



**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION Nº 109-027**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER
TO SERVE SIERRA AND GRANT COUNTIES**

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County, met in a regular meeting on November 17, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Sierra County Administration Office, 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901; and,

Whereas, NMSA 1978, § 4-37-1 (1975) grants Counties the powers necessary “to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and for its inhabitants;” and,

Whereas, NMSA 1978, § 4-38-18 (1876) provides that the Board of County Commissioners has the power to represent the County and to manage the interests of the County; and,

Whereas, Sierra County and Grant County are home to over 6,000 veterans; and,

Whereas, currently, our veterans must travel an average of two (2) hours to receive consultation through a single Veteran Service Officer located in Dona Ana County;

Whereas, this single Veteran Service Officer is charged with serving the veterans of six (6) rural counties; and,

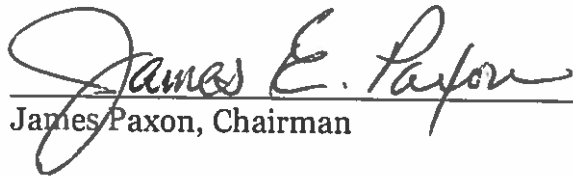
Whereas, the State of New Mexico has appropriated funds to add additional Veteran Service Officers to serve New Mexico veterans; and,

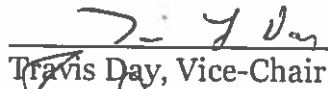
Whereas, “in-kind” space (including utilities) has been pledged at The OliveTree Integrated Community Center at 808 Fir Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to house a Veteran Service Officer in Sierra County; and,

Whereas, the governing bodies of the City of Truth or Consequence, City of Elephant Butte and Village of Williamsburg will collaborate to facilitate the housing of a Veteran Service Officer in Sierra County, as reflected by their similar resolutions of support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County, that the County stands behind our veterans and enhancing their access to services, and by this resolution stands in strong support of situating a Veteran Service Officer in Sierra County to serve the veterans of Sierra and Grant Counties.

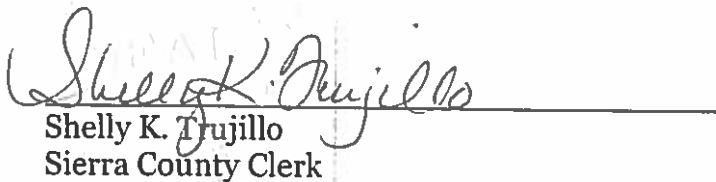
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SIERRA COUNTY


James Paxon, Chairman


Travis Day, Vice-Chair


Frances Luna, Commissioner

Attest:


Shelly K. Trujillo
Sierra County Clerk