

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 am Regular Meeting

The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 1712 N Date St, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL:

**Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman
Commissioner James Paxon, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member**

Clerk of Board: Shelly Trujillo

County Attorney: David Pato

County Manager: Amber Vaughn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Williams, Monica Zepeda, Tammy Burns, Tim Kuzdrowski, Ruben Lucero, Billy Neeley, Sharon Luna, Travis Luna, Michelle Atwell, Amanda Forrister, Serina Bartoo, Kayce Edwards

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the agenda as Amended, moving Manager Vaughn's report on the Fairgrounds from Department Reports to after the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Regular Meeting-July 23, 2024**
- B. Special Meeting-July 23, 2024**

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the minutes as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolution No. 110-264- Account Payables

B. Resolution No. 110-265- Indigent Claims

C. Indigent Burial No. B2024-009

D. Claim of Exemption No 24-006 (Dennison, Kuenstler & Hopkins)

E. Claim of Exemption No 24-007 (Irwin)

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

V. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

A. Years of Service award

B. Department Reports

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

A. July Reconciliation

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the July Reconciliation as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Petition for Road Vacation VR24-002 Appointment of Cathy Vickers, Byron Wilson and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of Tularosa Rd Near Engle, with Jared Bartoo as an Alternate

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Petition for Road Vacation VR24-002 Appointment of Cathy Vickers, Byron Wilson and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of Tularosa Rd Near Engle, with Jared Bartoo as an Alternate as presented.

Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Petition for Road Vacation VR24-003 Appointment of John Diamond, Byron Wilson and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate Tucker Rd in Winston Townsite, with Jared Bartoo and Cathy Vickers as Alternates**

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the Petition for Road Vacation VR24-003 Appointment of John Diamond, Byron Wilson and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate Tucker Rd in Winston Townsite, with Jared Bartoo and Cathy Vickers as Alternates as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

- B. Sun State Towers Application for a Telecommunications Permit for a New 125' Monopole Tower with Verizon Wireless at 3 Berry Patch Road in Arrey (Wireless Tower Solutions)**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Sun State Towers Application for a Telecommunications Permit for a New 125' Monopole Tower with Verizon Wireless at 3 Berry Patch Road in Arrey (Wireless Tower Solutions as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

- C. MOU with Catron County Assigning Fiscal Agent Responsibilities for County Livestock Loss Authority**

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the MOU with Catron County Assigning Fiscal Agent Responsibilities for County Livestock Loss Authority as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT

- A. Corrections Officer Recruitment Fund Grant Agreement**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Corrections Officer Recruitment Fund Grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Intergovernmental Services Agreement with Sierra County Co. and SCCOG for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) for Programmatic Costs and Resources for Law Enforcement Departments in Sierra County

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Intergovernmental Services Agreement with Sierra County Co. and SCCOG for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) for Programmatic Costs and Resources for Law Enforcement Departments in Sierra County as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Grant Agreement for Rural & Nonmetro Election Infrastructure Grant Program

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Grant Agreement for Rural & Nonmetro Election Infrastructure Grant Program as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS

A. Resolution No. 110-266-Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-266-Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 110-267-Adopting a Nominal Fee Stipend Program Policy

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-267-Adopting a Nominal Fee Stipend Program Policy as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution 110-268-Adopting Electronic Signature Policy

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution 110-268-Adopting Electronic Signature Policy as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Resolution No. 110-269-Sierra County, New Mexico Election Proclamation and Resolution

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-269-Sierra County, New Mexico Election Proclamation and Resolution as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION SECTION (10-15-E THRU H):

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate, Pending and Threatened Litigation. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

District 1 – Yes

District 2 – Yes

District 3 – Yes

PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION:

A. In the Matter of Sierra County Clerk, D-721-CV-2024-00087

PERSONNEL:

REAL ESTATE:

XII. OPEN SESSION ACTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to come back into Regular Session. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING:

The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the

Sierra County Commission Regular Meeting

August 20, 2024

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Sierra County Commission Chambers at 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxton MOVED to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion.**

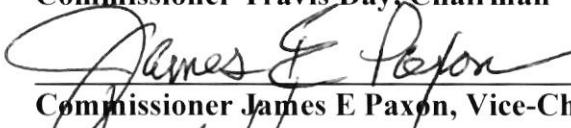
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Day adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2024.


SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman

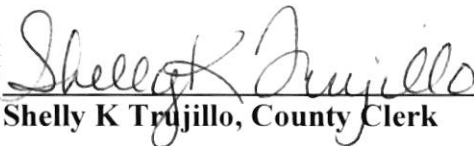


Commissioner James E Paxon, Vice-Chairman



Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:



Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk

