

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 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, April 19, 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:

Lynetta Sullivan, Lisa Daniel-The Olive Tree, Loretta and William Rabenau, Bill and Bettye Powell, Kandes Goss, Michelle Atwell, Ted Ontiveros, Kristie Hawkins, John Diamond, Kelsie Cochran, Laura Schneberger, Glenn Hamilton, Phillip Mortensen, Victor Marquez, Josh Baker, Chuck Wntworth-Sentinel, Colette Chandler, Timothy Roberson, Gene and Ginger Whetten, Jennifer Daugherty, Carolyn Nelson, Charlie Warren

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-March 15, 2022

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the minutes for the Regular 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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Resolution No. 110-069- Account Payables**
- B. Resolution No. 110-070- Budget Adjustments**
- C. 3rd Quarter Financial Report**
- D. Resolution No. 110-071- Indigent Claims**
- E. Indigent Burial Claim B2022-007**
- F. Indigent Burial Claim B2022-008**
- G. Indigent Burial Claim B2022-009**
- H. Claim of Exemption 2022-001**
- I. Claim of Exemption 2022-002**
- J. Claim of Exemption 2022-003**

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. Employee of the Month Award**
- B. Years of Service Awards**
- C. Department Reports**

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

- A. March Reconciliation**

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed FY23 Compensation Plan-Matt Weatherly

Mr. Weatherly presented a slide show on the pay compensation plan.

B. Discussion of Ordinance No. 15-004-Setting Forth Wolf-Human Incident Emergency Protective Measures

Laura Schneberger stated that her and her husband have been sleeping in a tent between the cattle and the wolves to help protect their cattle.

Scott Chandler spoke about the contradiction in the Ordinance. Mr. Chandler stated they are taxed on livestock as private property and if on Federal land, should be able to protect that private property.

John Diamond spoke on behalf of the Diamond family. Mr. Diamond stated that he has had wolves in his yard in Beaverhead while his kids were there. Mr. Diamond told the Commission the wolves need to be removed. Put them in a zoo. The elk population in the Gila has had a major decline due to wolves. We need to put more pressure on the Game and Fish.

Bill Powell from Catron County asked if the IRS considers allotments private property, shouldn't we be able to protect it?

Bob Daugherty stated he was told the Seco Wolf Pack was released on the Ladder Ranch without the information being revealed that they were livestock killing wolves.

Carolyn Nelson-See Attached

Collette Chandler asked if it would be possible for Sierra County to put together a task force and make a management plan for our County.

C. Assessor's Yearly Budget Report

County Assessor Mike Huston gave his yearly budget report.

D. Take Home Vehicle Request for Andres Gomez

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Take Home Vehicle Request for Andres Gomez as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Take Home Vehicle Request for Anthony Zagorski

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to Table Take Home Vehicle Request for Anthony Zagorski as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

F. Direction to Publish Title and General Subject Matter of Amendatory Ordinance to De-Earmark Third One-Eighth County General Gross Receipts Tax

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Direction to Publish Title and General Subject Matter of Amendatory Ordinance to De-Earmark Third One-Eighth County General Gross Receipts Tax as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

G. Expenditure of Opioid Proceeds

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

H. Appoint Laneer Wrye, Sharon Luna and Ronnie Chavez as Freeholders to view C004 (Zeolite Road, Winston)

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Appoint Laneer Wrye, Sharon Luna and Ronnie Chavez as Freeholders to view C004 (Zeolite Road, Winston) as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

I. Annual Volunteer Firefighters PERA Report

- i. Monticello VFD**
- ii. Hillsboro VFD**
- iii. Las Palomas VFD**

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Annual Volunteer Firefighters PERA Report as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT

A. New Mexico Opioid Settlement Agreement

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve New Mexico Opioid Settlement Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Ratification of County Manager Authorization for Repairs to Engine for Monticello Fire Department

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Ratification of County Manager Authorization for Repairs to Engine for Monticello Fire Department as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Increase for Firefighter Trucks, Inc. and the County of Sierra

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Increase for Firefighter Trucks, Inc. and the County of Sierra as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Purchase Agreement between Creative Bus Sales and the County of Sierra

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

E. Agreement between Indigent Healthcare Solutions and Sierra County

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

F. MOU between Sierra County, the City of Truth or Consequences, the City of Elephant Butte and the Sierra County Flood Commission to Share the Costs for High Resolution Geo-Referenced Aerial Imagery from Pictometry

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve MOU between Sierra County, the City of Truth or Consequences, the City of Elephant Butte and the Sierra County Flood Commission to Share the Costs for High Resolution Geo-Referenced Aerial Imagery from Pictometry as presented.

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

X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Proclamation Proclaiming May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Proclamation Proclaiming May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 110-072-TPF Application for County Road A007

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-072-TPF Application for County Road A007 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution No. 110-073-TPF Application for Sugar Sand Bridge

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-073-TPF Application for Sugar Sand Bridge 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:

Disposal of Real Property -855 Van Patten

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.

A. Disposal of Real Property-855 Van Patten

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Disposal of Real Property -855 Van Patten as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR SIERRA COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING: May 24, 2022**

The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chamber at 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

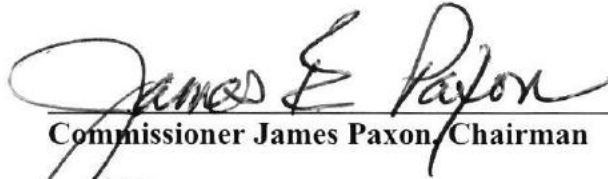
Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion.

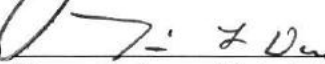
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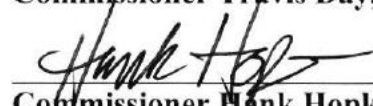
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2022.

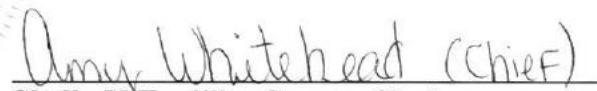
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ATTEST:


Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk

