

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
February 2, 2023**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Chair Dean Jackson, District 1, Vice Chair Gary G. Eidson, District 3, Commissioner Brad Weber, District 2, Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4. Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Also present were Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II, and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

Commissioner Sims led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

Let the Record Reflect that on Monday, January 30, 2023, the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Met in a Special Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation *State of New Mexico ex rel. Raul Torrez, Petitioner versus Board of County Commissioners for Lea County et al.*, S-1-SC-39742, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H(7). In Attendance Were Commissioners Dean Jackson, Gary Eidson, Brad Weber, Jonathan Sena, and Pat Sims. Also in Attendance Were County Manager Mike Gallagher, Assistant County Manager Corey Needham, and County Attorney John Caldwell. The Matters Discussed in the Closed Meeting Were Limited Only to Those Specified in the Published Notice of the Separate Closed Meeting.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-035R Approving the January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-035R Approving the January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments:
 - Beau Ballard – Thanked the commissioners board for donating the vehicle to the 4H extension office.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments:
 - Chair Jackson – Stated we don't thank our wives enough. He thanked Jane Eidson for coming to the meeting.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – Recognized his wife and thanked her for her support.
 - Commissioner Sena – Welcomed Jane Eidson and thanked the law enforcement for all they do. He said he is grateful to live in a country where we feel safe.
 - Manager Gallagher - Made a few comments about the New Mexico County Conference that was recently held. Anthony Dobbs was appointed to serve as the Secretary of the Finance Affiliate. Kelly Livingston graduated from the New Mexico Edge program and also serves as the chair of the DWI Affiliate. Lorenzo Velasquez was voted as chair of the Emergency Manager's Affiliate. Angela Martinez is on the board of professional standard council and serves as the chair of the 911 Affiliate. Lea County received a safety award for having safe practices and an additional audit award was received from the state auditor.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-036R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council.

County Community Engagement Manager Sandra Brito requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-036R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-037R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

County Community Engagement Manager Sandra Brito requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-037R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-038R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board.

County Community Engagement Manager Sandra Brito requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-038R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-039R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee.

County Community Engagement Manager Sandra Brito requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-039R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-040R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee.

County Community Engagement Manager Sandra Brito requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-040R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution. No. 23-FEB-041R Authorizing Membership in the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties for Stable Economic Growth.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-041R Authorizing Membership in the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties for Stable Economic Growth. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-042R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Joy of Catering to Provide the Catering for Concert Entertainment During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds Director on Behalf of the Fair and Rodeo Board)*

- Commissioner Comments:
 - Chair Jackson – Stated Joy did not skip a beat to deliver a quality service. These artists have a variety of food selections. Anything asked of Joy was delivered on time.

Fairgrounds Director Jim Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-042R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Joy of Catering to Provide the Catering for Concert Entertainment During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-043R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Wally Roberts to Serve as the Rodeo VIP Caterer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds Director on Behalf of the Fair and Rodeo Board)*

- Commissioner Comments:
 - Chair Jackson – Stated since Wally has been there, we are not scrambling to get people to donate.

Fairgrounds Director Jim Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-043R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Wally Roberts to Serve as the Rodeo VIP Caterer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-044R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning and Zoning Board Regarding a Set-Back Variance Request for Camino Del Norte Subdivision, Block 12, in the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 38 East N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner on Behalf of the Planning and Zoning Board)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-044R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning and Zoning Board Regarding a Set-Back Variance Request for Camino Del Norte Subdivision, Block 12, in the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 38 East N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-045R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of a Dedicated Street in Payton Addition, Monument Subdivision, Between Block 49 and Block 62, Being Between NM 8 and Weir Street in Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-045R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of a Dedicated Street in Payton Addition, Monument Subdivision, Between Block 49 and Block 62, Being Between NM 8 and Weir Street in Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-046R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2024. *(Kelly Livingston, DWI/Probation Misdemeanor Compliance Director)*

