

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2022**

**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, May 24, 2022, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman  
Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member**

**Clerk of Board: Shelly Trujillo**

**County Attorney: Dave Pato**

**County Manager: Charlene Webb**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Ryan Williams, Ernie Armijo, Mike Hearn, Merry Jo Fahl, Johanna Tighe, Michael Hutchins, Phillip E McCaabe, Nicholas J Worth, William B Norris, Kristie Wilson, Kim Edgmon, Jim Edgmon, Keith Whitney, Laurie Chavez-Caca Pasa, Justin OBryant-Caca Pasa, Jocelyn Holguin, Ronald James Thomas, Richard Shetter, John Strand-Sun Zia Transmission, Glenn Hamilton**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day 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-April 19, 2022**
- B. Special Meeting-May 12, 2022**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting and the Special Meeting 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**

**William Norris wants to get rid of the Dominion voting machines.**

**Carol Borsello stated she is nervous about voting now because of the Dominion Machines**

**Johanna Tighe stated she wants the drop boxes removed.**

**Phillip McCabe encouraged everyone to watch 2000 Mules.**

**Jack Noel commended the County Clerk on being sufficient with the request of the scanning of the ballots from the General 2020 election.**

**Kim Edgmon stated she has no confidence in the voting process because of Dominion.**

**Ron Fenn has concerns about machine voting and drop boxes.**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolution No. 110-074- Account Payables**

**B. Resolution No. 110-075- Budget Adjustments**

**C. Resolution No. 110-076- Indigent Claims**

**D. Resolution No. 110-078-Budget Transfer**

**E. Indigent Burial Claim B2022-010**

**F. Indigent Burial Claim B2022-011**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

**A. Employee of the Month Award**

- B. Years of Service Awards**
- C. Department Reports**
- D. Turtleback Trail Project- Merry Jo Fahl-See Attached**

**V. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

**A. April Reconciliation**

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. MOU between Administrative Office of the Courts and County of Sierra to Help Provide Funds to Sierra Vista Hospital for Tele-Psyche Services**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve MOU between Administrative Office of the Courts and County of Sierra to Help Provide Funds to Sierra Vista Hospital for Tele-Psyche Services as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. MOU between Sierra County, City of Truth or Consequences Police Department and Olive Tree Behavioral Health Community Center Regarding the LEAD Grant**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve MOU between Sierra County, City of Truth or Consequences Police Department and Olive Tree Behavioral Health Community Center Regarding the LEAD Grant as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. MOU between Sierra County, City of Truth or Consequences Police Department and Olive Tree Behavioral Health Community Center for Crisis Response Team Funding**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve MOU between Sierra County, City of Truth or Consequences Police Department and Olive Tree Behavioral Health Community Center for Crisis Response Team Funding as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**



**D. Take Home Vehicle Request for Anthony Zagorski**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve MOU between Sierra County, City of Truth or Consequences Police Department and Olive Tree Behavioral Health Community Center for Crisis Response Team Funding as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Petition for Vacation of County Road No. VR-22-001 Request for a Portion of C004**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Petition for Vacation of County Road No. VR-22-001 Request for a Portion of C004 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**VIII. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT**

**A. Purchase Agreement between Don Chalmer's ford and County of Sierra for an F-150 for the Road Department State Price Agreement**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Purchase Agreement between Don Chalmer's ford and County of Sierra for an F-150 for the Road Department State Price Agreement as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Service Agreement between Caca Pasa and County of Sierra for Portable Toilet Services**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Service Agreement between Caca Pasa and County of Sierra for Portable Toilet Services as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Purchase Agreement between Phil Long Ford and County of Sierra for an F-150 for the Sierra County Sheriff's Office-CES Purchase**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Purchase Agreement between Phil Long Ford and County of Sierra for an F-150 for the Sierra County Sheriff's Office-CES Purchase as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Purchase Agreement between Melloy Dodge and County of Sierra for a 2022 Dodge Charger and 2022 Dodge Durango-CES Purchase**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to Table indefinitely Purchase Agreement between Melloy Dodge and County of Sierra for a 2022 Dodge Charger and 2022 Dodge Durango-CES Purchase as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Joint Powers Agreement County Livestock Loss Authority with Socorro, Catron and Sierra Counties**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Joint Powers Agreement County Livestock Loss Authority with Socorro, Catron and Sierra Counties 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. 110-077-Preliminary Budget Approval**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-077-Preliminary Budget Approval as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 110-079-Approving the Request of SunZia Transmission LLC to use Certain Roads in Sierra County and other Matters**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-079-Approving the Request of SunZia Transmission LLC to use Certain Roads in Sierra County and other Matters as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution No. 110-080-Approving and Adopting a Salary Plan for Sierra County, New Mexico**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-080-Approving and Adopting a Salary Plan for Sierra County, New Mexico as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Resolution No. 110-081-Setting the Salaries of Elected Official and Appointed Officials with Terms Commencing after January 1, 2023, per the Constitutio and Laws of the State of New Mexico.**



**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-081-Setting the Salaries of Elected Official and Appointed Officials with Terms Commencing after January 1, 2023, per the Constitutio and Laws of the State of New Mexico.as Amended. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**The Commissioners opted out of receiving the raise.**

**E. Resolution No. 110-082-Declaring a Disaster in the County of Sierra for the Black Fire Event**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-082-Declaring a Disaster in the County of Sierra for the Black Fire Event as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**F. Ordinance No. 22-002-Dedication of Gross Receipt Tax**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 22-002-Dedication of Gross Receipt Tax as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

#### **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION SECTION (10-15-1E THRU H):**

**Commission Vice-Chair Day 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. BOCC v. FWS**

#### **PERSONNEL:**

#### **REAL ESTATE:**

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

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

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR SIERRA COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETING: June 21, 2022, 2022**

**The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chamber at 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

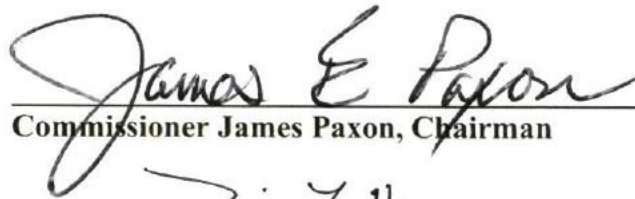
**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

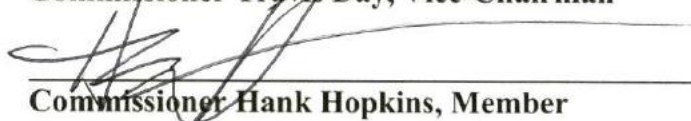
**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting.**

Dated this 24th day of May, 2022.

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman

  
Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chairman

  
Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk

