

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
November 16, 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: Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

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

Vice Chair Eidson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

At 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Sims joined the Commissioner's Meeting.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-261R Approving the October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting and the November 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-261R Approving the October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting and the November 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments: (*Non-Agenda Items*).
- Commissioners and Manager Comments.
 - Commissioner Sena – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
 - Vice Chair Eidson - thanked the public for voting in the November 7, 2023 Regular Local Election.
 - Chair Jackson – commented more citizens should vote to increase the 10% voter turnout.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-262R Approving the Nomination of an Individual to the Governor to fill the New Mexico State Senator, District 27 Vacancy. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commission comments concerning this agenda item. Manager Gallagher announced the nominees for the District 27 Senate Vacancy. Travis Glenn, Greg Nibert, Larry Marker and Pat Boone. Chair Jackson stated Pat Boone had a previous engagement and was not able to attend. Commissioners gave each individual who submitted their information an opportunity to speak. Travis Glenn spoke first. Greg Nibert spoke second. Jill Ashenfelter commented, if Mr. Nibert left the House of Representatives it may weaken us more than the value he could bring as a junior senator. Mr. Nibert responded, this would not weaken us because we have four gentlemen on the energy committee, on the republican side of the isle. Larry Marker spoke passionately about his reasons for applying for the position. Gretchen Koether stated she supported Larry Marker for the position. Commissioner Sims voiced his reason why Travis Glenn should be nominated. Vice Chair Eidson commented on how Mr. Nibert's work experience and existing relationships with the New Mexico Legislators could be an advantage. Commission Sena said he respected the excellent job Mr. Nibert ensures. He also likes the willingness; Larry Marker has to fight. Commissioner Weber said he admires the passion Larry Marker offers. After two rounds of voting, the Lea County Board of Commissioner selected Travis Glenn as it's nominee, to be sent to the Governor. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

BREAK 10:20 a.m.

RESUMED 10:32 p.m.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-263R Approving New Mexico Counties Legislative Priorities. *(Chair Dean Jackson, District 1 Lea County Commissioner)*

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Chair Dean Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-263R Approving New Mexico Counties Legislative Priorities. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson explained the HB2 appropriations detention reimbursement fund to fully fund the reimbursement act. He 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.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Sims left the commission meeting.

- Recognition of Lea County Finance Department for earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Associations. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Manager Michael Gallagher congratulated Finance Director Chip Low and his team for meeting the annual consolidated and comprehensive report requirements to receive recognition.

Commissioner Weber expressed this is an incredible accomplishment seeing County departments stride for excellence is something to be proud of.

ITEM 02: PUBLIC HEARING

- Consideration to Adopt Lea County Ordinance No. 101 - An Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of a System of Local Approval, Inspection, and Collection of Fees for Permitting and Regulating the Placement of Manufactured Homes in Lea County. *(John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

County Attorney Caldwell gave a presentation of ordinance No. 101. The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to regulate the replacement and installation of manufactured homes, thereby promoting the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the unincorporated areas of Lea County by preventing injury or loss of life resulting from improper of manufactured homes and to ensure compliance with all Lea County regulations and ordinance.

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ITEM 03: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-264R Approving Grant No. G22SN0017A Modification No. 1 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2023. *(Wm Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Coordinator)*

Drug Task Force Coordinator Wm Robert Sullivan requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-264R Approving Grant No. G22SN0017A Modification No. 1 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2023. 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-NOV-265R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 05 2023-2024 for Planning/Zoning/Comprehensive Plan Consultant. *(John Caldwell, Lea County Attorney)*

Lea County Attorney John Caldwell requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-265R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 05 2023-2024 for Planning/Zoning/Comprehensive Plan Consultant. 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-NOV-266R Approving Request for Qualifications Based Proposal for the Architectural Design Services for the Lea County Public Safety Training Center. *(Corey Helton, Sheriff, Lea County Sheriff's Office)*

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Lea County Sheriff Corey Helton requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-266R Approving Request for Qualifications Based Proposal for the Architectural Design Services for the Lea County Public Safety Training Center. 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-NOV-267R Authorizing Out of State Travel December 12-13, 2023 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas for Firefighter/Emergency Management Personnel to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Training at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*

Emergency Management Director Lorenzo Velasquez requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-267R Authorizing Out of State Travel December 12-13, 2023 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas for Firefighter/Emergency Management Personnel to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Training at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. 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-NOV-268R Approving Adoption of the 2023-2027 Lea County Strategic Plan. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-268R Approving Adoption of the 2023-2027 Lea County Strategic Plan. 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-NOV-269R Authorizing in State Travel January 14 - 18, 2024 for The County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend The 2024 New Mexico Counties Legislative Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. *(Ke'Onna Yates, Executive Administration Coordinator)*