DWI/Probation Misdemeanor Compliance Director Kelly Livingston requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-046R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-047R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Honeywell to Replace the Existing Mitsubishi System with a Daikin System. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-047R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Honeywell to Replace the Existing Mitsubishi System with a Daikin System. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-048R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from A.K. Sales to Install Playground Equipment at the Monument Community Center. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-048R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from A.K. Sales to Install Playground Equipment at Monument Community Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the

Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Commissioner Comments:

- Chair Jackson – Stated I know this plan was discussed when we redid the community center. I am glad it is finally going through.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-049R Approving WWRC's Cooperative Educational Services Proposal to Continue the Metal Privacy Fence Along the North Fence Line at the Monument Community Center. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-049R Approving WWRC's Cooperative Educational Services Proposal to Continue the Metal Privacy Fence Along the North Fence Line at the Monument Community Center. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-050R Adopting the Lea County Event Center Master Plan. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

- Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Sena- Something that sort of set the course for me as we began this conversation, Chair Jackson suggested on selling or give it away as option if there is no use of the facility. Perhaps Lovington or Hobbs could find a use for it. If we are going to preserve the facility, let's repair and improve it. Make it compatible with the hospital and/or the Core. Commissioner Sims suggested on restoring the interior, possibly improving the sound, and repairing whatever is needed. One of the great challenges we talk about in Government is we are very conservative but now and then in public office trying to save nickels or dimes, we spend dollars. If this project

is done with quality, it might help Lea County and improve quality of life as a whole.

- Chair Jackson – This facility is used almost daily for safety meetings. Public events would be ideal for the community entertainment such as concerts, circus, etc. for quality time. We must plan and market this facility like never before. This could potentially be the jewel of Lea County if work is done diligently.
- Commissioner Sims – I am excited but also concerned about increasing the operation cost.
- Jim Kemp – Our objective is to utilize the facility and hire additional staff in the future.

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-050R Adopting the Lea County Event Center Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Manager Gallagher – Since the board approved the master plan. The next step would be to begin the design process. At the next board meeting we will come back with a resolution for you all to take action on allowing us to issue an RFP for design art services to get started on this.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-051R Ratifying the Notice of Intent to Apply for the 2023 Colonias Infrastructure Board Funding. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-051R Ratifying the Notice of Intent to Apply for the 2023 Colonias Infrastructure Board Funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Commissioner Comments:
 - Chair Jackson – Asked if Jal has not already designated themselves a Colonia?
 - Corey Needham – We can have two Colonias. One does not get rid of the other. Jal has applied for may Colonias grants related to the water system where both feeds the main line.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-052R Approving a Lease Agreement Between Lea County and Airbus HAPS Connectivity Solutions Ltd., for Hangar W-3 Located at 6601 West Carlsbad Highway, Hobbs, New Mexico. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-052R Approving a Lease Agreement Between Lea County and Airbus HAPS Connectivity Solutions Ltd., for Hangar W-3 Located at 6601 West Carlsbad Highway, Hobbs, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission.

Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-053R Approving 2023 – 2024 1st Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and San Bar Construction Corporation for Reflectorized High Durable Traffic Striping. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-053R Approving 2023 – 2024 1st Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and San Bar Construction Corporation for Reflectorized High Durable Traffic Striping. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Commissioner comments:
 - Commissioner Sena – We appreciate you, your team, and the work you do on roads. I am aware there is a financial challenge in the municipalities which may also hurt the ability to work on the road. Hoping this and other things we do could partner us with other municipalities in the months ahead for the improvement of the roads.
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-054R Approving the 2023 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval
Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-054R
Approving the 2023 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Commissioner comments:
 - Vice Chair Eidson asked - Is there any funding from the state?
 - Assistant County Manager Needham responded – Funds come from the State of New Mexico NMDOT.
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-055R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Housing Detainees. *(Ruben Quintana, Detention Center Warden)*

Detention Center Warden Ruben Quintana requested approval.
Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-055R
Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Housing Detainees. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, no; Vice

Chair Eidson, no; Commissioner Sena, no; Commissioner Sims, no; Commissioner Weber, no. The motion denied.

