

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
July 27, 2023**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00a.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 Pat Sims, District 5, Commissioner Brad Weber, District 2.

Also present, 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. 23-JUL-173R Approving the June 29, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 18, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-173R Approving the June 29, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 18, 2023 Special 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*).
 - Helen Nave – asked the Commissioners for help in possibly persuading the New Mexico Racing Commission to stop reducing race days as this is hurting the industry.
 - Denton Brown – spoke about the hardships the horse racing industry is currently facing due to a short racing meet and cutting of race days.

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- Commissioners and Manager Comments:
 - Commissioner Sims – expressed his opinion on how New Mexico Government is handling the issue of horse racing. He also thanked the county for the flowers sent to Tonya.
 - Chair Jackson – spoke about the experience in NACO. Expressed his condolences to Michael and Rachel Gallagher for the passing of her father.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-174R Approving the Recommendations of the Nor-Lea Hospital District's Board of Trustees to Fill the Vacancies of Hospital District 2 and District 3. *(David Shaw, Nor-Lea Hospital District Chief Executive Officer)*

Nor-Lea Hospital District, Chief Executive Officer David Shaw requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-174R Approving the Recommendations of the Nor-Lea Hospital District's Board of Trustees to Fill the Vacancies of Hospital District 2 and District 3. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-175R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for \$12,000 Discretionary Funding from City Commissioner Calderon for the Purchase of Books for the Lea County Detention Center. *(Ruben Quintana, Lea County Detention Center Warden)*

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Lea County Detention Center Ruben Quintana requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-175R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for \$12,000.00 Discretionary Funding from City Commissioner Calderon for the Purchase of Books for the Lea County Detention Center. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-176R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Probation Compliance Services. *(Kelly Livingston, Lea County Probation Services Director)*

Lea County Probation Services Director Kelly Livingston requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-176R Approving Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Probation Compliance Services. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-177R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Roofcare to Provide Roof Maintenance for Lea County Facilities. *(Edmundo Lara, Lea County Facilities Director)*

Lea County Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-177R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Roofcare to Provide Roof Maintenance for Lea County Facilities. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-178R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 15 (22-23) HVAC Maintenance and Repair for Lea County Facilities. *(Edmundo Lara, Lea County Facilities Director)*

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Lea County Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-178R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 15(22-23) HVAC Maintenance and Repair for Lea County Facilities. 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, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-179R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for the Commercial Airline Subsidy. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-179R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for the Commercial Airline Subsidy. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-180R Approving 1st Option to Renew for Annual Road Construction and Maintenance-Indefinite Quantity to Constructor's Inc. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-180R Approving 1st Option to Renew for Annual Road Construction and Maintenance-Indefinite Quantity to Constructor's Inc. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-181R Approving Fiscal Year 2022-2023 4th Quarter New Mexico Department of Finance Administration Cash Report. *(Susan Marinovich, Lea County Treasurer)*

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Lea County Treasurer Susan Marinovich requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-181R Approving Fiscal Year 2022-2023 4th Quarter New Mexico Department of Finance Administration Cash Report. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-182R Approving Fiscal Year 2023 Final Budget Adjustment No. 6. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-182R Approving Fiscal Year 2023 Final Budget Adjustments No. 6. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-183R Authorizing In-State Travel October 7 – 10, 2023 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the County Manager and County Commissioners to Attend the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association 2023 Annual Meeting/Conference. *(Ke'Onna Yates, Lea County Executive Administrative Coordinator)*

Lea County Executive Administrative Coordinator Ke'Onna Yates requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-183R Authorizing In-State Travel October 7-10, 2023 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the County Manager Oil & Gas Association 2023 Annual Meeting/Conference. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-184R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation in the New Mexico Counties for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-184R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation in the New Mexico Counties for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. 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, yes; Commissioner Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-185R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2029. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Manager Michael Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-185R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital improvements Plan (ICIP) for Fiscal Year 2025-2029. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 23-JUL-186R Adopting Lea County's Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Final Budget. *(Michael Gallagher, Lea County Manager)*

Lea County Manager Michael Gallaher requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 23-JUL-186R Adopting Lea County's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Budget. 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 Weber, yes. The motion passed.

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ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Treatment Services. *(Kelly Livingston, Lea County Probation Services Director)*

Lea County Probation Services Kelly Livingston discussed the expansion of Lea County treatment services along with the mission and vision of the Health & Wellness Department.

- Discussion of Lea County's Public Safety Master Plan. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Michael Gallagher discussed different ways first responders can assist the public in case of a threat and/or emergency to provide a safe, secure community. He suggested doing a RFP to bring in a third party to assist with the progress.

- Discussion of Lea County's June 2023 Finance Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Chip Low explained and presented the June 2023 Finance Report. He feels we are pretty much in line with what we have budgeted for. He stated we set records with the budget.

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. *(Chip Low, Lea County Finance Director)*

Lea County Finance Director Chip Low discussed the Accounts Payable. He feels the financial report meets the goals.

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ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 10:34 a.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved that the COMMISSION CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Threatened Litigation Regarding Opioids, As Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. The Meeting reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

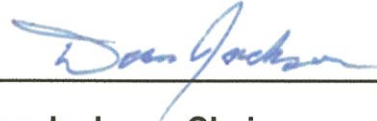
COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION to take Action, if any, on the Closed Session Item(s).

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

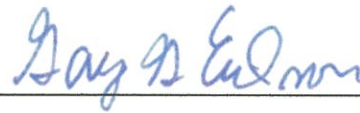
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Dean Jackson, Chair



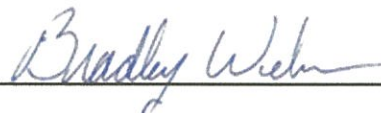
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member

Absent

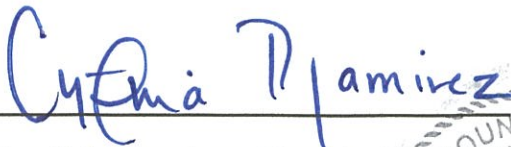
Pat Sims, Member



Brad Weber, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

