

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

**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 Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the Albert Lyon Event Center, 2953 S Broadway, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Clerk of Board: Shelly Trujillo**

**County Attorney: David Pato**

**County Manager: Amber Vaughn**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Josh Baker, Billy Neeley, Ruben Lucero, Mickey Atwell, Ryan Williams,  
Keith Whitney, Mery Beth Chapman, Monica Zepeda**

**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-October 15, 2024**

**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**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolution No. 110-280- Account Payables**

**B. Resolution No. 110-281- Indigent Claims**

**C. Claim of Exemption No. 24-011 (Shaeffer Trust)**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the 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. Sierra County Film Liaison Reappointment-Cary “Jaggar” Gustin**

**Mr. Gustin stated when the filming of Eddington took place in T or C, they spent about \$2 million dollars in the community while they were here. He would also like to continue to be the Film Liaison for Sierra County.**

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

**A. October Reconciliation**

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

**VII. Election Canvas**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to recess to Convene as the County Canvassing Board. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote.**

**District 1-Yes**

**District 2-Yes**

**District 3-Yes**

**A. Canvass 2024 General Election**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Canvass 2024 General Election. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion passed with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to adjourn the Canvassing Board and go back into the regular meeting. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion passed with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 24-001-Amending subdivision Claim of Exemption**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 24-001-Amending subdivision Claim of Exemption as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Sierra County Road Dept. Infrastructure Placement Permit**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Sierra County Road Dept. Infrastructure Placement Permit as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Approval of Donation of Fire Equipment from Elephant butte Fire Department to Las Palomas & Monticello Volunteer Fire Department**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Approval of Donation of Fire Equipment from Elephant butte Fire Department to Las Palomas & Monticello Volunteer Fire Department as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Petition for Road Vacation VR24-004-Request to Vacate a Portion of Cacho Rd (County Road B002)**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Petition for Road Vacation VR24-004-Request to Vacate a Portion of Cacho Rd (County Road B002) as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Petition for Road Vacation VR24-005-Request to Vacate a Portion of 'B' Avenue in Winston Townsite**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Petition for Road Vacation VR24-005-Request to Vacate a Portion of 'B' Avenue in Winston Townsite as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Summary Replat-Lot Line Adjustment: Inch Rain LLC and McCarthy**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the Summary Replat-Lot Line Adjustment: Inch Rain LLC and McCarthy as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**F. Summary Replat-Lot Line Adjustment: Buckley and Kraften**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Summary Replat-Lot Line Adjustment: Buckley and Kraften as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**X. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT**

**A. Agreement between Sierra County and The Village of Williamsburg Regarding Temporary use of Designated area of the Sierra County Fairgrounds**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Agreement between Sierra County and The Village of Williamsburg Regarding Temporary use of Designated area of the Sierra County Fairgrounds as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Mexican Wolf Recovery and Management MOU**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Mexican Wolf Recovery and Management MOU as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**XI. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 110-282-Providing for the Implementation of the Salary and Compensation Study**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-282-Providing for the Implementation of the Salary and Compensation Study as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 110-283-Salary and compensation Study Budget Adjustment**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-283-Salary and compensation Study Budget Adjustment as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution No. 110-284-Budget Adjustment**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution 110-279-Budget Adjustment as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Resolution No. 110-285-Authorizing Execution of the Subgrant Agreement with the Department of Finance and Administration to Receive Law Enforcement Retention Funds**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-285-Authorizing Execution of the Subgrant Agreement with the Department of Finance and Administration to Receive Law Enforcement Retention Funds as presented. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Resolution No. 110-286-Inspection of Public Records Act Amended Resolution**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution 110-279-Budget Adjustment as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**F. Resolution No. 110-287-Resolution Adopting an Amended Organizational Chart**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 110-287-Resolution Adopting an Amended Organizational Chart 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. Ramirez v. Sierra County**

**PERSONNEL:**

**A. Amber Vaughn**

**REAL ESTATE:**

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

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to come back into Regular Session. Commission Chair Day SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

**A. County Manager Contract**

**Commission Vice-Chair Paxon MOVED to approve County Manager Contract 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, December 17, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chambers at 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

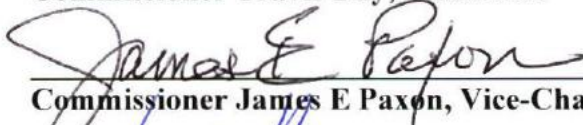
**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice-Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion.**


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

Dated this 14th day of November, 2024.


**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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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**

