

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 am Regular Meeting

The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 1712 N. Date St, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL:

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

Clerk of Board: Shelly K. Trujillo

County Attorney: Dave Pato

County Manager: Charlene Webb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Michelle Atwell, Lourdes Gutierrez, William B Norris, Eduard Bamonte, Lydia Bamonte, Kristin Boren, Virginia Lee, Keith Whitney, Misti Willock-Ethos

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-July 19, 2022

Commissioner Hopkins 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

Suzanne Carlstedt stated she has confidence in the elections held in Sierra County. She would like to see hard evidence from this county and not elsewhere. Ms. Carlstedt said to just let people vote.

Valerie Two Wolves stated there was not voter fraud in the 2020 election.

William George Norris told the Commission about an upcoming event called the Moment of Truth Summit. Mr. Norris stated you can get the app on your phone.

Edward and Lydia Bamonte stated there is a need for more money for the baseball field and park project in Arrey.

Susan Moore stated Sierra County is competent in running elections. She supports the SOS.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolution No. 110-102- Account Payables

B. Resolution No. 110-103- Budget Adjustments

C. Resolution No. 110-104- Indigent Claims

D. Claim of Exemption-22-005-Candelaria, et. al.

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 award

C. Department Reports

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

A. July Reconciliation

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Ethos Broadband Project

Misti Willock gave a brief update stating that Sacred Wind is merging with Conmac.

B. Donation of Fire Apparatus from Santa Fe Fire Department to Monticello Volunteer Fire Department

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Donation of Fire Apparatus from Santa Fe Fire Department to Monticello Volunteer Fire Department as presented. Commission Vice Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Direction to Publish Ordinance No. 22-005-Repealing Sierra County Planning Ordinance No. 09-002

Commission Vice Chair Day MOVED to approve Direction to Publish Ordinance No. 22-005-Repealing Sierra County Planning Ordinance No. 09-002 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Direction to Publish Ordinance No. 22-006-Road Naming and Rural Addressing

IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT

A. Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$186,697.00

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$186,697.00 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$213,203.00

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$213,203.00 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$180,867.00

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$180,867.00 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Appropriation Number 22-ZG9112 in the Amount of \$70,000 for the Hillsboro Community Center

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Appropriation Number 22-ZG9112 in the Amount of \$70,000 for the Hillsboro Community Center as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Appropriation Number 22-ZG9114 in the Amount of \$75,000 to Purchase a Blade Truck for the Sierra County Road Department

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Appropriation Number 22-ZG9114 in the Amount of \$75,000 to Purchase a Blade Truck for the Sierra County Road Department as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

F. Appropriation Number 22-ZG9115 in the Amount of \$60,000 to Purchase Equipment for the Sierra County Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Appropriation Number 22-ZG9115 in the Amount of \$60,000 to Purchase Equipment for the Sierra County Sheriff's Department as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

G. Hillsboro Community Center Management Contract

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Hillsboro Community Center Management Contract as presented, with Kristen Loren as the new president. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

H. CES Construction Agreement between Highland Enterprises, Inc. and the County of Sierra for the Arrey Baseball Field

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve CES Construction Agreement between Highland Enterprises, Inc. and the County of Sierra for the Arrey Baseball Field as presented, selecting option 1. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

I. Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Secretary of State and Sierra County

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

J. Intergovernmental Agreement between Dona Ana County and Sierra County for the Housing of Adult Detainees

Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Dona Ana County and Sierra County for the Housing of Adult Detainees as presented, selecting option 1. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS

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

Commission Vice Chair Day MOVED to go into Executive Session for 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:

PERSONNEL:

County Flood Director, Travis Atwell

County Manager, Charlene Webb

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING:

The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chamber at 1712 N. Date St. Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

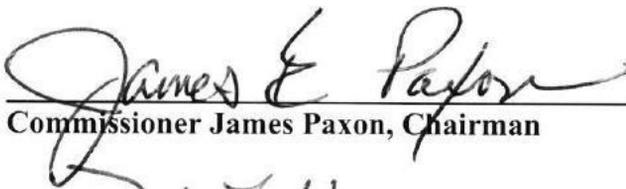
Commission Vice-Chair Day MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Dated this 16th day of August, 2022.

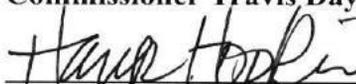
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Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman

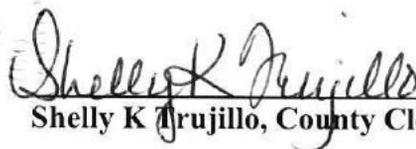


Commissioner Travis Day, Vice-Chairman



Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:



Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk