

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 24, 2024**

Chair Eidson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 absent were, to wit: Commissioner Pat Sim, District 5.

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

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-248R Approving the September 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Eidson requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-248R Approving the September 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments:

Commissioner Sena – Expressed how grateful his experience has been serving on the Lea County Commission.

Commissioner Jackson – Shared a small film Mary Hartmeyer with Inspirado Films put together for the Lea County Fair and Rodeo 2024.

Vice Chair Weber – Encouraged everyone to go out and vote in this election.

Chair Eidson – Asked to keep Roswell and Florida in our prayers and pray for those affected by the hurricane.

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- Discussion of General Obligation Bond Three. *(Rachel Gallagher, Vice President for Advancement, New Mexico Junior College)*

Vice President for Advancement Rachel Gallagher commented on how New Mexico Junior College is requesting support for the higher education bond three, specifically for the renovations at Mansur Hall located on their campus. There are no new tax increases with this bond.

Commissioner Sena – Thanked Vice President Rachael Gallagher for believing and giving hope to the students of NMJC College.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-249R Approving a \$250,000 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Discretionary Funding for the Operation, Staffing, Equipping, and Improving the City of Lovington's Animal Shelter. *(Brad Weber, District 2, Vice Chair)*

Vice Chair Weber requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-249R Approving a \$250,000 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Discretionary Funding for the Operation, Staffing, Equipping, and Improving the City of Lovington's Animal Shelter. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-250R Approving a \$250,000 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Discretionary Funding for the Operation, Staffing, Equipping, and Improving the City of Lovington's Animal Shelter. *(Dean Jackson, District 1, Commissioner)*

Commissioner Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-250R Approving a \$250,000 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Discretionary Funding for the Operation, Staffing, Equipping, and Improving the City of Lovington's Animal Shelter. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-251R Supporting the State of Utah's Litigation Against the United States Concerning "Unappropriated Lands". *(Dean Jackson, District 1, Commissioner)*

Commissioner Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-251R Supporting the State of Utah's Litigation Against the United States Concerning "Unappropriated Lands". 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-252R Approval of the Donation of Four Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicles to the Chaves County Sheriff's Office. *(Corey Helton, Sheriff)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-252R Approval of the Donation of Four Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicles to the Chaves County Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weber. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jackson offered assistance to Chaves County in this difficult time. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-253R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the United States Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and the Sheriff of Lea County Concerning Local Law Enforcement Support. *(Corey Helton, Sheriff)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-253R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the United States Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and the Sheriff of Lea County Concerning Local Law Enforcement Support. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-254R Approving a Second Option to Renew Annual Road Maintenance and Construction Indefinite Quantity Contract with Constructors Inc. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant County Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-254R Approving a Second Option to Renew Annual Road Maintenance and Construction Indefinite Quantity Contract with Constructors Inc. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-255R Approving a Claim of Exemption for Lea County Tracts 5 and 12 in the Tierra Verde Village Subdivision in North Hobbs Near Millen Drive. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-255R Approving a Claim of Exemption for Lea County Tracts 5 and 12 in the Tierra Verde Village Subdivision in North Hobbs Near Millen Drive. 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-256R Approving the Patch Material to Pavement Sealants and Supply, Inc. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager for Operations)*

Assistant Manager for Operations Corey Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-256R Approving the Patch Material to Pavement Sealants and Supply, Inc. 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 Corey Needham for his leadership. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-257R Approving Jake King as One of the Professional Bullfighters at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-257R Approving Jake King as One of the Professional Bullfighters at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-258R Approving Clay Heger as One of the Professional Bullfighters at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-258R Approving Clay Heger as One of the Professional Bullfighters at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-259R Approving Andy Stewart as the Rodeo Announcer at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-259R Approving Andy Stewart as the Rodeo Announcer at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-260R Approving Cowboy Images as the 2025 Lea County PRCA/WPRA Photographer. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-260R Approving Cowboy Images as the 2025 Lea County PRCA/WPRA Photographer. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-261R Approving Road Runner Production, LLC as the Rodeo Video Screen Producer at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-261R Approving Road Runner Production, LLC as the Rodeo Video Screen Producer at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-262R Approving Ryan Killingsworth as the Rodeo Sound Producer at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-262R Approving Ryan Killingsworth as the Rodeo Sound Producer at the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-263R Approving the 2025 Advertising Amount for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-263R Approving the 2025 Advertising Amount for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-264R Approving Benjamin Brian Patton (The Misfit Cowboy) as the Special Rodeo Act for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-264R Approving Benjamin Brian Patton (The Misfit Cowboy) as the Special Rodeo Act for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-265R Approving Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-265R Approving Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-266R Approving Wally Roberts to Provide VIP Catering for Rodeo Contestants During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice-Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-266R Approving Wally Roberts to Provide VIP Catering for Rodeo Contestants During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-267R Approving Wright's Amusement as the Carnival Ride and Game Provider During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-267R Approving Wright's Amusement as the Carnival Ride and Game Provider During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-268R Approving Justin Rumford as the Professional Barrel Man for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-268R Approving Justin Rumford as the Professional Barrel Man for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-269R Approving Pete Carr Pro Rodeo as the Stock Contractor for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-269R Approving Pete Carr Pro Rodeo as the Stock Contractor for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-270R Approving Linda Brown & Associates, LLC as the Entertainment Booking Agency for 2025 Lea County Fair & Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-269R Approving Pete Carr Pro Rodeo as the Stock Contractor for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-271R Approving the Recommendation from the Lea County Fair Board of \$1,500,000 for the 2025 Entertainment Artist Fees for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair)*

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-271R Approving the Recommendation from the Lea County Fair Board of \$1,500,000 for the 2025 Entertainment Artist Fees for the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-272R Approving Epicenter Productions, LLC as the Concert Sound/Lighting Production for 2025 Lea County Fair & Rodeo. (*Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair*)

Fair Board Chair Kris Allen & Brian Pointer, Fair Board Vice Chair requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-272R Approving Epicenter Productions, LLC as the Concert Sound/Lighting Production for 2025 Lea County Fair & Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-273R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel December 2 – 5, 2024 for the Lea County Fair Board Chair, Rodeo Committee Chair, and Fairgrounds Staff Members to Attend the 2024 PRCA National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. (*Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director*)

Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-273R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel December 2 – 5, 2024 for the Lea County Fair Board Chair, Rodeo Committee Chair, and Fairgrounds Staff Members to Attend the 2024 PRCA National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-274R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel January 9 – 11, 2025 for Lea County Fair Board Vice Chair to Attend the Texas Association of Fairs & Events (TAFE) Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. (*Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director*)

Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-274R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel January 9 – 11, 2025 for Lea County Fair Board Vice Chair to Attend the Texas Association of Fairs & Events (TAFE) Convention 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-275R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel December 1 – 4, 2024 for the Fairgrounds Director to Attend the International Association of Fairs and Expos (IAFE) Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. (*Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director*)

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Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-275R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel December 1 – 4, 2024 for the Fairgrounds Director to Attend the International Association of Fairs and Expos (IAFE) Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-276R Approving the Postponement of the Freeholder Recommendation and Appointing of a Freeholders Committee to Replace the Freeholders Committee for Chaves Addition, No. 2 Appointed on September 26, 2024. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-276R Approving the Postponement of the Freeholder Recommendation and Appointing of a Freeholders Committee to Replace the Freeholders Committee for Chaves Addition, No. 2 Appointed on September 26, 2024. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-277R Approving the Postponement of the Freeholder Recommendation and Approving the Appointing of a Freeholders Committee to Replace the Freeholders Committee for South Subdivision Appointed on September 26, 2024. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-277R Approving the Postponement of the Freeholder Recommendation and Approving the Appointing of a Freeholders Committee to Replace the Freeholders Committee for South Subdivision Appointed on September 26, 2024. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-278R Approving the Postponement of the Freeholder Recommendation and Approving the Appointing of a Freeholders Committee to Replace the Freeholders Committee for Hughes Subdivision appointed September 26, 2024. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Bruce Reid requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-278R Approving the Postponement of the Freeholder Recommendation and Approving the Appointing of a Freeholders Committee to Replace the Freeholders Committee for Hughes Subdivision appointed September 26, 2024. 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-279R Awarding and Directing Further Negotiations on Construction Proposals for the Lea County Event Center. (*Jim Kemp, Event Center Director*)

Event Center Director Jim Kemp requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-279R Awarding and Directing Further Negotiations on Construction Proposals for the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Eidson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena expressed how proud he is with the Lea County Event Center renovation project, and he also thanked Jim Kemp for his leadership. Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-280R Approving a Change Order with LASCO Construction for the Detention Center Project. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Facilities Director Edmundo Lara requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-280R Approving a Change Order with LASCO Construction for the Detention Center Project. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-281R Authorizing an Agreement Between Otero 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-OCT-281R Authorizing an Agreement Between Otero 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-282R Authorizing an Agreement Between Curry County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. (*Johel Maldonado, Detention Interim Director*)

Detention Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-282R Authorizing an Agreement Between Curry 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, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-283R Authorizing an Agreement Between Chaves County and Lea County for the Housing of Adult or Juvenile Detainees. (*Johel Maldonado, Detention Interim Director*)

Detention Interim Director Johel Maldonado requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-283R Authorizing an Agreement Between Chaves 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-284R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025. (*Anthony Dobbs, Budget & Reporting Analyst*)

Budget & Reporting Analyst Anthony Dobbs requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-284R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025. 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, absent. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Senior Accountant Erin Smith reviewed the Revenue versus Expenditures by Fund Type Year to date September 30, 2024 totaling the amount to \$74,473,888.

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

Senior Accountant Erin Smith gave the total amount for the Lea County's Accounts Payable/Purchase card register with a grand total of \$ 11,857,242.89.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:00 a.m. Vice Chair Weber move that the Commission go into closed session to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the administration of the detention center and to discuss the acquisition of real property in Northern and Central Lea County and the Disposal of real property in Central Lea County, as authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (2) and (8)

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

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The meeting was reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 24-OCT-285R Approving the Appointment of a Detention Center Director. *(Assistant County Manager for Justice and Human Resources, Kelly Livingston)*

Assistant County Manager for Justice and Human Resources Kelly Livingston requested approval. Vice Chair Weber moved to approve Resolution No. 24-OCT-285R Approving the Appointment of a Detention Center Director. 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.

ADJOURN: 11:58 a.m.

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Gary G. Eidson, Chair



Brad Weber, Vice Chair



Dean Jackson, Member



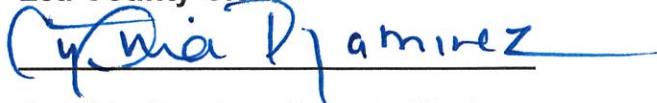
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