

**Special Meeting
Lea County Board of County Commissioners
June 8, 2023**

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 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: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:02 a.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved that the COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Threatened Litigation Regarding Administrative Procedures Related to Land Use Restrictions and Law Enforcement, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7). COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION to take Action, if any, on the Closed Session Item(s).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. The meeting reconvened at 9:28 a.m.

ITEM 02: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Proclamation on Fireworks Restrictions

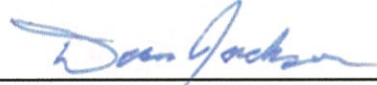
Charles Pruitt with Environmental Service Department gave a presentation on dry conditions in Lea County and on the consideration of proclamation on fireworks restriction. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Proclamation on Fireworks Restriction due to drought conditions in Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Nicholas Maxwell spoke against the banned fireworks listed in the Proclamation on the Fireworks Restrictions. After getting off topic he was told by Chair Jackson, he was not speaking on the scope of the item and to sit down. Chair Jackson stated their objective is to protect pasture lands and personal property by following the guidelines to prevent a fire. Commissioner Weber said ultimately we are hoping to rescind this proclamation if we get the rain needed. Commissioner Sena stated we would like for the community to be safe. Secretary

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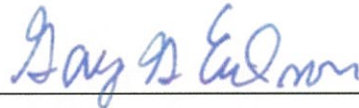
polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

ADJOURN: 9:42 a. m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



Dean Jackson, Chair



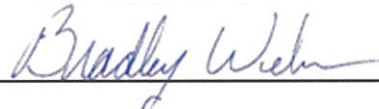
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member



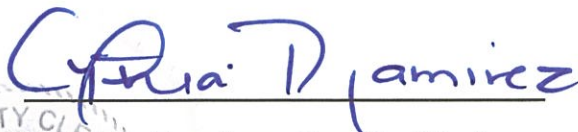
Pat Sims, Member



Brad Weber, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

