

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 25, 2023**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, to wit: Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

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

Commissioner Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAY-131R Approving the May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-131R Approving the May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments:
 - Commissioner Weber – Said he appreciates the Jal Panthers Varsity Football Team for attending the meeting.
 - Commissioner Sena – Congratulated the Jal Panthers Varsity Football Team for their hard work and dedication. He thanked city municipalities for attending the meeting. He also expressed how grateful he is for having the privilege of raising his kids in Lea County.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – Congratulated the Jal Panthers Varsity Football Team on their accomplishments.
 - Chair Jackson – Thanked the Jal Panthers for attending the board meeting. He also welcomed Road Superintendent Ben Henderson to Lea County.

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- County Manager Michael Gallagher – Asked Corey Needham to introduce Road Superintendent Ben Henderson on to the board.
- Consideration of Lea County Proclamation Recognizing the Jal Panthers Varsity Football Team.

Commissioner Sena requested approval Recognizing the Jal Panthers Varsity Football Team. 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.

ITEM02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAY-132R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo for the 2023 Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Approving Entertainment Artists and Fees for the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo and Hispanic Heritage Celebration. *(Kris Allen, Chair, Fair & Rodeo)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Kris Allen requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-132R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo for the 2023 Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Approving Entertainment Artists and Fees for the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo and Hispanic Heritage Celebration. 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-MAY-133R Approval of Superior Security Services to Provide Security During the 2023 Lea County Fair and Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds Director)*

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Fairgrounds Director Jim Kemp requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-133R Approval of Superior Security Services to Provide Security During the 2023 Lea County Fair and 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-MAY-134R Approving A One Time Grant to Municipalities. *(Michael Gallagher, County Assistant Manager)*

County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-134R Approving A One Time Grant to Municipalities. 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-MAY-135R Approving the Uploaded Human Resource Policy and Procedures Manual *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

Human Resources Director Craig Bova requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-135R Approving the Uploaded Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual. 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-MAY-136R Establishing a County Internship/Apprenticeship Program. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

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County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-136R Establishing a County Internship/Apprenticeship Program. 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-MAY-137R Amending the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023 Previously Approved by Lea County Resolution No. 23-JAN-006R. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-137R Amending the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023 Previously Approved by Lea County Resolution No. 23-JAN-006R. 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-MAY-138R Approving an Average Lot Size Variance for Proposed Squires Subdivision in Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 36 East in Lea County, NM *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-138R Approving an Average Lot Size Variance for Proposed Squires Subdivision in Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 36 East in Lea County, NM. 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, no; 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-MAY-139R Approving Preliminary Plat Desert Vista Estates Subdivision, Type 3B, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 38 East in Lea County, NM (*Bruce Reid, County Planner*)

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-139R Approving Preliminary Plat Desert Vista Estates Subdivision, Type 3B, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 38 East in Lea County, NM 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.

BREAK: 10:30 a.m.

RESUME: 10:41 a.m.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-MAY-140R Approving Grant Application and Agreement Between Lea County and the FAA for the Design of Jal Airport MIRL Replacement. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-MAY-140R Approving Grant Application and Agreement Between Lea County and the FAA for the Design of Jal Airport MIRL Replacement. 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-MAY-141R Approving Grant Application and Agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation

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ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of ATLAS Energy Solutions Dune Express Conveyor Project. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham introduced Chief Supply Chain Officer Chris Scholla from ATLAS Energy Solutions. Chris presented and explained the Dune Express Conveyor Project.

- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report. *(Erin Smith, Senior Staff Accountant)*

Senior Staff Accountant Erin Smith reviewed the county's income and expenses.

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. *(Erin Smith, Senior Staff Accountant)*

Senior Staff Accountant Erin Smith presented the accounts payable total.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:51 a.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved that the COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Threatened Litigation Regarding Federal Administrative Procedures Related to Land Use and the Acquisition of Real Property in Central Lea County, As Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7) and (8). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. The meeting reconvenes at 11:57 a.m.

ITEM 05: NO OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN: 11:57 a. m.

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Dean Jackson, Chair



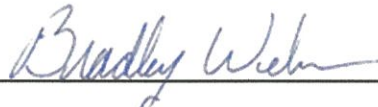
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member

Absent

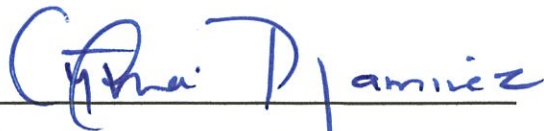
Pat Sims, Member



Brad Weber, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

