

**SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 1, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am**

**The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday Friday November 14, 2025, at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 1712 N Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Clerk of Board: Amy Whitehead**

**County Attorney: Dave Pato- Absent**

**County Manager: Amber Vaughn-Absent**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Kaycee Edwards, Monica Zepeda, Ryan Williams, Steve Mull (Sentinel)**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT-LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES N/A**

**III. RESOLUTIONS-ORDINANCES-PROCLAMATIONS**

**A: Resolution No. 2025-83 Resolution making appointments to the Sierra Vista Hospital Governing Board.**

**Candidates: Bruce Swingle, Jesus Baray, Cathy Alverum, Kathy Pape**

**Commission Chair Paxon asked for a motion for consideration of appointment for the 1<sup>st</sup> appointment to the Governing Board.**

**Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to appoint Jesus Baray as 1<sup>st</sup> representative- 3 year term. Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.**

**Commission Vice Chair Hopkins MOVED to appoint Bruce Swingle as 2<sup>nd</sup> representative- 2 year term. Commission Chair Paxon SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1 & 3 voting yes. Commissioner Jones- District 2 opposed this appointment stating that he feels someone that is a part of Elephant Butte should be on the Board to have a chance to be involved and possibly mend some fences over the withdrawal.**

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

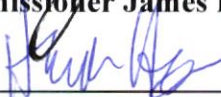
**ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 AM**

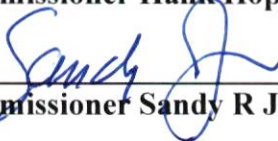
**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Vice-Chair Paxon adjourned the meeting**

**Dated this 1st day of December, 2025.**


**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman

  
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Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Vice-Chairman

  
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Commissioner Sandy R Jones, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amy Whitehead, County Clerk

