



**SIERRA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08**

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra County Commission met upon notice of meeting duly published on January 27, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Sierra County Administration Building, 1712 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners will conduct their meetings using Robert's Rules of Order (10<sup>th</sup> ed.) as a guide to parliamentary authority, except as modified by this document; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioner has three elected Commissioners representing three districts, and collectively, set policy for Sierra County outside of incorporated areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, collectively, the Board of County Commissioners, through simple majority, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among themselves, whose terms last until the first meeting of the next year; and,

**WHEREAS**, individually, the Board of County Commissioners are equal in their authority to represent not only their district but the entire County; and,

**WHEREAS**, to give equal representation for all three members of the Commission is appropriate to adopt special rules modifying Robert's Rules of Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of County Commissioners incorporates the above recitals, to be made a part of this resolution with the same force and effect as the remainder of this document.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the following "Special Rules" modifying Robert's Rules of Order for the purpose of conducting business during the meetings of the Board:

1. The Chairperson may make motions and shall have the same voting rights, no less and no more, as any other member of the Board.
2. The Chairperson shall not have any administrative, procedural, contractual or similar authority different than any other member of the Board, except as provided by statute.
3. Should the Chairperson vacate the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve the remainder of the term, and a new Vice-Chairperson shall be selected by a simple majority of a quorum of the Board.
4. Members of the Board are required to obtain the floor (i.e., must be recognized by the Chairperson) before making motions or speaking.
5. Any and all motions need to have a second before a vote may be taken.
6. Items appearing on the agenda of meetings of the Board shall be those necessary for the proper consideration and management of County business, as determined by the County Manager. Additionally, the County Manager shall place any item necessary for the proper consideration and management of County business requested by any individual member of the Board of County Commissioners on the agenda for the meetings of the Board.
7. Only a member who voted with the prevailing side in the initial decision may move to reconsider a motion during a meeting or place an item back on the agenda within the same year.
8. The presiding Chairperson at a meeting of the Board is declared to be the lawful custodian of the building where the meeting is conducted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 30-20-13 (C) (1981).

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

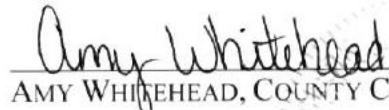
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HANK HOPKINS, COMMISSIONER

Approved Telephonically  
SANDY JONES, COMMISSIONER

  
JAMES PAXON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST BY:

  
AMY WHITEHEAD, COUNTY CLERK