

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 08, 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, and Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5. Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4 was absent.

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 Eidson.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-192R Approving the August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-SEP-192R Approving the August 18, 2022 Regular 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments
 - None
- Commissioner and Manager Comments
 - Chair Jackson – No Comment
 - Vice Chair Eidson – No Comment
 - Commissioner Sims – Spoke about his concern with the removal of an Otero County Commissioner, and elections throughout the state.
 - Commissioner Sena - Absent
 - Commissioner Long – Welcomed Lovington Mayor Harold Roberts
 - Manager Gallagher – No Comment

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-193R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board.

Chair Jackson requested to replace Trey Kerby with Clay Tom Cooper. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-SEP-193R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-194R Ordering the Lea County Assessor to Impose 2022 State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County. *(Sharla Kennedy, Lea County Assessor)*

Assessor Kennedy requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-194R Ordering the Lea County Assessor to Impose 2022 State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-195R Authorizing a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-195R Authorizing a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-196R Ratifying a Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-196R Ratifying a Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-197R Authorizing a Task Order between Lea County and Molzen Corbin for Construction Observation and Testing for The Runway 3 Extension. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-197R Authorizing a Task Order between Lea County and Molzen Corbin for Construction Observation and Testing for The Runway 3 Extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-198R Awarding Bid No. 04 2022-2023 to Constructors Inc. for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-198R Awarding Bid No.04 2022-2023 to Constructors Inc. for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-199R Awarding Bid No. 5 2022 -2023 One New 2022 one-ton pickup to Permian GM for the Lea County Facilities Department. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Director Lara requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-199R Awarding Bid No. 5 2022 -2023 One New 2022 one-ton pickup to Permian GM for the Lea County Facilities Department. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-200R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 01 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (*Chip Low, Director of Finance*)

Finance Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-200R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 01 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-201R Approving the 2023 Lea County Employee Calendar. (*Craig Bova, Human Resources Director*)

Human Resource Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-201R Approving the 2023 Lea County Employee Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. 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, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

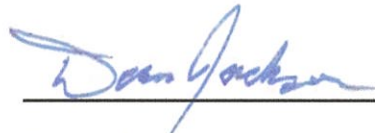
- Discussion of Elections. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*
 - Discussed a successful meeting with Jill Ashenfelter. Clerk Manes addressed and cleared up any concerns she expressed at a previous County Commission Meeting as it pertained to our Election Process in Lea County.
 - Jill Ashenfelter (Lea County Resident) – Agreed that she had a successful meeting with Clerk Manes and Bureau of Elections Clerk Carrie Sandoval. She commended their professionalism and thanked them for their time. She still expressed some concern with the election process including I.D. to vote and absentee ballot rules, but was satisfied with the answers and clarification obtained from Lea County.
- Discussion of the 2022 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds Director)*
 - PowerPoint presentation and general discussion of Lea County Fair and Rodeo Expenses and Revenues. Spoke about the positive impact it has on the residents of Lea County.

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

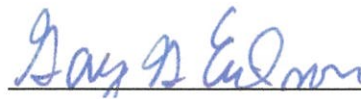
There was no other business

Meeting adjourned at 9:59

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Dean Jackson, Chair



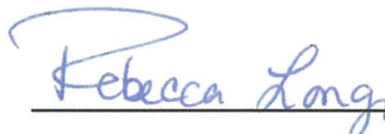
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member



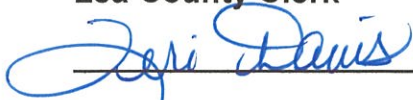
Pat Sims, Member



Rebecca Long, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Teri Davis, Deputy Clerk

