

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 17, 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/Serina Bartoo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Serina Bartoo, Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Clay Spears, Michelle Atwell, Terri Copsin, Candace Chavez, Amy Whitehead, Travis Atwell, Ernie Armijo, Dan Lorimer, D.A. Hayes, Virginia Lee, Deb Nicoll, J Baker, Jocelyn Holguin, Gerald LaFont, Janice Gray, John Mulcahy, Candy Torrez

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-November 19, 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

Dan Lorimer thanked the Commission for Resolution No. 108-036 and asked the Commission to approve it.

Dimid Hayes gave an update on State Public Bank

Deb Nicoll asked the Commission to approve Resolution No. 108-036.

Gerald La Font spoke about tourism in Sierra County and said we need to sell what we have to offer.

Janice Gray supports Resolution No. 10-038 for a Spaceport Visitor Center.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolution No. 108-032- Account Payables

B. Resolution No. 108-033- Indigent Claims

C. Resolution No. 108-037-Budget Adjustment

D. Indigent Burial B2019-007

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Luna 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.

Kell Took-Administration-12/26/2018-1 Year of Service

Josh Chavez-Road Department-12/26/2006-13 Years of Service

Josh Baker-Sheriff's Department-12/26/2013-6 Years of Service

Zack Zavala-Sheriff's Department-12/28/2015-4 Years of Service

Russell Baxter-Detention-12/19/2014-5 Years of Service

Candy Torrez-SCRDA-12/20/2010-9 Years of Service

Zack Armijo-SCRDA-12/19/2016-3 Years of Service

Roxanne Ford-SCRDA-12/3/2013-6 Years of Service

**Sherry Anderson-SCRDA-12/11/2017-2 Years of Service
Jessica Stanley-SCRDA-12/3/2018-1 Year of Service**

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Take Home Vehicle Request-Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Take Home Vehicle Request-Sheriff's Department as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. EMS Fund Act Applications-VariouS Departments

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve EMS Fund Act Applications-VariouS Departments as presented. Commissioner Luna SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Appointment of Freeholders to View Kingston Main Road Realignment

Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Appointment of Freeholders (Jared Bartoo, Pat Garay and Russell Cain) to View Kingston Main Road Realignment as presented. 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 Finley Engineering & Sierra County

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

B. Agreement between the County of Sierra & the City of Elephant Butte Regarding the Administration & Enforcement of the City's Floodplain Management

After some discussion, Commissioner Luna **MOVED** to amend and sent to Elephant Butte the Agreement between the County of Sierra & the City of Elephant Butte Regarding the Administration & Enforcement of the City's Floodplain Management as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Resolution No. 108-034-Requesting a Change to the Pronghorn Hunting Season in Southern New Mexico

Commission Vice-Chair Day **MOVED** to not approve Resolution No. 108-034-Requesting a Change to the Pronghorn Hunting Season in Southern New Mexico as presented. Commissioner Luna **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 108-035-Establishing Calendar Year 2020 Hours of Business and Legal Holidays

Commissioner Luna **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 108-035-Establishing Calendar Year 2020 Hours of Business and Legal Holidays as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution No. 108-036-A Resolution Opposing Proposed Special Use of Holloman Air Force Base's Airspace in Sierra County

Commissioner Luna **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 108-036-A Resolution Opposing Proposed Special Use of Holloman Air Force Base's Airspace in Sierra County as presented. Commission Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1 and 3 voting yes. District 2 opposed.

D. Resolution No. 108-038-A Resolution Creating a Spaceport Welcome Center

Commissioner Luna **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 108-038-A Resolution Creating a Spaceport Welcome Center as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner District 1-2-3 voting yes.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (10:57 A.M.) SECTION (10-15-1E THRU H):

At 10:57 A.M. Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate, Pending and Threatened Litigation. Commissioner Luna 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:

PERSONNEL:

A. Jose Gonzales

REAL ESTATE:

XII. OPEN SESSION ACTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING: (January 28, 2020)

The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chamber at 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

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

ADJOURNMENT: (11:28 A.M.)


There being no further business to come before the Board. Commission Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting at 11:28 A.M.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.


SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman



Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chairman



Commissioner Frances Luna, Member

ATTEST:



Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk