

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 26, 2024**

Chair Eidson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

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

Also present, Lea County Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services Chip Low and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-212R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes: August 22, 2024 Regular Meeting & September 11, 2024 Special Meeting.

Chair Eidson requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-212R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes, August 22, 2024 & September 11, 2024 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*)

Jill Ashen Felter thanked the commissioners board for passing Resolution No.24-AUG-196R Opposing the State of New Mexico's Proposed Building Code Requirements for Mandatory Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations and Resolution No. 24-AUG-197R Opposing the Proposed Land Protection Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge, agreements with Santa Fe.

Commissioners and Manager Comments:

- ❖ Commissioner Sims - Thanked Edmundo Lara for making this building handicap accessible.
- ❖ Commissioner Sena - Spoke about Cancer awareness and introduced Hobbs High School students to the board.
- ❖ Commissioner Jackson - Encouraged everyone to go out and vote in this election.
- ❖ Vice Chair Weber – Echoed Commissioner Jackson's encouragement for everyone to go out and vote in this general election.

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- Discussion of 4-H Sales at the New Mexico State Fair. (*Chelsey Wilson, NMSU Lea County Program Interim Director/Extension 4-H Agent*)

4H Agent for Lea County Chelsey Wilson introduced 4H and FFA members that showed and made sale at the New Mexico Fair. Participants introduced themselves to the board and were congratulated for their hard work.

- Discussion of Lovington Municipal School's Portrait of a Wildcat. (*Pam Quinones, Lovington Municipal Schools Superintendent*)

Lovington Municipal Schools Superintendent, Pam Quinones spoke about how Lovington Municipal Schools is dedicated on providing opportunities for every student to transform and succeed in a safe environment to reach their highest potential.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-213R Approving an Appropriation of \$8,000 from District 3 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Reading Programs at Mills Elementary School. (*Gary Eidson, District 3, Chair*)

Chair Eidson requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-213R Approving and Appropriation of \$8,000 from District 3 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Reading Programs at Mills Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-214R Approving an Appropriation of \$8,000 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Reading Programs at Mills Elementary School. (*Jonathan Sena, District 4, Commissioner*)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-214R Approving and Appropriation of \$8,000 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Reading Programs at Mills Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Sims would like to focus and communicate with Lea County Municipal Schools to understand what is working best for the students in our community.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-215R Approving an Appropriation of \$57,917.10 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Audio Improvements at Hobbs Tasker Arena. (*Jonathan Sena, District 4, Commissioner*)

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Commissioner Sena requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-215R Approving an Appropriation of \$57,917.10 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Audio Improvements at Hobbs Tasker Arena. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-216R Approving an Appropriation of \$131,038.09 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Playground Equipment Improvements at Coronado Elementary School. (*Jonathan Sena, District 4, Commissioner*)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP216R Approving an Appropriation of \$131,038.09 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Playground Equipment Improvements at Coronado Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-217R Approving an Appropriation of \$53,044.81 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for a Hawk Crosswalk Signal on Bender Boulevard. (*Jonathan Sena, District 4, Commissioner*)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP217R Approving and Appropriation of \$53,044.81 from District 4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for a Hawk Crosswalk Signal on Bender Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-218R Approving Grant No. G23SN0017A Modification No. 6 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2024. (*Wm Robert Sullivan, Region VI Drug Task Force Coordinator*)

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Region VI Drug Task Force Coordinator Wm Robert Sullivan requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP218R Approving Grant No. G23SN0017A Modification No. 6 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena thanked Region VI Drug Task Force Coordinator, Wm Robert Sullivan for his service and leadership. 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-219R Approving the Award of Bid No. 01 (24 – 25) to Bixby Electric, Inc. for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 12 – 30 MRL at the Lea County Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant County Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-219R Approving the Award of Bid No. 01 (24-25) to Bixby Electric, Inc. for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 12-30 MRL at the Lea County Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-220R Approving Task Order 2024 – 12 Between Lea County and Molzen-Corbin for Observation and Testing Services for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 12 – 30 MRL at the Lea County Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant County Manager for Operations requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-220R Approving Task Order 2024-12 Between Lea County and Molzen-Corbin for Observation and Testing Services for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 12-30 MRL at the Lea County Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-221R Approving a Grant Application and Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Construction of the MRL Replacement at the Lea County Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

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Assistant County Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-221R Approving a Grant Application and Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Construction of the MIRL Replacement at the Lea County Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-222R Approving the Award of Bid No. 03 (24 – 25) to Bixby Electric, Inc. for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 1 – 19 MIRL at the Lea County Jal Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant County Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-222R Approving the Award of Bid No. 03 (24-25) to Bixby Electric, Inc. for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 1-19 MIRL at the Lea County Jal Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-223R Approving Task Order 2024 – 13 Between Lea County and Molzen-Corbin for Observation and Testing Services for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 1 – 19 MIRL at the Lea County Jal Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant County Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-223R Approving Task Order 2024-13 Between Lea County and Molzen-Corbin for Observation and Testing Services for the Replacement of the Existing Runway 1-19 MIRL at the Lea County Jal Airport. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-224R Approving a Grant Application and Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Construction of the MIRL Replacement at the Lea County Jal Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant County Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-224R Approving a Grant Application and Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Construction of the MIRL Replacement at the Lea County Jal Airport. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-225R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of Dedicated Alleys and Roadways in South Subdivision in Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 36 East Located Outside of Tatum, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP- 225R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of Dedicated Alleys and Roadways in South Subdivision in Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 36 East Located Outside of Tatum, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-226R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of a Dedicated Roadway in Chaves No. 2 Subdivision in Section 31, Township 15 South, Range 36 East Located North of Lovington, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-226R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of a Dedicated Roadway in Chaves No. 2 Subdivision in Section 31, Township 15 South, Range 36 East Located North of Lovington, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-227R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of Dedicated Alleys and Roadways in Hughes Subdivision in Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 38 East Located East of Hobbs, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-227R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of Dedicated Alleys and Roadways in Hughes Subdivision in Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 38 East Located East of Hobbs, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-228R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and Lea County. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*

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Emergency Management Director Lorenzo Velasquez requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-228R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-229R Approving a Finding that the Structures and Premises at 3215 Reed Road, Lovington, New Mexico, are a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal of Such Structures, Ruins, Rubbish, Wreckage, and Debris in Accordance with Ordinance No. 87. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*

Emergency Management Director requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-229R Approving a Finding that the Structures and Premises at 3215 Reed Road, Lovington, New Mexico, are a Menace to the Public and Requiring the Removal of Such Structures, Ruins, Rubbish, Wreckage, and Debris in Accordance with Ordinance No. 87. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-230R Approving for Out-of-State Travel September 30 – October 2, 2024 for Lea County Regional Airport Staff Members to Attend Fire and Operations Training in Fort Worth, Texas. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*

Emergency Management Director Lorenzo Velasquez requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-230R Approving for Out-of-State Travel September 30 – October 2, 2024 for Lea County Regional Airport Staff Members to Attend Fire and Operations Training in Fort Worth, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-231R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of New Mexico's Department of Health and Lea County. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*

Emergency Management Director Lorenzo Velasquez requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-231R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of New Mexico's Department of Health and Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No.24-SEP-232R Authorizing an Agreement Between Luna County and Lea County for the Housing of Luna County Adult or Juvenile Detainees. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Interim Director)*

Detention Center Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-232R Authorizing an Agreement Between Luna County and Lea County for the Housing of Luna County Adult or Juvenile Detainees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-233R Authorizing an Agreement Between Harding County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Interim Director)*

Detention Center Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP- 233R Authorizing an Agreement Between Harding County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-234R Authorizing an Agreement Between Valencia County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Interim Director)*

Detention Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-234R Authorizing an Agreement Between Valencia County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-235R Authorizing an Agreement Between Grant County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Interim Director)*

Detention Center Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-235R Authorizing an Agreement Between Grant County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24 SEP-236R Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Lea County and Lovington Municipal School District to Provide Quality Teachers for Students in the Lea County Juvenile Detention Center. (*Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Interim Director*)

Detention Center Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-236R Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Lea County and Lovington Municipal School District to Provide Quality Teachers for Students in the Lea County Juvenile Detention Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-237R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel October 18 – 24, 2024 for the Programming Lieutenant and Health & Wellness Director to Attend the 2024 National Conference on Correctional Health Care in Las Vegas, Nevada. (*Michael Nevarez, Health & Wellness Director*)

Health & Wellness Director Michael Navarez requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-237R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel October 18 – 24, 2024 for the Programming Lieutenant and Health & Wellness Director to Attend the 2024 National Conference on Correctional Health Care in Las Vegas, Nevada. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-238R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement with Design Roof Services for a Roof Sealant Coating at 2130 W. Bender Located in Hobbs, New Mexico. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-238R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement with Design Roof Services for a Roof Sealant Coating at 2130 W. Bender Located in Hobbs, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-239R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel October 9 – 11, 2024 for the Facilities Director to Attend the 2024 International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Conference in San Antonio, Texas. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

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Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-239R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel October 9 – 11, 2024 for the Facilities Director to Attend the 2024 International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-240R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel November 11 – 12, 2024 for Lea County Fairgrounds Staff Members to Attend the 2024 Showworks Short Course & Training in College Station, Texas. (*Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director*)

Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-240R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel November 11 – 12, 2024 for Lea County Fairgrounds Staff Members to Attend the 2024 Showworks Short Course & Training in College Station, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-241R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel September 29 – October 4, 2024 for the Buyer to Attend the 2024 OpenGov Annual Transform Conference in Arlington, Texas. (*Zayra Jacobs, Buyer*)

Buyer Zayra Jacobs requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-241R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel September 29 – October 4, 2024 for the Buyer to Attend the 2024 OpenGov Annual Transform Conference in Arlington, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-242R Authorizing the 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund. (*Erin Smith, Senior Accountant*)

Senior Accountant Erin Smith requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-242R Authorizing the 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, no; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, no. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-SEP-243R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of New Mexico Legislative Council Service and Lea County for Office Space Within the Historic Courthouse. (*Sarah Chanesman, Executive Administrative Coordinator*)

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Executive Administrative Coordinator Sarah Chanesman requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-243R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of New Mexico Legislative Council Service and Lea County for Office Space Within the Historic Courthouse. Representative Randall Pettigrew said this has been a project two-years in the making and expressed his thanks. Legislative District 61 Assistant Jarrod Foster stat that in addition to assisting constituents, he's also invested in getting people engaged in their government, registering citizens to vote, and making voters aware of the issues on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-244R Approving an Allocation of \$1,000,000 to the City of Lovington for the Proposed Veteran's Memorial Project. (*Sarah Chanesman, Executive Administrative Coordinator*)

Executive Administrative Coordinator Sarah Chanesman requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-244R Approving an Allocation of \$1,000,000 to the City of Lovington for the Proposed Veteran's Memorial Project. City Manager for the City of Lovington David Miranda mentioned this project has been 10 years in the making and is thrilled to get it started. Commissioner Jackson is excited this project is moving forward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-245R Authorizing In-State Travel October 2 – October 3, 2024 for County Commissioners to Attend the 2024 New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMGCA) Regional Meeting in Roswell, New Mexico. (*Sarah Chanesman, Executive Administrative Coordinator*)

Executive Administrative Coordinator Sarah Chanesman requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-245R Authorizing In-State Travel October 2 – October 3, 2024 for County Commissioners to Attend the 2024 New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMGCA) Regional Meeting in Roswell, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-246R Authorizing In-State Travel October 3 – October 4, 2024 for County Commissioners to Attend the New Mexico Counties (NMC) Board of Directors Meeting in Los Alamos, New Mexico. (*Sarah Chanesman, Executive Administrative Coordinator*)

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Executive Administrative Coordinator Sarah Chanesman requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-246R Authorizing In-State Travel October 3 – October 4, 2024 for County Commissioners to Attend the New Mexico Counties (NMC) Board of Directors Meeting in Los Alamos, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. 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-247R Authorizing In-State Travel October 1 – October 2, 2024 for the County Manager to Attend the New Mexico Hospital Association's 79th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (*Sarah Chanesman, Executive Administrative Coordinator*)

Executive Administrative Coordinator Sarah Chanesman requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-SEP-247R Authorizing In-State Travel October 1 – October 2, 2024 for the County Manager to Attend the New Mexico Hospital Association's 79th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

**Chair Eidson called for break at 10:29 a.m.
Resumed 10:38 a.m.**

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Fairgrounds Horse Barn Project. (*Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director*)

Fairgrounds Director Wyatt gave a brief presentation of the Lea County Horse barn project that was approved earlier this year. Project completion date is estimated to be a three-month period. This facility be put in use multiple times a year.

- Discussion of Lea County's Strategic Plan. (*Anthony Dobbs, Budget & Reporting Analyst*)

Budget & Reporting Analyst, Anthony Dobbs stated not a lot of modifications have been made to the Lea County's Strategic Plan, except for the Strategic Priority Goals that have been updated.

- Discussion of August 2024 Finance Report. (*Erin Smith, Senior Accountant*)

Senior Accountant Erin Smith reviewed the August 2024 Finance Report and stated the total amount of \$50,539,831 for revenue and expenditures.

Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services Chip Low stated that revenues in oil & gas may decrease but the Lea County's budget is sturdy and there is nothing to be concerned about.

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- Discussion of Lea County's August 2024 Accounts Payable. *(Erin Smith, Senior Accountant)*

Senior Accountant Erin Smith reviewed the August 2024 Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Registration with a grand total of \$9,100,005.24.

Commissioner Sena stated that he hopes some elected officials get their offices renovated because they deserve it.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN: 10:51 a.m.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Gary G. Eidson, Chair



Brad Weber, Vice Chair



Dean Jackson, Member



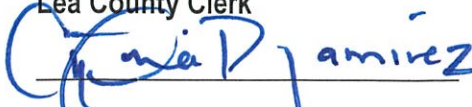
Jonathan Sena, Member

Absent

Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Recording Secretary

