

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 25, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 A.M.**

**The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 10:05 A.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 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, Paul Tooley, Virginia Lee, Michelle Atwell, Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Ernie Armijo, Terri Copsin, Jocelyn Holguin, George Lee, Katharine Elverum, Lisa Daniel, Glenn Hamilton, Richard Shetter, Dan Lorimier, Eileen Davis, Cindy Rodriguez, Rylan Edgmon, Amy Whitehead, Jared Bartoo, Misti Willock, Denise Barrera, Ray Perce-USDA**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve the agenda as Amended, removing item IX-B. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Regular Meeting-January 28, 2020**

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

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

**Dan Lorimier spoke about Resolution No. 108-059, stating it is important to remember tourism in our County.**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Resolution No. 108-047- Budget Adjustment-AMENDMENT**
- B. Resolution No. 108-051- Budget Adjustment-Money Transfer**
- C. Resolution No. 108-052-Budget Adjustment-Various Departments**
- D. Resolution No. 108-053-Account Payables**
- E. Resolution No. 108-054-Indigent Claims**
- F. Lodgers Tax Recommendations**
- G. Indigent Burial B2020-001**

**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.**

**Eileen Davis-Clerk's Office-2/12/2001-19 Years of Service  
Travis Atwell-Flood Director-2/9/2016-4 Years of Service  
Grant Taylor-Sheriff's Department-2/11/2019-1 Year of Service  
Neal Faulkner-Road Department-2/18/2019-1 Year of Service  
Becky Mena-Administration-2/9/2016-4 Years of Service  
Serina Bartoo-Administration-2/25/2008-12 Years of Service**

**B. Sacred Winds & Sierra Electric Co-Op-Broadband Project**

**A representative from Sacred Winds presented a PowerPoint about a broadband project coming to our County.**

**C. Legislative Summary-Sheriff Hamilton**

**Sheriff Hamilton gave a brief summary on some of the Bills that passed during the 30 day Session.**

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

**A. Resolution No. 108-057-Move of Investment Money Market Account**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-057-Move of Investment Money Market Account as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PERA Annual Reporting-Volunteer Fire Departments**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve PERA Annual Reporting-Volunteer Fire Departments as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. NMDOT CAP, SB and SP Route Funding FY 20/21**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve NMDOT CAP, SB and SP Route Funding FY 20/21 as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Behavioral Health Agencies Supervisory Certification**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Behavioral Health Agencies Supervisory Certification as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Letter to the NM Department of Agriculture Requesting for Assistance in Communicating with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Letter to the NM Department of Agriculture Requesting for Assistance in Communicating with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services as presented. Commissioner Luna**

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

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

**A. Smithco-RFP #2019-05-009-Bank Stabilization-Cuchillo Negro**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Smithco-RFP #2019-05-009-Bank Stabilization-Cuchillo Negro 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. 108-055-Sierra County Road Mileage 2020**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to not approve Resolution No. 108-055-Sierra County Road Mileage 2020 as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 108-056-Authorization for Sierra County to Participate in the Local DWI Grant & Distribution Program FY 20/21**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-056-Authorization for Sierra County to Participate in the Local DWI Grant & Distribution Program FY 20/21 as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution No. 108-058-Recognizing 911 Telecommunicators of the Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority as First Responders**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-058-Recognizing 911 Telecommunicators of the Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority as First Responders as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Resolution No. 108-059-A Resolution Supporting the Recognition of the Property Rights of Allotment Owners**

**Commissioner Luna MOVED to approve Resolution No. 108-059-A Resolution Supporting the Recognition of the Property Rights of Allotment Owners as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (11:43 A.M.) SECTION (10-15-1E THRU H):**

**At 11:43 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:**

- A. Sierra County v. TRD**
- B. Sierra County v. Galache**

**PERSONNEL:**

**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: (March 17, 2020)**

**The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. at the Albert J Lyon Event Center at 2953 S Broadway, 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: (11:46A.M.)**


**There being no further business to come before the Board. Commission Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting at 11:46 A.M.**

Dated this 25th day of February, 2020.

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