

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2023**

**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 Friday, March 21, 2023, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 1712 N. Date St, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Clerk of Board: Shelly K. Trujillo**

**County Attorney: Adren Nance**

**County Manager: Amber Vaughn**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Jessica T West, Dora Miranda, Ryan Williams, Michael Reed, Jocelyn Holguin, Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Virginia Lee, Kayce Edwards, Jennie Bierner, Ruben Lucero, Josh Baker, Cary Jagger Gustin, Raymundo Sanchez**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon 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-February 21, 2023**

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the minutes as presented.  
Commission Vice-Chair Paxon 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. 110-148- Account Payables**

**B. Resolution No. 110-149- Budget Adjustments**

**C. Resolution No. 110-151- Budget Transfer**

**D. Resolution No. 110-150- Indigent Claims**

**E. Indigent Burial B2023-04**

**F. Indigent Burial B2023-05**

**G. Letter of Support for RISE Grant Application**

**H. Letter of Support for Sierra Vista Hospital Congressionally Directed  
Spending**

**I. Letter of Support for Vocational Center**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon 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. Years of Service award**

**B. Department Reports**

**C. Anthony James reported that last year was a very trying year. Mr. James  
stated that about 3200 acres of prescribed burn area will happen in  
May/June.**

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

**A. February Reconciliation**

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

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration of Transfer of Liquor License**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Consideration of Transfer of Liquor License as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. SWCC Water Quality and Conservation Grant Program-Fairground Improvements**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve SWCC Water Quality and Conservation Grant Program-Fairground Improvements as presented and to direct staff to notify. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT**

**A. Contract Agreement Update-Matthew 25**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Contract Agreement Update-Matthew 25 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Flood Lease with the City of T or C**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Flood Lease with the City of T or C as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Lonestar-CES-57X Western Star Transport Tractor-Road**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Lonestar-CES-57X Western Star Transport Tractor-Road as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Desert West Enterprises-CES-Microsurfacing Materials-Road**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Desert West Enterprises-CES-Microsurfacing Materials-Road as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**



**E. 411 Equipment -State Price Agreement-Pumper Tinder-CVFD**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve 411 Equipment -State Price Agreement-Pumper Tinder-CVFD as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**F. MES-HGAC BUY-Air Packs-HVFD**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve MES-HGAC BUY-Air Packs-HVFD as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**G. Amendment to the Opioid Remediation Collaborative Joint Powers Agreement**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Amendment to the Opioid Remediation Collaborative Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**H. Amendment to the Executed Opioid Remediation Collaborative**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Amendment to the Executed Opioid Remediation Collaborative as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**I. Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the County of Sierra and the USDA, Forest Service Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the County of Sierra and the USDA, Forest Service Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**J. State of New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Subrecipient Subgrant Agreement for the Stonegarden Activities**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve State of New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Subrecipient Subgrant Agreement for the Stonegarden Activities as presented.**

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

**X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 110-152-Sierra County Road Mileage Certification**

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 110-152-Sierra County Road Mileage Certification as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**B. Resolution No. 110-153-Clarification of Elected Official's Salaries**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 110-153-Clarification of Elected Official's Salaries as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**C. Resolution No. 110-154-Resolution Confirming Sierra County to Participate in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Fund Call for Projects**

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 110-154-Resolution Confirming Sierra County to Participate in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Fund Call for Projects as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

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

**PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION:**

**PERSONNEL:**

**REAL ESTATE: Disposal of 855 Van Patten-County Building**

**DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY**

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

**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, April 18, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chamber at 1712 N. Date St. Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

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

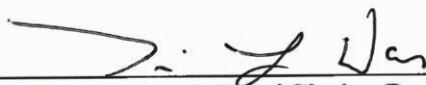
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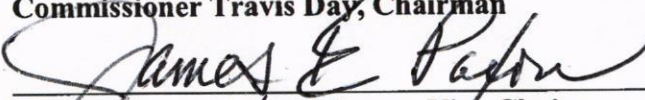
**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Day adjourned the meeting.**

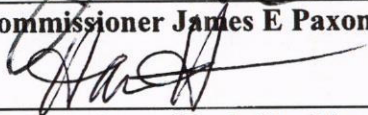


Dated this 21st day of March, 2023.

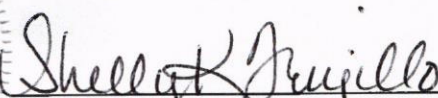
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Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman

  
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Commissioner James E Paxon, Vice-Chairman

  
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Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
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Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk



