



Town of Taos
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TOWN OF TAOS ADOPTS “NEXT GENERATION” BOARD MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY

Taos, New Mexico, July 14, 2017 — The Town of Taos is leveraging cloud-based technology to radically improve the governance process while saving staff time and taxpayer dollars. The remarkably easy-to-use service will allow the Town to maximize the effectiveness of Town public meetings with increased transparency, providing a basis for better and more open communication with the public, while dramatically improving productivity and saving thousands of dollars annually.

BoardDocs Pro uses a structured, collaborative workflow that is specifically designed to meet the unique needs and legal requirements of public school boards, county commissions, municipal governments and a wide variety of other types of governing bodies. Additionally, through the MetaSearch feature, members of the governing body will also have access to best practices from other organizations that are using the system, allowing them to gain important knowledge about initiatives other governing bodies have considered and implemented.

BoardDocs is extremely user friendly and allows citizens to access more than just agendas and minutes. Users will be able to access the Town’s Code, the governing body’s strategic goals, and a library of policies (which will be available once they are added to the system). As with the previous agenda management system, the public will be able to view the agendas and back-up material as soon as the agenda is posted. After the meeting, actions of the Council will be available, complete with voting results. Searching through the library and archives is also very user friendly. The Town will continue using Swagit for video streaming of meetings.

This new system will be used to manage agendas of the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Historical Preservation Commission as well as all other Town boards and commissions. Minutes and agendas from the previous system, NovusAgenda, will be transferred to BoardDocs within a couple of months.

The new agenda management features can be accessed via the [Town’s website](#). For questions regarding this governance initiative, contact Renee Lucero, Town Clerk, at rlucero@taosgov.com, (575) 751-2005.

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