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Executive Administration Coordinator Ke'Onna Yates requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-269R Authorizing in State Travel January 14 - 18, 2024 for The County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend The 2024 New Mexico Counties Legislative Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. 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-NOV-270R Authorizing Out of State travel for The County Commissioners and County Manager to Travel to Attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference & Congressional Meetings, February 10 – 13, 2019 In Washington, D.C. *(Ke'Onna Yates, Executive Administration Coordinator)*

Executive Administration Coordination Ke'Onna Yates requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-270R Authorizing Out of State travel for The County Commissioners and County Manager to Travel to Attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference & Congressional Meetings, February 10 – 13, 2019 In Washington, D.C. 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-NOV-271R Approving the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024. *(Ke'Onna Yates, Executive Administration Coordinator)*

Executive Administration Coordinator Ke'Onna Yates requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-271R Approving the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024. 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-NOV-272R Approving the Advertising Budget During the 2024 Lea County Fair & Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

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Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-272R Approving the Advertising Budget During the 2024 Lea County Fair & 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-273R Approving Request for Proposal Qualifications No. 1 2023-2024 for Professional Productions Services of Lea County. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-273R Approving Request for Proposal Qualifications No. 1 2023-2024 for Professional Productions Services of Lea County. 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-NOV-274R Approving Request for Proposal Qualifications No. 2 2023-2024 for Entertainment Booking Agent to Linda Brown & Associates, LLC. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-274R Approving Request for Proposal Qualifications No. 2 2023-2024 for Entertainment Booking Agent to Linda Brown & Associates, LLC. 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-NOV-275R Authorizing a Cooperative Educational Services Task Order with Ramirez and Sons for the Removal and Replacement of ADA Ramps and Sidewalks at the Lea County Fairgrounds. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

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Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-275R Authorizing a Cooperative Educational Services Task Order with Ramirez and Sons for the Removal and Replacement of ADA Ramps and Sidewalks at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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 23-NOV-276R Authorizing a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Roofcare to Replace the Roof on a Portion of the Zia Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-276R Authorizing a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Roofcare to Replace the Roof on a Portion of the Zia Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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-NOV-277R Approving Road Runner Production, LLC as the Professional Video Producer During the 2024 Lea County Fair and Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber move to approved Resolution No. 23-NOV-277R Approving Road Runner Production, LLC as the Professional Video Producer During the 2024 Lea County Fair and 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-278R Approving the Out-Of-State Travel for Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan to Attend the 2023 PRCA National Convention December 4-7, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

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Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-278R Approving the Out-Of-State Travel for Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan to Attend the 2023 PRCA National Convention December 4-7, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada. 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-NOV-279R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Dekker Perich Sabatini for the Lea County Fairgrounds Master Plan. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-279R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Dekker Perich Sabatini for the Lea County Fairgrounds Master Plan. 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-NOV-280R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing the Services of Wright's Amusement as the Carnival Provider During the 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-280R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing the Services of Wright's Amusement as the Carnival Provider During the 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner 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-NOV-281R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Increase for the Payout of the PRCA Xtreme Bulls Event to Be Increased to \$37,500.00 During the 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

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Lea County Fairgrounds Wyatt requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-281R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Increase for the Payout of the PRCA Xtreme Bulls Event to Be Increased to \$37,500.00 During the 2024 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-282R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Zach Cook for Professional Barrelman Services During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-282R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Zach Cook for Professional Barrelman Services 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-283R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Clay Heger as the Professional Barrelman During the 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-283R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Clay Heger as the Professional Barrelman During the 2024 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-284R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Jacob King as A Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approved Resolution No. 23-NOV-284R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Jacob King as A Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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-NOV-285R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Andy Stewart as The Rodeo Announcer During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approved Resolution No. 23-NOV-285R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Andy Stewart as The Rodeo Announcer During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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-NOV-286R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Jessica Blair Fowlkes as Rodeo Specialty Act During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

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Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-286R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Jessica Blair Fowlkes as Rodeo Specialty Act During The 2024 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-287R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Peggy Gander DBA Cowboy Images as The Rodeo Photographer During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-287R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Peggy Gander DBA Cowboy Images as The Rodeo Photographer During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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-NOV-288R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Ryan Killingsworth as Rodeo Sound Producer During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-288R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Ryan Killingsworth as Rodeo Sound Producer During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-289R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During The 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-289R Approving a Recommendation from The Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During The 2024 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, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-290R 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 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-290R 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 2024 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by 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 23-NOV-291R Authorizing a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Roofcare to Replace the Roof on the Yucca Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds. *(Wyatt Duncan, Lea County Fairgrounds Director)*

