

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 06, 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-OCT-207R Approving the September 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-207R Approving the September 22, 2022 Regular 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments
 - Clerk Manes discussed the certification of the voting machines.
- Commissioner and Manager Comments
 - Chair Jackson – NMOGA – Gave praises to Congresswoman Herrell.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – Said he was pleased Chevron is planning to expand production in Lea County.
 - Commissioner Sena – Said it was nice to hear how important Oil & Gas in Lea County is for NMOGA. He also wants to have a discussion next meeting concerning abortion.
 - Commissioner Sims – Commented on how great the NMOGA Conference was.
 - Commissioner Long –Stated the NMOGA conference was the best in 8 years.
 - Manager Gallagher – No Comment

- Discussion on the Lea County Event Center Mater Plan *(Matt McKim, Principal Architect with Dekker/Perich/Sabtini)*
 - Mr. McKim presented a power point presentation of all the plans they are considering for the Event Center.
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-208R Approving \$209,946.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the Town of Tatum for a Small Brush Fire Truck. *(Chair Dean Jackson, Commissioner - District 1)*

Chair Jackson requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-208R Approving \$209,946.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the Town of Tatum for a Small Brush Fire Truck. 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-209R Authorizing In State Travel December 5 – 8, 2022 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for Newly Elected County Commissioner to Attend the New Mexico Counties 2022 Better Informed Public Officials Conference.

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-209R Authorizing In State Travel December 5 – 8, 2022 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for Newly Elected County Commissioner to Attend the New Mexico Counties 2022 Better Informed Public Officials 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-210R Authorizing In-State Travel January 16 – 19, 2023 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend the 2023 New Mexico Counties Legislative Conference and Meetings.

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-210R Authorizing In-State Travel January 16 – 19, 2023 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend the 2023 New Mexico Counties Legislative Conference and Meetings. 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-211R Authorizing In-State Travel January 26 - 27, 2023 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend the Evening with Lea County.

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-211R Authorizing In-State Travel January 26 – 27, 2023 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend the Evening with 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, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-212R Authorizing Out of State Travel February 10 – 15, 2023 to Washington D.C. for County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend the 2023 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and Meetings.

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-212R Authorizing Out of State Travel February 10 – 15, 2023 to Washington D.C. for County Commissioners and County Manager to Attend the 2023 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and Meetings. 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-213R Approving Retirement for Lea County Sheriff's Office K-9 Rico. *(Sheriff Corey Helton, Sheriff's Department)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-213R Approving Retirement for Lea County Sheriff's Office K-9 Rico. 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-214R Awarding Request for Proposal #01 2022 – 2023 As-Needed Uniforms for Lea County Sheriff's Office. *(Sheriff Corey Helton, Sheriff's Department)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-214R Awarding Request for Proposal #01 2022 – 2023 As-Needed Uniforms for Lea County Sheriff's Office. 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-215R Finding a Building and Premises at 38 West US Highway 380, Tatum, Lea County, New Mexico to be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)*

Environmental Services Director Velasquez requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-215R Finding a Building and Premises at 38 West US Highway 380, Tatum, Lea County, New Mexico to be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof. 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 Long, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Radio Specialist Position for the Lea County Communication Authority. *(Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director)*
 - Discussed the need to hire an on-site radio/tower specialist due to Professional Services closing their doors and the closest company being out of Midland, TX.
- Discussion of Adult Probation and Pre-trial Services. *(Kelly Livingston, DWI/Probation Misdemeanor Compliance Director)*
 - Discussed and gave an extensive overview of pre-trial Services in conjunction with the Misdemeanor and DWI Compliance program.
- Discussion of the Implementation of the Caselle Government Accounting System. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*
 - Discussed the implementation of the new Caselle software and the future possibilities of it's uses.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **At 10:36 a.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved to meet in closed session to discuss the Limited Personnel Matters Regarding Employment Agreements of the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and County Attorney; and Acquisition of Real Properties in Central and Northern Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (2) and (8). The Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Sena.**

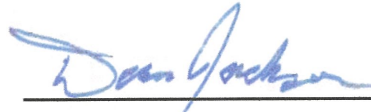
The Meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

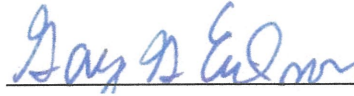
There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

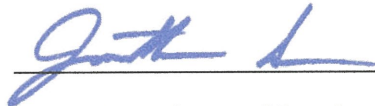
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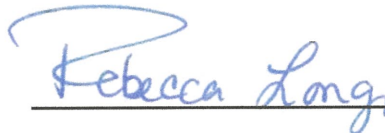
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Rebecca Long, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk



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