- Commissioner comments;
 - Chair Jackson – They are numerous items in this contract that we received from the City of Hobbs that go against what the intention was. When we go to an agreement with the municipalities both sides must be honest and agreeable to every point.
 - Commissioner Sena – We’ve talked through this many times. I was disappointed and wanted to proceed forward.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – We must have an agreement that works. Extend this resolution until we find an agreement.
 - Detention Center Warden Quintana – One of the reasons to postpone this resolution was to get more information from the County and the City of Hobbs.
 - Commissioner Sims – I hope they do not continue to burn the bridge.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-056R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-056R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-057R Authorizing Out of State Travel May 19 – 24, 2023 to Portland, Oregon for the Finance Director to Attend the 2023 Government Finance Officers Association Conference. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-057R Authorizing Out of State Travel May 19 – 24, 2023 to Portland, Oregon for the Finance Director to Attend the 2023 Government Finance Officers Association Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-FEB-058R Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-FEB-058R Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Adding Two Non-Commissioned Personnel to the Lea County Sheriff's Office. *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*

County Sheriff Corey Helton brought this discussion to speak about adding two positions in the records office. Also stated that the demand for the law enforcement is greater and greater. The City of Hobbs is struggling for bodies and is dangerously low on officers. No one is interested in getting in this field anymore. Preparing for the future is a need. We must be in a place where we're set to continue to step in and provide that law enforcement service.

- Discussion of the 2022-2027 Lea County Strategic Plan. *(Anthony Dobbs, Budget and Reporting Analyst)*

Budget and Reporting Analyst Anthony Dobbs explained how Lea County stays up to date by using the Strategic Plan and its statistics. This program reflects visions, goals, objectives and priorities. This program is a living document that can be modified at any given time and is a good source to rely on. A summary of bold goals, graphs and performance measures were prepared to show what each department is focused on.

- Discussion of Financial Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low gave detail and stated the overall total revenues for Lea County this year is \$192 million dollars. Our expenses so far are \$54 million dollars. We are ahead \$138 million dollars.

- Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2024 Projected Revenues. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low gave a summary about the beginning of budget season. The first thing we like to do is to talk about estimates and any projections for general fund revenue for the year coming.

- Discussion of Request for Proposals for Outside Entities and Services. *(Mike Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Mike Gallagher presented the expenditures of the County which has increased along with the cost of living and businesses within the community. The cost of doing profit and the increase of population has gone up by 15% increase. We have more people in the community that impacts our law enforcement agencies. It also impacts the agencies in which we service to provide services, their ability to reach all of the individuals that need services has somewhat constrain. Today we are discussing revenue and outside entities. We will be prepared to release the two RFPs by February 6th, 2023. Responses are due to the County by March 3, 2023. The evaluation committee will take time to evaluate those proposals and come back to the board April 13, 2023 meeting with the recommendations for you all to award those multi-award RFPs

CLOSED SESSION

11:19 a.m.

Vice Chair Eidson moved that the Commission **CONVENE** in Closed Session to Discuss Limited Threatened Litigation Regarding Law Enforcement Activities in Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H (7) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena.

Reconvened: 12:42 p.m.

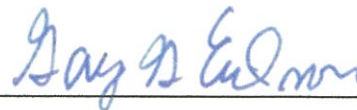
ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN 12:42 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



Dean Jackson, Chair



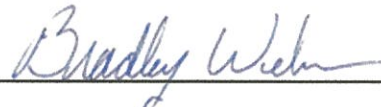
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member



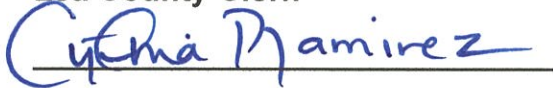
Pat Sims, Member



Brad Weber, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

