

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Tuesday, September 13, 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: David Pato**

**County Manager: Amber Vaughn**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Kayce Edwards, Mike Hearn, Josh Baker, chuck Wentworth-Sentinel,  
Candace Chavez, Serina Bartoo, Ryan Williams, Jessica West, Michelle  
Atwell**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. Regular Meeting-July 18, 2023**
- B. Special Meeting-July 28, 2023**
- C. Special Meeting-August 17, 2023**
- D. Special Meeting June 27, 2023**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **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**

Gerald Boland expressed he would like for the Commission meetings to go back to being evening meetings.

Mr. Boland also stated that he is invoking the 4 corner rule because the Governor's oath is invalid.

Mr. Boland would also like to see money withheld from schools as they are teaching them to hate the government.

Mr. Boland also stated that the elections have not been valid because of the machines.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Resolution No. 110-185- Account Payables

B. Resolution No. 110-186- Budget Adjustments

C. Resolution No. 110-187- Indigent Claims

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **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. Update on Multipurpose Fair Building and Swine Facility

County Manager Vaughn gave a brief update on the Multipurpose Fair Building.

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

A. July Reconciliation

B. August Reconciliation

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the April 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. Direction to Publish Amendment to Personnel Policy Ordinance 16-009**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Direction to Publish Amendment to Personnel Policy Ordinance 16-009 as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Direction to Publish Ordinance Authorizing Repayment to the New Mexico Economic Development Department for the Local Economic Development Act Project to SpinLaunch for the Termination of the Project Participation Agreement**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Direction to Publish Ordinance Authorizing Repayment to the New Mexico Economic Development Department for the Local Economic Development Act Project to SpinLaunch for the Termination of the Project Participation Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Financial Support of the National Center for Public Lands Counties Consideration**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to Table Financial Support of the National Center for Public Lands Counties Consideration as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Consideration of SWCCA Joint Booth**

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

**E. Road Vacation Request VR23-001 for Portion of Oak Street in Kingston**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Road Vacation Request VR23-001 for Portion of Oak Street in Kingston as presented. Commission Vice-**



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

**F. Request to Vacate Remaining Portio of Miranda's Highland Retreat Unit No. 1 Subdivision**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Request to Vacate Remaining Portio of Miranda's Highland Retreat Unit No. 1 Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**G. Appointment of Sharon Luna, LaNeer Wrye and Bruce Swingle as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of Lula Street in Kingston with Ronnie Chavez as an Alternate**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Appointment of Sharon Luna, LaNeer Wrye and Bruce Swingle as Freeholders to View the Request to Vacate a Portion of Lula Street in Kingston with Ronnie Chavez as an Alternate as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**H. Approval to Receive Donation of Fire Apparatus from Dona Ana County to Sierra County: 2 Fire Trucks, 1994 International Luverne Pumps**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Approval to Receive Donation of Fire Apparatus from Dona Ana County to Sierra County: 2 Fire Trucks, 1994 International Luverne Pumps as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT**

**A. New Mexico Memorandum of Understanding Office of the Secretary of State and Sierra County**

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

**B. Memorandum of Agreement between Sierra County and the Southwest Council of Governments**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Sierra County and the Southwest Council of Governments as**

presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**C. Rise Grant Agreement-Official Approval-Detention**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Memorandum of Rise Grant Agreement-Official Approval-Detention Agreement between Sierra County and the Southwest Council of Governments as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**D. BHIZ Grant Agreement-Official Approval-Detention**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve BHIZ Grant Agreement-Official Approval-Detention as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**E. COSSAP Grant Agreement-Detention**

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve COSSAP Grant Agreement-Detention as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**F. Catalis Enterprise-Cama System-Sole Source-Assessor**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Catalis Enterprise-Cama System-Sole Source-Assessor as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**G. Triadic-Sole Source Agreement-Administration**

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Triadic-Sole Source Agreement-Administration as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

**X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 110-180-Designating the Location of Election Day Polling Places for all Statewide Elections Conducted in 2024 and 2025**

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 110-188-Amended Take Home Vehicle Policy as presented. Commissioner Hopkins



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

**B. Resolution No. 110-189-A Resolution to Approve 2023 Tax Rates**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-189-A Resolution to Approve 2023 Tax Rates 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):**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon 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. Caouette v. Sierra County**

**PERSONNEL:**

**REAL ESTATE:**

**DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY**

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

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon 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:**

**The date and time of the next Regular Sierra County Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Albert J Lyon Event Center at 2953 S Broadway, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

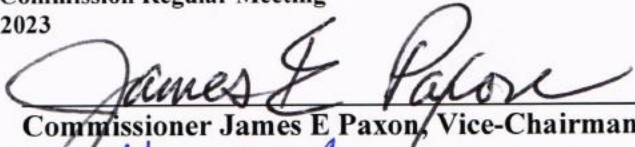
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Day adjourned the meeting.

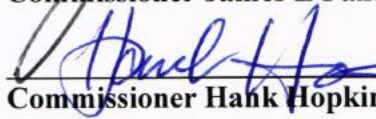
Dated this 13th day of September, 2023.

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Day", is written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman

  
Commissioner James E Paxson, Vice-Chairman

  
Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:

  
Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk





