

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 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, October 17, 2023, at the Albert J Lyon Event Center, 2953 S Broadway 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:

Jocelyn Holguin, Wanda Joan Montoya, Buddy Montoya, Dan Steele, Brett Beaty-Wilson & Co, Lauren Chavez-Wilson & Co, Steve Dobrott, Rebecca Bartoo, Ernie Armijo, Mike Hearn, Chuck Wentworth-Sentinel, Jessica West, Michelle Atwell, Keith Whitney, Kayce Edwards

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-September 13, 2023**
- B. Special Meeting-September 15, 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

Rebecca Bartoo gave an update on the County Fair. There were 178 youth exhibitors. \$377,000 was raised at the Livestock Sale.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Resolution No. 110-191- Account Payables**
- B. Resolution No. 110-192- Budget Adjustments**
- C. Resolution No. 110-193- Indigent Claims**
- D. Indigent Burial B2023-007**
- E. Claim of Exemption #23-003**

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. Fair Ground Update-Wilson Engineering-See Attached**
- D. Non-Profit Museums of Sierra County-Dan Steele with the Geronimo springs Museum asked the commission with help sponsoring a bill for a specialty license plate.**
- E. Public Proposal for Ordinance Regarding the Loss of Livestock and Pets Due to the Attack of Dogs-See Attached**

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

- A. September 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 Ordinance 23-005-Codifying the New Mexico Enabling Act

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Direction to Publish Ordinance 23-005-Codifying the New Mexico Enabling Act as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Direction to Publish Ordinance 23-006-Indigent Healthcare Ordinance

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Direction to Publish Ordinance 23-006-Indigent Healthcare Ordinance as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Road Vacation Request VR23-002 for Portion of Lula Street in Kingston

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Road Vacation Request VR23-002 for Portion of Lula Street in Kingston as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Approval for Year Two of Recruitment/Retention Funding for Sheriff's Department

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Approval for Year Two of Recruitment/Retention Funding for Sheriff's Department as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Approval for Law Enforcement Recruiting/Hiring Fund \$262,500 Over Three Years to Add a Law Enforcement Position

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Approval for Law Enforcement Recruiting/Hiring Fund \$262,500 Over Three Years to Add a Law Enforcement Position as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT

A. Sierra County 23-ZH9304 Grant Agreement

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Sierra County 23-ZH9304 Grant Agreement as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Road-State Price Agreement-ABC Concrete-Official Approval

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Road-State Price Agreement-ABC Concrete-Official Approval as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Facility-State Price Agreement-Don Chalmers Ford-LACTF

Commission Vice-Chair Paxton MOVED to approve Facility-State Price Agreement-Don Chalmers Ford-LACTF as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Wilson Fee Proposal-Fairgrounds-Task Order #2-Design and Construct

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Wilson Fee Proposal-Fairgrounds-Task Order #2-Design and Construct as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. WTI/TREMCO-Fairgrounds-Restoration and Interior-Note: Quote for HVAC-Following Installation-CES

Commission Vice-Chair Paxton MOVED to approve WTI/TREMCO-Fairgrounds-Restoration and Interior-Note: Quote for HVAC-Following Installation-CES as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

F. Sheriff-State Price Agreement-Don Chalmers Ford-Pending Final Agreements

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Sheriff-State Price Agreement-Don Chalmers Ford-Pending Final Agreements as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

G. Sheriff-State Price Agreement-WAC Upfitters, LLC-Vehicle Accessories-Pending Final Agreements

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Sheriff-State Price Agreement-WAC Upfitters, LLC-Vehicle Accessories-Pending Final Agreements 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. 110-194-Supporting the New Mexico Trappers Association's Litigation Against the State's Public Lands Trapping Ban

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 110-194-Supporting the New Mexico Trappers Association's Litigation Against the State's Public Lands Trapping Ban as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 110-195-Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2024 Legislative Priorities

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 110-195-Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2024 Legislative Priorities as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution 110-196-A Resolution Approving the Amended Property Tax Rates

Commissioner Hopkins **MOVED** to approve Resolution 110-196-A Resolution Approving the Amended Property Tax Rates as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Ordinance 23-003-An Ordinance Repealing Sierra County Spinlaunch LEDA, Ordinance No. 21-001

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Ordinance 23-003-An Ordinance Repealing Sierra County Spinlaunch LEDA, Ordinance No. 21-001 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Ordinance 23-004-Amendment to Personnel Policy Ordinance 16-009

Commission Vice-Chair Paxon **MOVED** to approve Ordinance 23-004-Amendment to Personnel Policy Ordinance 16-009 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins **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:

PERSONNEL:

A. County Manager

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, November 14, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chambers at 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

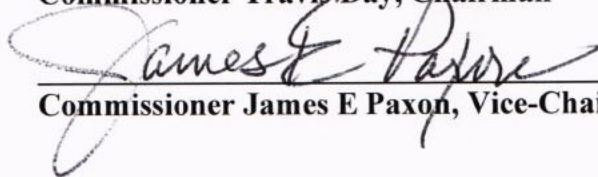
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Day adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2023.

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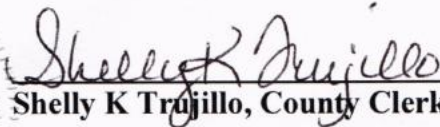
Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman



Commissioner James E Paxon, Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:



Shelly K Trujillo, County Clerk



