SIERRA COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 pm Emergency Meeting

The Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 2:00 P.M. on Friday September 30, 2026, 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 (via telephone)
Commissioner Sandy Jones, Member

Clerk of Board: Amy Whitehead

County Attorney: Adren Nance via telephone

County Manager: Amber Vaughn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG PLEDGE:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Douglas Whitehead, Jan Carrejo, Monica Zepeda, Ryan Williams, Steve Mull (Sentinel)

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Jones MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hopkins 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. 2026-63 Declaration of a Flood Disaster and a Continuing Flood disaster & Emergency in Sierra County

Much discussion and questions between Commissioners re: Flood control. Commissioner Paxon asked Mr. Jones (as Flood Commissioner) what he has done and how he has handled the County flood situation this far.
Commissioner Jones stated that as of 9/30/2026, he has spent $101,000 on flood control throughout Sierra County. He has dedicated $400k to the City of Elephant Butte Capital projects, and is spending $75-$100k per year in Arroyo maintenance.
Commissioner Paxon stated that we need to develop a "Flood Management Plan' and Commissioner Jones stated that we need a work session to discuss how to do things in the County and get everyone on the same page.

Commission Vice Chair Hopkins moved to approve Resolution No 2026-63 as presented.
Commissioner Jones SECONDED the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners District 1-2-3 voting yes.

Commissioner Paxon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 PM

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

Dated this 30th day of September, 2026

SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner James Paxon, Chairman

Commissioner Hank Hopkins, Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Sandy Jones, Member

ATTEST:

Amy Whitehead

Amy Whitehead, County Clerk