitt, both won second terms in the November 3, 2020 General Election with record voter turnout. Here's what they have to say about being re-elected:

"It was truly humbling to see the numbers on election night. It was a great message of affirmation from the County that we're on the right track at the ECSO. I am committed to upholding the standards of service we have provided Eddy County in previous years. We will continue to earn every vote of confidence that we received on November 3rd! Thank you for all your support and trust!" - Eddy County Sheriff, Mark Cage

"It was interesting, to say the least, trying to campaign and vote during a pandemic. So, I am very thankful to everyone who supported and voted to re-elect me for a second term. I will strive to continue earning your trust and serving the citizens of Eddy County." Eddy County Treasurer, Laurie Pruitt

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## Tax Bills Mailed

Property tax bills were mailed on October 19, 2020 and collection of 2020 taxes is well underway. This is typically the busiest time of the year for the Treasurer's Office. Deadline for full or first half payments is December 10, 2020. The Treasurer's Office is fully staffed now with the addition of Annette Briones in the Carlsbad office. For information on the many ways you can pay your tax bill, call the Eddy County Treasurer's Office in Carlsbad at 575-885-3913, or in Artesia at 575-746-9879.



## Christmas & New Year Holiday Hours



The Eddy County Offices will be closed December 24-25, 2020 for the Christmas Holiday and December 31, 2020 - January 1, 2021 for New Year's.

*Eddy County wishes you a very Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!*

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# Eddy County Service Awards

- Pete Marquez, SO – 20 Years
- Miguel Juare, Detention - 15 Years
- Brian Stephens, Facilities Maintenance Director- 5 Years
- Frederick Dominguez, Public Works - 5 Years
- Scott Findle, Public Works- 5 Years
- Annie Miller, Assessor's Office- 5 Years
- Jessica Van Natta, Detention -5 Years
- Brett Frakes, Detention - 5 Years



# Employee Spotlight



## This month's employee spotlight is the Eddy County Bureau of Elections

The Staff in The Bureau of Elections did an outstanding job on the November 3, 2020 General Election. They went above and beyond to deliver for the residents of Eddy County.

It takes a special dedicated employee to work the long hours, deal with the increased work load, new laws and the public. If you see these ladies, stop and thank them. A kind word from their peers is always appreciated.

Elections, especially this one, was difficult and they were the picture of professionalism in the face of adversity.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Eddy County today and every day!

If you've experienced an Eddy County employee or department that has gone above and beyond to serve you, we want to know!  
Email your experience to [jstrong@co.eddy.nm.us](mailto:jstrong@co.eddy.nm.us)





# News & Updates Cont...



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Steven McCutcheon, Vice Chair  
District 4

Jonathan A. Henry, Member  
District 2

Larry E. Wood, Member  
District 3

Susan Crockett, Member  
District 5

## COUNTY MANAGER

Allen Davis

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Gemma Ferguson  
Assessor

Robin Van Natta  
Clerk

Jay L. Francis  
Probate Judge

Mark Cage  
Sheriff

Laurie Pruitt  
Treasurer

## Eddy County Board of Commissioners Welcomes Two New Faces



Fred Beard, District 3



Sarah Cordova, District 5

### Let's meet them...

"I am a fourth-generation rancher in Eddy County, and I have been elected as the County Commissioner to represent District 3. It is a privilege to be selected to serve you", said Fred Beard. "As a lifelong resident of Eddy County, I have worked in the potash industry, the ice business, and the cattle business. My wife of 47 years, Deborah, is a retired educator, having spent 35 years with the Carlsbad Municipal Schools. We are blessed with two sons and five grandchildren."

"District 3 in Eddy County is geographically the largest district where many of our roads are in disrepair. I intend to focus on road repair and maintenance and emergency services to help Eddy County residents maintain the quality of life they deserve."

"I feel very honored to serve as County Commissioner for District 5, and am eager and excited to begin my tenure with my fellow Commissioners", said Sarah Cordova. "My hope is to work alongside them and members of the community to meet the needs of the residents of Eddy County. I am very passionate about community/public service, and hope to use my experience as a nurse to bring that approach to the board. I am appreciative of every vote I received and also the support of my family, friends, and community through this process."

*All newly elected officials will be sworn in at the first Commission meeting of the new year, scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021*

