

**Special Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 11, 2024**

Chair Eidson called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Chair Gary G. Eidson, District 3, Vice Chair Gary Weber, District 2, Commissioner Dean Jackson, District 1, Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4, Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Also present, Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II.

Absent Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell

Commissioner Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Vice Chair Weber.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-210R Ordering the Lea County Assessor to Impose 2024 State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County. (*Ava Bengé, County Assessor*)

County Assessor Ava Bengé requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-210R Ordering the Lea County Assessor to Impose 2024 State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Legislative District 61 Assistant Jarrod Foster gave an overview of the New Mexico Counties and Assessors Affiliate Meeting held in Roswell, New Mexico. Lea County resident Hortencia Corrales expressed her concerns about property tax increase. Commissioner Sena asked if there were any tax exemptions offered to the veterans in Lea County. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-211R Authorizing the Submittal of Lea County's Proposal to Host the 2028 New Mexico Counties Annual Conference. (*Jim Kemp, Event Center Director on behalf of Sandra Brito, Community Engagement Manager*)

Event Center Director Jim Kemp requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-211R Authorizing the Submittal of Lea County's Proposal to Host the 2028 New Mexico Counties Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena stated this would be a great opportunity to show the state what Lea County has to offer. Vice Chair Weber asked if there was a completion date for the remodel of the Lea County Event Center. Legislative District 61 Assistant Jarrod Foster expressed how pleased he is with the projects Lea County has to offer to the community. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

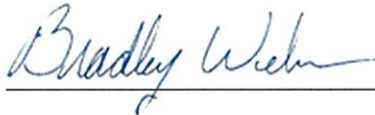
ADJOURN: 5:14 p.m.

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Gary G. Eidson, Chair



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ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

