

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 30, 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 Jonathan Sena, District 4, Commissioner Brad Weber, District 2.

Commissioners absent were, to wit: Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5

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

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-095R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - March 23, 2023 Special Meeting

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-095R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting and March 23, 2023 Special Meeting. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments: (*Non-Agenda Items*).
 - Nick Maxwell – Read the letter Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham recently wrote to Chair Christopher T. Hanson on March 21, 2023.
 - Kelly Livingston – Spoke on behalf of Diego Espinoza, President of Leadership New Mexico to formally invite Commissioners and County Manager to the Southeastern Community Reception.

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- Commissioners and Manager Comments:
 - Commissioner Sena encouraged the public to engage into the Strategic Plan.
 - Chair Jackson spoke about the endangered species in New Mexico.
 - County Manager Michael Gallagher reviewed the agenda for the upcoming events.
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-096R Approving \$25,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance for Membership Contribution. *(Jonathan Sena, Lea County Commissioner - District 4)*

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-096R Approving \$25,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance for Membership Contribution. 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, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Discussion of the 2023 Legislative Session. *(Randy Pettigrew, New Mexico State Representative - District 61)*

Randy Pettigrew gave an overview of the HB 547- Omnibus Tax Bill.

- Discussion of Public Safety in the Town of Tatum. *(Mayor Amy Gutierrez, Town of Tatum)*

Mayor Amy Gutierrez spoke on behalf of the Tatum community about Public Safety and they have a plan to hire a police officer for the town of Tatum.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-097R Approving a One-Time Retention Incentive for Eligible Employees of the Lea County Sheriff's Office. *(Sheriff Corey Helton, Sheriff's Office)*

Sheriff Corey Helton requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-097R Approving a One-Time Retention Incentive for Eligible Employees of the Lea County Sheriff's Office. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-098R Approving Public Employees Retirement Association Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Reporting for Knowles, Maljamar and Monument. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager)*

Emergency Manager Lorenzo Velasquez requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-098R Approving Public Employees Retirement Association Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Reporting for Knowles, Maljamar and Monument. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-099R Approving a Discharge Permit of Liquid Waste for Quail Run Services, LLC Hobbs Wastewater Treatment Plant in Accordance with Lea County Ordinance No. 83. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)*

Environmental Services Cassie Corley requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAR-099R Approving a Discharge Permit of Liquid Waste for Quail Run Services, LLC Hobbs Wastewater Treatment Plant in Accordance with Lea County Ordinance No. 83. 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

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Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent;
Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-100R Approving a Request for Proposal to Award Bid No. 06 2022 - 2023 Convenience Center Waste Hauling to Waste Management. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)*

Environmental Services Director Lorenzo Velasquez requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-100R Approving a Request for Proposal to Award Bid No. 06 2022 - 2023 Convenience Center Waste Hauling to Waste Management. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-101R Authorizing a Task Order Between Lea County and Molzen Corbin to Provide AGIS Survey and Vertical Guidance Control for the Runway 3-21 Extension. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-101R Authorizing a Task Order Between Lea County and Molzen Corbin to Provide AGIS Survey and Vertical Guidance Control for the Runway 3-21 Extension. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-102R Approving Knowles Fire Station - Change Order #2. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-102R Approving Knowles Fire Station - Change Order #2. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-103R Approving the 1st Option to Renew Bid No. 01 2022 – 2023 Asphalt Emulsions – Indefinite Quantity for the Lea County Road Department to Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions Inc. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-103R Approving the 1st Option to Renew Bid No. 01 2022 – 2023 Asphalt Emulsions – Indefinite Quantity for the Lea County Road Department to Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions Inc. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-104R Approving the Purchase of 37.5 Acres (+/-) of Land on South Commercial Street in Lovington New Mexico, Identified by Parcel ID Number 4000761250001 for Future Expansion of County Facilities and Operations. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Resolution No. 23-MAR-104R Approving the Purchase of 37.5 Acres (+/-) of Land on South Commercial Street in Lovington New Mexico, identified by Parcel ID Number 4000761250001 for Future Expansion of County Facilities and Operations. 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

BREAK: 10:24 a.m.

RESUME: 10:32 a.m.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of the Polygraph Program. (*Sheriff Corey Helton, Sheriff's Office*)

Sheriff Corey Helton discussed the Sheriff's Office budget for polygraph equipment and to provide polygrapher training.

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- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low gave an update on the County's Account Payables.

- Discussion of Lea County's Finance Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low reviewed and discussed the February 2023 Finance Report.

- Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Departmental Operating Budgets. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low reviewed the changes made to the Operating Budget. Each Elected Official or Department head will discuss specific item needs for their department.

Department budget presentation as follows:

Lea County Sheriff – Undersheriff Michael Walker
Detention Center – Ruben Quintana
DWI/ Misdemeanor Compliance/Health & Wellness - Kelly Livingston
Fairgrounds/Event Center – Jim Kemp
County Commissioners/Executive – Michael Gallagher
Facilities – Edmundo Lara
Finance – Chip Low
Human Resources – Craig Bova
Information Technology – Robert Lathrop

- Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Personnel Budget. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Michael Gallagher discussed the Lea County Personnel Budgets.

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

NO OTHER BUSINESS

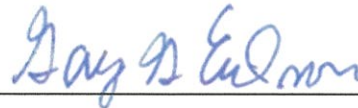
ADJOURN: 11:35 a.m.

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Dean Jackson, Chair



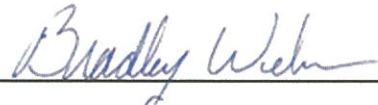
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member



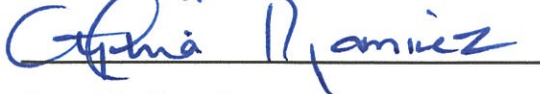
Pat Sims, Member



Brad Weber, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

