



Lea County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

Lea County Courthouse - Commission Chambers – 100 North Main, Lovington, New Mexico

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AGENDA

Call to Order ~ Roll Call ~ Pledge of Allegiance ~ Invocation

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-079R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - ❖ February 23, 2023 Special Meeting
 - ❖ February 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*).
- Commissioners and Manager Comments.
- Discussion Regarding Endangered Species. (*Yvette Herrell, Former United States Representative for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District*)
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-080R Opposing the Listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as an Endangered Species. (*Dean Jackson, Chair, County Commission – District 1*)
- Discussion of Broadband in Southern Lea County. (*Matt White, City Manager, City of Jal*)

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-081R Approving Law Enforcement Protection Fund Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024. (*Corey Helton, County Sheriff*)
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-082R Approving Addition of One Full-Time Position and One Part-Time Position to the Lea County Treasurer's Office. (*Craig Bova, Human Resources Director*)
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-083R Authorizing In-State Travel June 11 - 16, 2023 for the County Commissioners to attend the 2023 New Mexico Counties Annual Conference in San Juan County, New Mexico. (*Sandra Brito, Community Engagement Manager*)

Chair Dean Jackson, District 1; Vice Chair Gary G. Eidson, District 3

Members: Brad Weber, District 2; Jonathan Sena, District 4; Pat Sims, District 5

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-084R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel July 20 - 25, 2023 for the County Commissioners to attend the 2023 National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Travis County, Texas. *(Sandra Brito, Community Engagement Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-085R Approving Appointment of Lea County's Voting Delegate for the 2023 National Association of Counties Conference. *(Sandra Brito, Community Engagement Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-086R Authorizing In-State Travel April 19 – 20, 2023 for the County Manager to Attend the Professional Standards Emergency Communications Council Meeting in Las Cruces, New Mexico. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-087R Authorizing In-State Travel July 16 – 20, 2023 for the County Manager to Attend the Economic Development Basic Course in Silver City, New Mexico. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-088R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel November 3 – 9, 2023 for the County Manager to Attend Oklahoma University's Economic Development Institute in Austin, Texas. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-089R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel March 16 – 17, 2023 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas for Four Firefighter/Emergency Management Personnel to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Training at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-090R Finding a Building and Premises at 4003 East Marland, Hobbs, New Mexico to Be a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal Thereof. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-091R Approving a Task Order with Square Root Services to Complete Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for Industrial, Sonshine and Donna Roadways. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-092R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Pace Audio's to Install New Audio and Visual Equipment in the Lea County Historic Courthouse. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAR-093R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 3rd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Team Up to Clean Up Lea County. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director*)
- Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Departmental Operating Budgets. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The Commission Convene in Closed Session to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Regarding a Deputy in the Sheriff's Office; and to Discuss Threatened Litigation Regarding Law Enforcement in Lea County; Pending Litigation in State of New Mexico *ex rel. Raul Torres v. Board of County Commissioners for Lea County et al.*; Pending Litigation in *Martinez v. Lea County et al.*, 2:21-CV-01101-CG-GJF; and to Discuss the Disposal of Real Property in Central and Northern Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (2), (7) and (8).

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

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Please Join Us at Our Next Meetings

*Special Meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M
and
Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 9:00 A.M*