

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 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, November 21, 2025, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 1712 N Date St, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL:

**Commissioner James Paxon, Chair
Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sandy Jones, Member**

Clerk of Board: Amy Whitehead- Absent/ Teresa Sopkowiak Fill-in

County Attorney: David Pato

County Manager: Amber Vaughn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Monica Zepeda, Josh Baker, Kacey Edwards, Tim Kuzdrowski, Chris Pacheco, Fil Pacheco, Ted Kuzdrowski, Jackie Stockmar, Brad Spencer, Michelle Atwell, Keith Whitley, Ryan Williams, Patrick Flores, Jared Bartoo

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (Commissioner Hopkins requests to move Item XII-B Resolution 2025-81 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair, after public comment).

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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- A. **Regular Meeting October 21, 2025**
- B. **Special Meeting November 14, 2025**

Commission Vice-chair Hopkins MOVED to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes to approve both Meetings

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. **Ordinance No. 2025-005 Amending and Restating the Sierra County Solid Waste Ordinance No. 23-02**
- B. **Ordinance No. 2025-006 Road Infrastructure Placement Ordinance**
- C. **Ordinance No. 2025-007 Regulating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (“Drones”) on County Property and for Public Safety Purposes**

IV. Public Comment: Limit to 3 Minutes:

Andy Underwood, Jackie Stockmar, Greg Ross

XII. Resolutions-Ordinances-Proclamations:

- B. Resolution No. 2025-81 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair.**

Commissioner Hank Hopkins MOVED to appoint Vice Chair Jim Paxon to Chair. Commissioner Sandy Jones SECONDED the motion.

Commissioner Sandy Jones MOVED to appoint Commissioner Hank Hopkins to Vice Chair.

Motions Carried and approved with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Resolution No. 2025-79 Accounts Payable**
- B. Resolution No. 2025-80 Indigent Claims**
- C. Indigent Burial B2025-017**
- D. Indigent Burial B2025-18**

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:

- A. Fairground Update:
Pluma Construction (Billy & Chris Pacheco) update.**
- B. Years of Service Awards**
- C. Department Reports**

VII. BOARD OF FINANCE:

A. October Reconciliation

**Commission Paxon moved to Approve the Reconciliation as presented.
Commissioner Vice-chair Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried
with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

VIII. ELECTION CANVASS:

**(Bd. Convenes as County Canvassing Board)
Ratification of Canvass of 2025 Local Election
(Bd. Convenes as County Commissioners)**

**Commissioner Jones MOVED to Convene to County Canvassing Board as
Commissioner Hank Hopkins SECONDED the motion.**

**County Attorney Pato explained the reason behind the Emergency
Commission Meeting on November 14th 2025 to ratify the 2025 Local Election
publication.**

**Commissioner Hopkins MOVED to Reconvene as Board of County
Commissioners. Commission Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion to approve
the request as presented.**

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

X. NEW BUSINESS :

A. Appointment of Boards and Committee Members.

Commissioner Jones MOVED to approve Appointment of Boards and Committee Members as presented. Commission Vice Chair Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

B. APPROVAL OF RECORD DESTRUCTION-ASSESSOR

Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to approve the destruction of Assessor Records. Commissioner Jones SECONED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

C. Summary Replat of a portion of Lake Caballo Estates Subdivision (Barrera)

Commissioner Jones MOVED to approve Summary Replat of a portion of Lake Caballo Estates Subdivision as presented. Commission Vice Chair Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

XI. CONTRACTS-AGREEMENTS-PROCUREMENTS:

A. Fiscal agent agreement SCCOG

Commissioner Jones MOVED to approve the Fiscal Agent Agreement SCCOG. Commission Vice Chair Hopkins SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

XII. RESOLUTIONS-ORDINANCES-PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Proclamation Honoring the Life-Saving Actions of Glenna Hunt and EMS

B. MOVED: See Page 2 after section IV

C. Resolution No. 2025-82 Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2026 Legislative Priorities

Commissioner Jones MOVED to Table NM Counties 2026 Legislative Priorities on Emergency Radios and IPRA. Commissioner Vice Chair Hopkins SECONED the motion.

Motion Carried with Commissioners district 1-2-3 voting yes.

D. Resolution No. 2025-83 Resolution Making Appointments to the Sierra Vista Hospital Governing Board.

Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to table Resolution No. 2025-83. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion as discussed by Commission Chair Paxon. Tabled until December 1, 2025 @ 9AM.

Motion carried with Commission Districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

E. Resolution No. 2025-84 Budget Adjustment

Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to approve 2025-84 Budget Adjustment. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion. Motion passes with Commission district 1-2-3 voting yes.

F. Ordinance No. 2025-005 Amending and Restating the Sierra County Solid Waste Ordinance, Ordinance No. 23-02

Commissioner Jones MOVED to approve changes discussed to Ordinance No. 2025-005. Commission Vice Chair Hopkins SECONDED the motion.

Motion passes with Commission districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

G. Ordinance No. 2025-006 Road Infrastructure Placement Ordinance.

Commissioner Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 2025-006 Road Infrastructure Placement Ordinance. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion. Motion passes with Commission districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

H. Ordinance No. 2025-007 Regulating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (“Drones”) on County Property and for Public Safety Purposes.

No motion made to pass Ordinance No. 2025-007 regulating Unmanned Aircraft. Motion Dies.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SECTION 10-15 E thru H):

Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to commence executive Session. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion. Rollcall was performed to enter into Executive Session.

A. Lot 50 Rancho Del Lago Subdivision

XIV. OPEN SESSION ACTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Chair Paxon MOTIONED to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion with items E-H discussed without decision. Roll call performed after Executive Session

A. Resolution No. 2025-85 Authorizing Donation of Lot 50 Rancho Del Lago to Elephant Butte.

Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to pass Resolution No. 2025-85. Commsission Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion passes with Commissioners districts 1-2-3 voting yes.

XV. ADJOURN

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 December 16, 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.

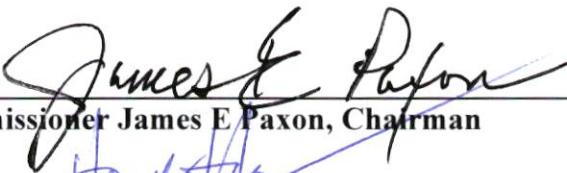
Dated this 21st day of November 2025.

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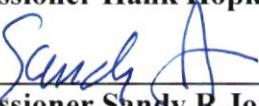
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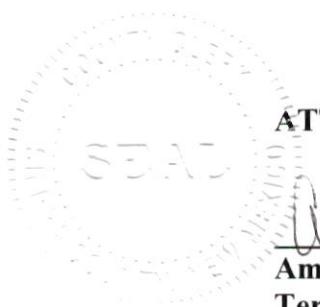
Commissioner James E Paxon, Chairman



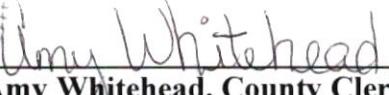
Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Vice-Chairman



Commissioner Sandy R Jones, Member



ATTEST:



Amy Whitehead, County Clerk (Absent)
Teresa Sopkowiak, Chief Deputy Clerk