

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2025**

**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, March 18, 2025, 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: Amy Whitehead**

**County Attorney: David Pato (Absent)**

**County Manager: Amber Vaughn**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Monica Zepeda, Sandy Jones, Kayce Edwards, Josh Baker, Steve Mull-Sentinel, Patrick Flores, Michelle Atwell, Ernie Armijo, Keith Whitney, Billy Neeley, Bruce Swingle, Tim Kuzdrowski, Ryan Williams, Candace Chavez, Jessica Pena, Isaac Rivers, Taylor Gouhart, Shane Atwell, Patrice Love, Joel Trejo**

**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-February 18, 2025**

**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. 2025-21 Accounts Payable**

**B. Resolution No. 2025-22 Indigent Claims**

**C. Indigent Burial B2025-006**

**D. Indigent Burial B2025-007**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the 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**

**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:**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**IX. CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS – PROCUREMENT**

**A. Mutual Aid for fire and rescue and emergency medical services agreement**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the Mutual Aid for fire and rescue and emergency medical services agreement as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Agreement between the County of Sierra, Bartoo Sand & Gravel and Holly Asphalt**

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

**C. Agreement Between Pictometry and The County of Sierra**

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

**D. Agreement Between BRINC Drones and the County of Sierra**

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

**X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 2025-23 Sierra County Road Miles 2025**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-23 as presented. Commission Vice Chair SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 2025-24 Transferring the balance of CLLA Funding and Operations from Sierra County to Catron County**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-24 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution 2025-25 Transferring Sierra County Road A-013 to the New Mexico Department of Transportation**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution 2025-25 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Resolution No. 2025-26 Requesting a Conservation Pool at Elephant Butte Lake**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-26 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Resolution No. 2025-27 Establish Fees Pursuant to the New Mexico Records Act**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution 2025-27 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**F. Resolution No. 2025-28 Reappointing two members to the Sierra Vista Hospital Governing Board**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-28 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**G. Resolution No. 2025-29 Budget Adjustment**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution 2025-28 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**H. Proclaiming March 25<sup>th</sup> to be Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort Day in Sierra County**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Proclamation 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):**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate, Pending and Threatened Litigation. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

**District 1 – Yes**

**District 2 – Yes**

**District 3 – Yes**

**A. State Land Office/Spaceport Lease**

**PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION:**

**B. Tracy v. BoCC**

**C. Coulter v. BoCC**

**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 April 15, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chambers 1712 N. Date Street Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

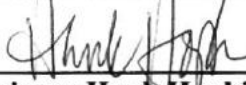
**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Day adjourned the meeting.**

**Dated this 18th day of March 2025.**

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

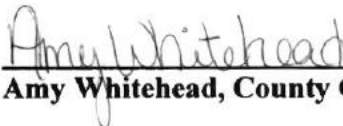
  
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**Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman**

  
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Commissioner James E Paxon, Vice-Chairman

  
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Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member



**ATTEST:**

  
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Amy Whitehead, County Clerk