

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 17, 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, Ernie Armijo, Tim Kuzdrowski, Ruben Lucero, Virginia Lee, Michelle Atwell, Monica Zepeda, Kayce Edwards, Patrice Love, Billy Neeley, Sandy Jones**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Regular Meeting-August 20, 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**

**Flood Commissioner, Sandy Jones, reported he is getting calls that roads are flooded and culverts are clogged. Mr. Jones stated these calls should be going to the Road Department, not the Flood Commissioner.**

**Mr. Jones also stated that he has a good working relationship with Billy from the Road Department and Ryan from Emergency Management.**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Resolution No. 110-270- Account Payables**
- B. Resolution No. 110-271- Indigent Claims**
- C. Claim of Exemption No 24-008 Circle G Farms LLC**
- D. Claim of Exemption No 24-009 Covarrubias**

**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**
- C. Defensible Space Around Homes-See Attached**

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

- A. August Reconciliation**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the August 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 Request to Vacate a Portion of Tularosa Road near Engle**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxton MOVED to Table the Petition for Road Vacation VR24-002 Request to Vacate a Portion of Tularosa Road near Engle 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 Request to Vacate Tucker Rd in Winston Townsite**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the Petition for Road Vacation VR24-003 Request to Vacate Tucker Rd in Winston Townsite as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Petition for Road Vacation VR24-004 Appointment of Byron Wilson, Beau Marshall and Ronnie Chavez as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of Macho Rd in Lake Valley, with Jared Bartoo and Cathy Vickers as Alternates**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxton MOVED to approve Petition for Road Vacation VR24-004 Appointment of Byron Wilson, Beau Marshall and Ronnie Chavez as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of Macho Rd in Lake Valley, with Jared Bartoo and Cathy Vickers as Alternates as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Petition for Road Vacation VR24-005-Appointment of John Diamond, Byron Wilson and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of 'B' Avenue in Winston Townsite, with Jared Bartoo and Cathy Vickers as Alternates**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Petition for Road Vacation VR24-005-Appointment of John Diamond, Byron Wilson and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of 'B' Avenue in Winston Townsite, with Jared Bartoo and Cathy Vickers as Alternates as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT**

**A. Institute for Responsive Government**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Institute for Responsive Government as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Contract No 2024-09-055-Reset Rental Assistance Grant (The Olive Tree)**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Contract No 2024-09-055-Reset Rental Assistance Grant (The Olive Tree) as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Road-State Price Agreement-ABC Concrete-Official Approval**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Road-State Price Agreement-ABC Concrete-Official Approval as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Agreement between Wilson & Company and The County of Sierra**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Agreement between Wilson & Company and The County of Sierra as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 110-272 Budget Adjustment**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-272 Budget Adjustment as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 110-273-Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-273-Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution 110-274-Resolution to Approve 2024 Tax Rates**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution 110-274-Resolution to Approve 2024 Tax Rates 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**
- B. Ramirez v. Sierra County**

**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.**

- A. Direction with Respect to Flood Commissioner Legal Service Invoices**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Direction with Respect to Flood Commissioner Legal Service Invoices as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 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, October 15, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Alber J Lyon Event Center at 2953 S Broadway, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

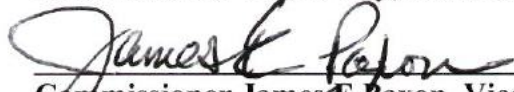
**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion.**


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

Dated this 17th day of September, 2024.

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman

  
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Commissioner James E. Paxon, Vice-Chairman

  
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Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk

