

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
July 14, 2022**

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 Rebecca Long District 2, Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4 and 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.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-168R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - ❖ June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting
 - ❖ June 13, 2022 Special Meeting

Chair Jackson requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-JUL-168R Approving the June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-JUL-168R June 13, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, abstain; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments
 - Dee Ann Kimbro (Lea County Resident)– Spoke about attending an Emergency Meeting for Lea County Right to Life, where she learned of an organization that is trying to raise funds via gofundme to open an abortion clinic in Lea County. Explained how this clinic will perform abortions up to the end of the second trimester of pregnancy and their plans for disposal of the remains of the aborted babies into the sewer system. She pleaded with the commission to prepare an ordinance that would not allow this to happen in our County.

- Danny Fletcher (Holtec International) – Provided an update on the progress of the opening of a waste storage facility in Lea County. Their Environmental Impact Statement was approved, and they are projecting application for permitting will begin in January of 2023.
- Nick Maxwell – (Lea County Resident) – Expressed his support of DeeAnn Kimbro as far as not wanting an abortion clinic here in Lea County. He also stated that he would like to see the employees of Lea County to be able to carry weapons while at work siting the recent rise in random violent crime and the 2nd Amendment.
- Jill Aschenfelter – (Lea County) – Spoke about her research as it pertains to alleged election fraud in Lea County.
- Keith Manes (Lea County Clerk) – Spoke in defense of the Clerk's Office and the integrity of the elections in Lea County. He Invited Ms Aschenfelter to visit the Clerk's Office with her data, to discuss and offer explanation and education for her concerns.
- Robbie Roberts - (Mayor of Lovington) Reflected on Deann Kimbro's comments and read a statement that he made concerning the Abortion Clinic subject at the City of Lovington Commission meeting. He stated that he is prepared to present a City Ordinance that will stop the clinic from being able to operate in Lovington.
- Commissioner and Manager Comments
 - Commissioner Long – Expressed her appreciation for everyone who came to speak at the meeting today. Spoke about the positive progress of the convenience center/trash clean up in Lea County and the Spay and Neuter program.
 - Commissioner Sims – Related he had received positive feedback concerning the newly opened convenience center in Lovington. He also commented that he was against having an abortion clinic in Lea County.
 - Commissioner Sena – Stated that we must have compassion for the women who do have abortions and unplanned pregnancy although he too is against having an abortion clinic in the county. Suggested he would like to see an agenda item for the next meeting to include an ordinance concerning this.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – No comment
 - Chair Jackson – Stated that he would do whatever it takes to get an ordinance in place, against an abortion clinic being opened in Lea County. He spoke of receiving a lot of positive feedback about Convenience Center. He hopes

that it will curb some of the trash problem in Lea County. Chair Jackson came back after all other comments to read a statement from Representative Pettigrew in which he asked the Commission to take action and adopt an ordinance to stop any abortion clinic from being located in Lea County.

- Manager Gallagher – Stated that he will move forward with getting the discussion items brought forth in public comment onto the agenda for the next Commission meeting. He also discussed and commended the Lovington Convenience Center. Introduced three new county employees; Ke’Onna Yates – Executive Administrative Coordinator, Mariana Lujan – Executive Office Assistant/Community Engagement Intern, and Francisco Arias – Community Engagement Social Media Intern.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-147R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement Between Lea County and Superior Security Services, LLC for Security Services During the 2022 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo and Hispanic Heritage Celebration. *(Jim Kemp on behalf of Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Board Chair Wheeler, requested approval and Chair Jackson asked for any public or Commissioner comments. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-147R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement Between Lea County and Superior Security Services, LLC for Security Services During the 2022 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo and Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-148R Approving the 2021 – 2022 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2022. *(Susan Marinovich, County Treasurer)*

Treasurer Marinovich requested approval. Chair Jackson asked for any public or Commissioner comments. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-148R Approving the 2021 –

2022 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-149R Approving a Cooperative Educational Agreement with Dekker, Perich, Sabatini for the Master plan of the Lea County Event Center. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-149R Approving a Cooperative Educational Agreement with Dekker, Perich, Sabatini for the Master plan of the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-150R Approving multiple services and Environmental Services Agreements Between Lea County and County Municipalities. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-150R Approving multiple services and Environmental Services Agreements Between Lea County and County Municipalities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-151R Adopting Lea County's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-151R Adopting Lea County's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner

Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-152R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership in the New Mexico Counties for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-152R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership in the New Mexico Counties for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-153R Authorizing Out of State Travel September 16-22, 2022 to Columbus, Ohio for the County Manager to Attend the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-153R Authorizing Out of State Travel September 16-22, 2022 to Columbus, Ohio for the County Manager to Attend the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-154R Authorizing in State Travel October 1-5, 2022 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the County Manager and County Commissioners to Attend the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association 2022 Annual Meeting/Conference. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-154R Authorizing in State Travel October 1-5, 2022 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the County Manager and County Commissioners to Attend the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association 2022 Annual Meeting/Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner

Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-155R Approving Insurance and Coverages and Premiums for Lea County. (*John Caldwell, County Attorney*)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-155R Approving Insurance and Coverages and Premiums for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-156R Authorizing Out of State Travel August 6-11, 2022 to Anaheim, California for Lea County Communication Authority's Training Administrator to Attend the 2022 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Annual International Conference and EXPO (*Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director*)

Director Martinez requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-156R Authorizing Out of State Travel August 6-11, 2022 to Anaheim, California for Lea County Communication Authority's Training Administrator to Attend the 2022 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Annual International Conference and EXPO. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-157R Authorizing Out of State Travel July 21-22 2022 to Dallas Texas for Two Firefighter/Emergency Management Personnel to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Training at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Finance Director*)

Emergency Manager Velasquez requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County

Resolution No. 22-JUL-157R Authorizing Out of State Travel July 21-22 2022 to Dallas Texas for Two Firefighter/Emergency Management Personnel to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Training at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-158R Finding a Building and Premises at 2003 East Linda Lane, Hobbs, New Mexico to be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director*)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-158R Finding a Building and Premises at 2003 East Linda Lane, Hobbs, New Mexico to be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, no; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-159R Finding a Building and Premises at 4003 East Marland Lane, Hobbs, New Mexico to be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director*)

Director Velasquez approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-159R Finding a Building and Premises at 4003 East Marland Lane, Hobbs, New Mexico to be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-160R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 08 2021-2022 As-Needed Professional Production Services for Lea County to Epicenter Productions, LLC. (*Jim Kemp, Event Center/Fairgrounds Director*)

Director Kemp requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item.

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-160R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 08 2021-2022 As-Needed Professional Production Services for Lea County to Epicenter Productions, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-161R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 09 2021-2022 Entertainment Booking Agent Special Events for Lea County to Linda Brown & Associates, LLC (*Jim Kemp, Event Center/Fairgrounds Director*)

Director Kemp requested to postpone this item. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to postpone Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-161R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 09 2021-2022 Entertainment Booking Agent Special Events for Lea County to Linda Brown & Associates, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-162R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Donner Plumbing for the Lea County Detention Center. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Facilities Director Lara requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-162R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Proposal from Donner Plumbing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-163R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Roof Care for Lea County Buildings Roof Maintenance. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Facilities Director Lara requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-163R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Agreement

with Roof Care for Lea County Buildings Roof Maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-164R
Approving Lea Counties Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Workers' compensation Pool Contribution to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority. *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

HR Director Bova requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-164R. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-165R
Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Alleys and Streets in Humble city, Unit 1, Block 31:44:47 Being East of Gilbert Street and North of Texas Street in Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.N. in Lea County, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Reid requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-165R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Alleys and Streets in Humble city, Unit 1, Block 31:44:47 Being East of Gilbert Street and North of Texas Street in Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.N. in Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-166R
Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of a Dedicated Alley in Payton Addition, Monument Subdivision, Block 49, Being Between NM 8 & Weir Street in Section 32, Township 19 South Range 37 East N.M.P.M. in Lea County, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Reid requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No.

22-JUL-166R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of a Dedicated Alley in Payton Addition, Monument Subdivision, Block 49, Being Between NM 8 & Weir Street in Section 32, Township 19 South Range 37 East N.M.P.M. in Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-167R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 6 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Finance Director Low requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-JUL-167R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 6 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Airport and Roadway Projects. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*
 - Presented a PowerPoint update for all ongoing Airport and Roadway Projects
- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*
 - Detailed presentation of Lea County's Financial Report
- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*
 - Detailed presentation of Lea County's Accounts Payable

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:38 a.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved to meet in closed session to discuss the Acquisition of Real Property in Northern Lea County New Mexico, Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (8). The Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Long.

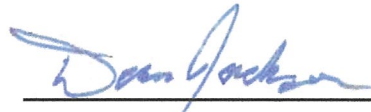
The Meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

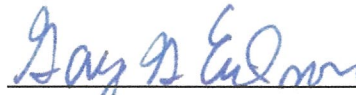
There was no other business

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Dean Jackson, Chair



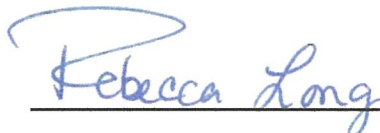
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Jonathan Sena, Member



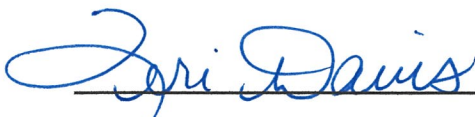
Pat Sims, Member



Rebecca Long, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Teri Davis, Deputy Clerk

