



SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION No 110-081

SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS WITH
TERMS COMMENCING AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023 PER THE CONSTITUTION & LAWS OF
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a regular meeting, duly published, at the Sierra County Administrative Offices, 1712 N. Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901, on May 24, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 27 of the New Mexico Constitution provides that “[n]o law shall be enacted giving any extra compensation to any public officer, servant, agent or contractor after services are rendered or contract made; nor shall the compensation of any officer be increased or diminished during his term of office, except as otherwise provided in this constitution;” and,

WHEREAS, Article XX, Section 3 of the New Mexico Constitution provides that “[t]he term of office of every state, county or district officer, except those elected at the first election held under this constitution, and those elected to fill vacancies, shall commence on the first day of January next after his election;” and,

WHEREAS, Sierra County is recognized by the New Mexico Department of Finance Administration as a “*Class B-High*” County per NMSA 1978, Section 4-44-4.1 (2018) for salary purposes; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-44-4.1 (2018) sets the annual salaries of elected officials, for a Class B counties over three hundred million valuation, at the following maximum rates: A. county commissioners, thirty thousand one hundred ninety-six dollars (\$30,196) each; B. treasurer, seventy-five thousand seven hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733); C. assessor, seventy-five thousand seven hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733); D. sheriff, seventy-eight thousand nine hundred fifty-two dollars (\$78,952); E. county clerk, seventy-five thousand seven hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733); and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-44-12.3 (B) (2018) states “[i]n accordance with Sections 4-44-3 through 4-44-6 NMSA 1978, the majority of a board of county commissioners may provide for salary increases for elected county officials; provided, however, that no salary increase shall take effect until the first day of the term of an elected county official who takes office after the date that salary increase is approved; and,

WHEREAS, elected officials commencing their new term after are eligible for the salary detailed below effective at the beginning of their term or starting at the first payroll in January 2023.

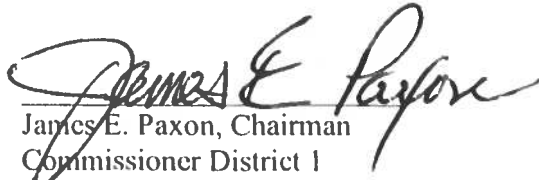
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners that those elected officials commencing a new term after January 1, 2023, shall be paid at the rates detailed below:

Sierra County Office	Annual Salary
County Commissioner	\$ 21,533.98
County Assessor	\$ 67,854.00
County Clerk	\$ 67,584.00
County Treasurer	\$67,584.00
County Sheriff	\$70,829.00
Probate Judge	\$18,103.00


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointed Chief Deputy Clerk, Chief Deputy Treasurer, Chief Deputy Assessor and Chief Deputy Sheriff (“Undersheriff”) be set at 90 % of the salary of the offices’ elected official salary and the Chief Deputy Assessor shall be entitled to applicable Appraiser qualification incentive payments pursuant to Section 4-39-5(m) NMSA 1978 not to exceed \$7,500.

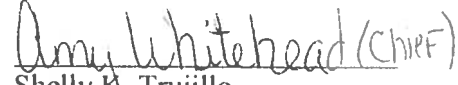
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 24th day of May 2022.

**Board of County Commissioners
Sierra County, New Mexico**


James E. Paxon, Chairman
Commissioner District 1

Travis Day, Vice Chairman
Commissioner District 2


Frank Hopkins
Commissioner District 3

ATTEST:
 (CHIEF)
Shelly K. Trujillo
Sierra County Clerk