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Lea County Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approved Resolution No. 23-NOV-291R Authorizing a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Roofcare to Replace the Roof on the Yucca Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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-NOV-292R Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Constructors Inc. for the Widening and Overlay of 8.8 miles of Battle-Ax Road. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-292R Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Constructors Inc. for the Widening and Overlay of 8.8 miles of Battle-Ax Road. 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-NOV-293R Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Constructors Inc. for the Widening and Overlay of 1.25 Miles of Battle-Ax Road. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-293R Authorizing an Agreement Between Lea County and Constructors Inc. for the Widening and Overlay of 1.25 Miles of Battle-Ax Road. 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.

Commissioner Comments:

- Chair Jackson asked Assistant County Manager Corey Needham for an update on the Alabama Project.
- Assistant County Manager Corey Needham mentioned that Alabama street is under construction and has been elevated to prevent future flooding. Project is 85% complete.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-294R Authorizing Disposal of Obsolete County Equipment. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-294R Authorizing Disposal of Obsolete County Equipment. 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.

ITEM 04: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Monument Community Center Playground. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara provided an update in regards to the installation and potential completion of the playground equipment at the Lea County Monument Community Center. Estimated completion date is December 18, 2023.

- Discussion of Lea County's Road Fence Policy. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham asked the commission board to possibly formulate a policy for authorizing the purchase of fence materials to be constructed along roads maintained by Lea County.

Chair Jackson said he would like to pursue and move forward quickly.

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- Discussion of Lea County's Health and Wellness Department Programs. *(Kelly Livingston, Health & Wellness Director)*

Kelly Livingston presented and discussed two services provided by the Lea County Health & Wellness Department. The Connections Program and the newly implemented employee assistance program "Me/Time". This program will assist employees in obtaining the services needed to support them, meeting their goals to improve functionality while making positive changes in work-life balance.

- Discussion of Horse Barn Project at the Lea County Fairgrounds. *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*

Wyatt Duncan discussed the Lea County Fairgrounds Horse Barn Project. With the growing facility and the need for more horse stall. Staff has looked at the current location utilized and designed the new barn to hold up to 130 new stalls with water, electrical and fans to circulate air under the barn. With the construction of the new horse barn this will give the facility a total of 230 permanent horse stalls.

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

Finance Director Chip Low gave details and stated the overall revenues for Lea County this year is \$84 million dollars. Our expenses so far are \$47 million dollars. We are ahead \$36 million dollars.

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

Finance Director Chip Low presented the accounts payable report and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

ITEM 05: EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Regular Meeting
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• At 12:17 p.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved that the COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION To Discuss Pending Litigation Fawley V. Lea County 2023-00372, Caouette V. Lea County 2023-00351, State Of NM V. Lea County S-1-Sc-39742, Burkley V. Lea County 2023-00015, Caouette V. Keith Manes 2020-00695, And Threatened Litigation Regarding Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance And Regarding Lea County Communications Authority Personnel And Regarding Water Well Applications; And To Discuss The Acquisition Of Real Property In Northern And Central Lea County, And To Discuss The Disposal Of Water Rights, As Authorized By NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7) And (8). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber.

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION to Take Action, if any, on the Closed Session Item(s).

The meeting reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS

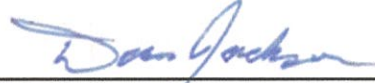
• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-NOV-295R Approving the Purchase of Approximately 40 Acres (+/-) of Land on Ave R Street in Lovington, New Mexico LCBCC Regular Meeting Agenda – November 16, 2023 Page 6 of 6 Identified by Uniform Parcel Code 4213092466465. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-NOV-295R Approving the Purchase of Approximately 40 Acres (+/-) of Land on Ave R Street in Lovington, New Mexico LCBCC Regular Meeting Agenda – November 16, 2023 Page 6 of 6 Identified by Uniform Parcel Code 4213092466465. 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.

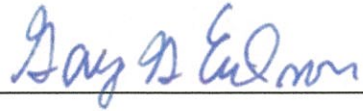
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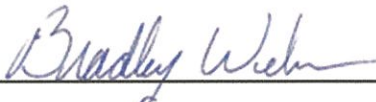
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Jonathan Sena, Member



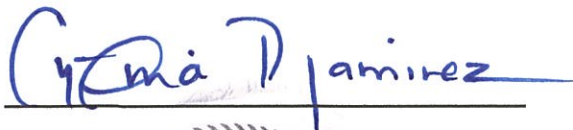
Pat Sims, Member



Brad Weber, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

