

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2021**

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, July 27, 2021, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 855 Van Patten, 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:

Kristie Wilson, Jocelyn Holguin, Glenn Hamilton, Travis Atwell, John Hornkohl, Lisa C vigil, Donni Herrera, Michelle Atwell, George Lee, Denise Barrera, Misti Willock, Keith Whitney, Denise Addie, Josh Baker, Erica Baker & Kids, Chealsey Barnes, Candace Chavez, John Strand, Virginia Lee, Amy Whitehead

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-June 15, 2021
- B. Special Meeting-June 29, 2021

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolution No. 110-002- Account Payables

B. Resolution No. 110-006-Budget Adjustments

C. Resolution No. 110-003-Indigent Claims

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.

V. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

A. Presentation of Years of Service Certificates

B. Presentation of Life Saving Award to Sgt. Joel Trejo and Lt. Josh Baker

C. Department Reports

D. Sierra Electric/Ethos Broadband

E. SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

A. June Reconciliation

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of Vacating Evergreen Street, Maple Street and Simpson Road in Kingston

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Consideration of Vacating Evergreen Street, Maple Street and Simpson Road in Kingston as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Appointment of Freeholders Richard Sainz, Byron Wilson and Creeden Coil to review A Street, B Street, C Street, 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue Fairview Estates, Winston, New Mexico

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Appointment of Freeholders Richard Sainz, Byron Wilson and Creeden Coil to review A Street, B Street, C Street, 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue Fairview Estates, Winston, New Mexico as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement

No action needed to be taken.

D. MOU between Sierra County and Sierra Electric Co-Op for Infrastructural Improvements

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve MOU between Sierra County and Sierra Electric Co-Op for Infrastructural Improvements as presented, and allocate all the funds. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Denise Addie 9/11 Memorial in Triangle Park

After some discussion, the Commissioners asked for more clarification on the cost of this project.

IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT:

A. Sponsorship of 9/11 Memorial in Triangle Park

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to TABLE Sponsorship of 9/11 Memorial in Triangle Park as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Letter of Intent-Recovery Fund Money from Sierra Electric Cooperative/Ethos Broadband

No action needed on this Agenda item.

C. Sub-Grant Agreement with DHSEM

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Sub-Grant Agreement with DHSEM as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Monticello Fire Department Acceptance of Donated Fire Truck from Hagerman Fire Department

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Monticello Fire Department Acceptance of Donated Fire Truck from Hagerman Fire Department as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County and the City of Truth or Consequences for the Housing and Care of Adult City Prisoners

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County and the City of Truth or Consequences for the Housing and Care of Adult City Prisoners as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

F. Purchase Agreement between NM County Insurance and the County of Sierra

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Purchase Agreement between NM County Insurance and the County of Sierra as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

G. Purchase Agreement between Timelord Solutions, LLC and the County of Sierra

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Purchase Agreement between Timelord Solutions, LLC and the County of Sierra as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

H. Settlement Agreement/Change Order between Smithco and the County of Sierra

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Settlement Agreement/Change Order between Smithco and the County of Sierra as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

I. MOU between New Mexico Secretary of State and Sierra County

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve MOU between New Mexico Secretary of State and Sierra County as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

J. SunZia Transmission Line #1 Community Benefits Agreement

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve SunZia Transmission Line #1 Community Benefits Agreement 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. 110-001-In Support of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Industry

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-001-In Support of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Industry as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 110-004—Declining to Impose a Liquor License Tax

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-004-Declining to Impose a Liquor License Tax as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution No. 110-005-2021/2022 Final Budget

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-005-2021/2022 Final Budget as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Resolution No. 110-007-4th Quarter Report for 2020/2021

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-007-4th Quarter Report for 2020/2021 as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day

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

E. Resolution No. 110-008-Support for SunZia Southwest Transmission

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-008-Support for SunZia Southwest Transmission as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

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

At 11:44 A.M. 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. Sierra County v. TRD**
- B. Sierra County v. FWS**
- C. Cynthia and Bob Johnson v. Sierra County**
- D. Julia Wunder and Stephanie Mazur v. Sierra County**

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: August 24, 2021

The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chamber at 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

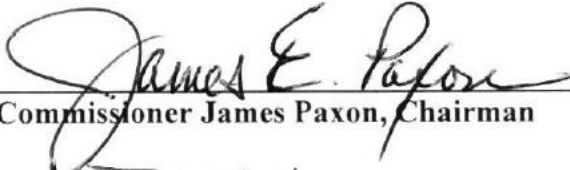
Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

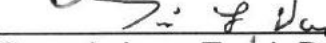
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2021.

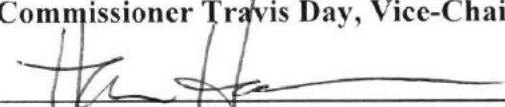
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Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman

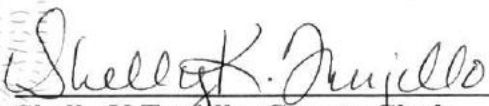


Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chairman



Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:



Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk

