

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 22, 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, April 22, 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**

**County Manager: Amber Vaughn**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Monica Zepeda, Josh Baker, Steve Mull-Sentinel, Patrick Flores, Keith Whitney, Billy Neeley, Tim Kuzdrowski, Ryan Williams, Candace Chavez, Isaac Rivers, Taylor Gouhart, Mike Hearn, Patrice Love, Becca Eza, Candy Torrez, Laken Yaw, Mike Huston, Virginia Womak, Tom Sharp**

**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-March 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**

**Becca Eza- Turtleback Trails Network Steering Committee  
Spoke in support of Resolution 2025-35 re: Rio Grande Trail**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolution No. 2025-30 Accounts Payable**

**B. Resolution No. 2025-31 Indigent Claims**

**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**
- C. Assessor Annual Report**

**VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:**

**A. March Reconciliation**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve the March 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. Petition for Road Vacation VR25-001: Appointment of John Diamond, Ronnie Chavez, and Beau Marshall as Freeholders to view the request to vacate a portion of Sixth Street in the Townsite of Chloride, with Bruce Swingle as an alternate**

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

**B. Solicitation of letters of interest for non-governmental organization and livestock representative appointment to the County Livestock Loss Authority.**

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

**IX. CONTRACT-AGREEMENTS-PROCUREMENTS**

**A. Lease Agreement between the County of Sierra and Southwest Office Solutions**

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

**B. Agreement between the County of Sierra and Vetted Security Solutions**

**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. 2025-32 Recognizing Sierra County Road A013 as a public prescription easement**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-32 as presented. Commission Vice Chair SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**B. Resolution No. 2025-33 Approving participation in the Program of the South Central Council of Governments, INC for the fiscal year 2024-2025**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-33 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**C. Resolution 2025-34 In support of Catron County's Disaster Declaration**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution 2025-34 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**D. Resolution No. 2025-35 Authorizing the County Manager to pursue designation of a segment of County Road AO5 as part of the Rio Grande Trail and Turtleback Trails Network.**

**Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-35 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**E. Ordinance No. 2025-003 A Proclamation Restricting Open and Controlled Burns in the Unincorporated areas of Sierra County.**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 2025-003 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**

**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 May 20, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sierra County Commission Chambers 1712 N. Date Street Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

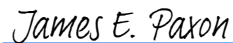
**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Chair Day adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.**

Dated this 22nd day of April 2025.

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

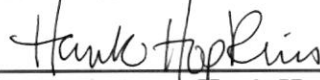


**Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman**



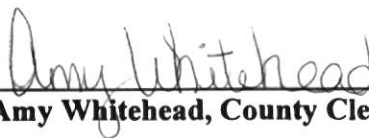
James E. Paxon (May 21, 2025 21:05 CDT)

**Commissioner James E Paxon, Vice-Chairman**



**Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member**

**ATTEST:**



**Amy Whitehead, County Clerk**








# April 2025 M.M.

Final Audit Report

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