

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 16, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:17 A.M.**

**The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 10:17 A.M. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Frances Luna, Member  
Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman**

**Clerk of Board: Shelly Trujillo**

**County Attorney: Dave Pato**

**County Manager: Bruce Swingle**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Serina Bartoo, Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Glenn Hamilton, Michelle Atwell, Ernie Armijo, Virginia Lee, Clay Spears, Matt & Laura Schneberger, Jay Armijo, Josh Baker, Cathy Colon, Jessica Knapic, George Lee, Jack Diamond**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Regular Meeting-June 11, 2019**

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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT: LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES**

**Laura Schneberger spoke in support of the Resolution to remove the Whitewater Wolf Pack.**

**Jack Diamond also spoke in support of the Resolution.**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolution No. 108-001- Account Payables**

**B. Resolution No. 108-002- Indigent Claims**

**C. Claim of Exemption 19-003-Martinez**

**D. Indigent Burial-B2019-003**

**E. Lodger's Tax Board Recommendations**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Consent Agenda, with Item D being pulled out for further discussion in New Business. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**V. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

**A. Recognition of Employee Service**

**County Manager Swingle acknowledged and recognized the following Sierra County Employees for their outstanding performances and a job well done.**

**Karl Carson-Road Department-7/5/2002-17 Years of Service**

**Sandra Lucero-DWI-7/1/2012-7 Years of Service**

**Timothy Johnson-SCRDA-7/1/2012-7 Years of Service**

**Kallie Lunsford-SCRDA-7/11/2016-3 Years of Service**

**Alex Gutierrez-SCRDA-7/30/2018-1 Year of Service**

**Larita Engle-Admin-7/28/2014-5 Years of Service**

**Paul Tooley-Emergency Management-7/1/2016-2 Years of Service**

**Cathy Thompson Colon-Assessor's Office-7/23/2018-1 Year of Service**

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Sierra County Infrastructure Placement Permit**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Sierra County Infrastructure Placement Permit as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Directing the Publication to Dissolve Ordinance No. 09-003-Relating to Collective Bargaining for the County of Sierra, NM Providing Rights, Responsibilities & Procedures in the Employment Relationship between Employees & Employer**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Directing the Publication to Dissolve Ordinance No. 09-003-Relating to Collective Bargaining for the County of Sierra, NM Providing Rights, Responsibilities & Procedures in the Employment Relationship between Employees & Employer as presented. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Cooperative Agreements between NMDOT & the County of Sierra for CAP, SB & SBR FY 19/20**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Cooperative Agreements between NMDOT & the County of Sierra for CAP, SB & SBR FY 19/20 as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. State of NM Department of Finance & Administration Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project for SVH Regional Project in the amount of \$1,259,229.00**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve State of NM Department of Finance & Administration Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project for SVH Regional Project in the amount of \$1,259,229.00 as presented. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Capital Assets Inventory Certifications**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Capital Assets Inventory Certifications as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**F. Sheriff Department Salary Increases**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Sheriff Department Salary Increases as presented, and asked to revisit the County Pay Plan at the next regular meeting. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**G. Indigent Burial-B2019-003**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Indigent Burial-B2019-003, and asked the Sheriff's Department to investigate the form for fraud. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT:**

**A. Professional Services Contract between the County of Sierra & Gallagher & Kennedy**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Professional Services Contract between the County of Sierra & Gallagher & Kennedy as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. USDA Rural Development Assistance Agreement**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve USDA Rural Development Assistance Agreement as presented. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS:**

**A. Resolution No. 108-003-Authorizing & Approving Submission for Completed Application for Financial Assistance & Project Approval to NMFA-Amin's Building**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-003-Authorizing & Approving Submission for Completed Application for Financial Assistance & Project Approval to NMFA-Amin's Building as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 108-004-Adjusting Precinct Boundaries**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-004-Adjusting Precinct Boundaries as presented. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution No. 108-005-Approving Participation in South Central Council of Governments, Inc. FY 19/20**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to table Resolution No. 108-005-Approving Participation in South Central Council of Governments, Inc. FY 19/20 as presented. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Resolution No. 108-006-Demanding Removal of Whitewater Wolf Pack from Sierra County-Letter to SW Region US Fish & Wildlife Service**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-006-Demanding Removal of Whitewater Wolf Pack from Sierra County-Letter to SW Region US Fish & Wildlife Service as amended. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (11:48 A.M.) SECTION (10-15-1E THRU H):**

**At 11:48 A.M. Commissioner Luna MOVED to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate, Pending and Threatened Litigation. Commissioner Vice-Chair Day 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. Estate of Domingo v. Sierra County**

**PERSONNEL:**

**REAL ESTATE:**

**XII. OPEN SESSION ACTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to set the next Sierra County Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, with a Special Meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019-Approval of Final Budget. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried.**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING: (August 20, 2019)**

**The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. in the Sierra County Commission Chambers at 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

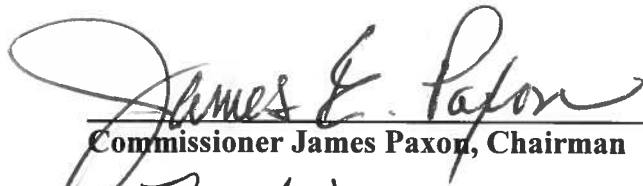
**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**ADJOURNMENT: (12:08 P.M.)**

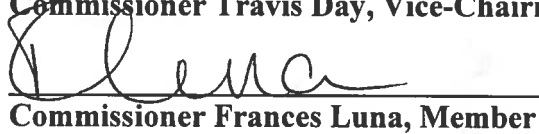
**There being no further business to come before the Board. Commission Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting at 12:08 P.M.**

Dated this 16th day of July, 2019.

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman

  
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Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chairman

  
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Commissioner Frances Luna, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk

