

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 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, July 15, 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, Chealsey Garcia, Rebecca Bartoo (Representative Gail Armstrong), Patrice Love, Shane Atwell, Ernie Armijo, Brett Mellot (US Forest Service), NMSP

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-June 24, 2025

Commission Vice Chair Paxton 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. 2025-54 Accounts Payable**
- B. Resolution No. 2025-55 Indigent Claims**
- C. Indigent Burial B2025-014**
- D. Indigent Burial B2025-015**
- E. Claim of Exemption 25-002 Smith**
- F. Lodgers Tax Board Fund Recommendation for the Sierra County Arts Council Pickamania**

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxton 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. June Reconciliation**

Commission Vice Chair Paxton MOVED to approve the June 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. Approval of donation, Rubber tire roller from Sierra County Road Department to the Village of Magdalena.

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

IX. CONTRACT-AGREEMENTS-PROCUREMENTS

X. RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES – PROCLAMATIONS

A. Resolution No. 2025-56 Authorizing the County Manager to facilitate participation in Opioid litigation settlements, and ratifying prior actions.

Commission Vice Chair Paxton MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-56 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. Resolution No. 2025-57 End of the Year budget transfers.

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-57 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Resolution 2025-58 Budget/Line- item amendment Resolution to adjust various funds.

Commission Vice Chair Paxton MOVED to approve Resolution 2025-58 as presented. Commissioner Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Resolution No. 2025-59 Fourth quarter financial report ending June 30, 2025

Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-59 as presented. Commission Vice Chair Paxton SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Resolution No. 2025-60 A resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Commission Vice Chair Paxon MOVED to approve Resolution No. 2025-60 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:

A. EBID vs. BOCC

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.

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 August 19, 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 11:27am.

Dated this 15th day of July 2025.

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Travis Day, Chairman

James E Paxson

Commissioner James E Paxson, Vice-Chairman

Hank Hopkins

Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Member

ATTEST:

Amy Whitehead

Amy Whitehead, County Clerk