

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 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, May 20, 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 (via telephone)
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, Elizabeth Leininger, Candy Torrez, Virginia Lee, Ernie Armijo

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-April 22, 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. 2025-36 Accounts Payable**
- B. Resolution No. 2025-37 Indigent Claims**
- C. Indigent Burial B2025-008**
- D. Indigent Burial B2025-009**
- E. Lodgers Tax Board Fund recommendation for Kingston Ghost Museum**

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. The Sierra County Behavioral Health and Wellness Collaborative Presentation**

VI. BOARD OF FINANCE:

- A. April Reconciliation**

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointment of NGO and Livestock representatives to CLLA

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

B. Petition for Road vacation VR25-001 Request to vacate a portion of Sixth Street in Chloride Townsite.

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

C. Approval of Transfer of a 2010 Ford F-150 from Sierra County Sheriff's to Las Palomas EMS.

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

D. Approval of Donation: 1 Mark Twain Boat, and 1 EZ Loader 16' Boat Trailer from Eddy County to Sierra County.

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

IX. CONTRACT-AGREEMENTS-PROCUREMENTS

A. Agreement between the County of Sierra and System MD-IT Upgrade project

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.

B. Agreement between the County of Sierra and System MD-Ongoing IT Services

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.

X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS

A. Resolution No. 2025-38 A budget/line item adjustment to Fund 512

Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-38 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 2025-39 Adopting FY26 Preliminary Budget

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-39 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution 2025-40 Designating the location of Election Day Polling Places

Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution 2025-40 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Resolution No. 2025-41 Levying a Tax for the Sierra County Arroyo Flood Control District

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-41 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Resolution No. 2025-42 Accepting the Donation of a Vintage Fire Truck from the Hillsboro Historical Society

Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-42 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

F. Resolution No. 2025-43 Confirming Sierra County to Participate in the NM Department of Transportation Project

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-43 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. Transfer of Chloride Cemetery Property

PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION:

XI. 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.

A: Resolution No. 2025-44 Authorizing the Exchange of County Property

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-44 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxon 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 June 24, 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 at 11:10am.

Dated this 20th day of May 2025.

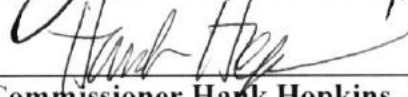
SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman



Commissioner James E Paxon, Vice-Chairman



Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Whitehead, County Clerk