

**Lea County Communications Authority**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 ~ 9:30A.M.  
Lea County Event Center Banquet Hall ~ 5101 N. Lovington Highway ~ Hobbs, N.M.

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## **MINUTES**

### **Call to Order ~ Roll Call ~ Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Corey Helton called the meeting to order at 9:31A.M.

Members present were Sheriff Corey Helton, Hobbs Fire Chief Mark Doporto, Lea County Emergency Manager Lorenzo Velasquez, Hobbs City Manager Manny Gomez, Lea County Manager Corey Needham and Lea County Undersheriff Michael Walker.

Member Hobbs Police Chief August Fons was absent.

Also present were Lea County Communications Authority Director Angela Martinez, Lea County Assistant Manager Kelly Livingston, Lea County Assistant County Manager Chip Low, Mitchell Tuckness with LCCA Information Technology and Lea County PIO Monica M. Russell,

Chief Doporto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ITEM 01: ACTION ITEMS**

- **Consideration of Approval of the April 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Gomez moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Undersheriff Walker and were approved unanimously.

- **Consideration of Approval of LCCA FY26 Budget**

Mr. Gomes noted that City of Hobbs has approved its preliminary budget, including the changes proposed in previous meetings.

Chief Doporto moved to approval the FY26 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Velasquez and carried unanimously.

#### **ITEM 02: COMMENTS**

- **Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items)**

There were no comments from the public.

- **Comments from the Lea County Communications Authority Board Members**

*Chair: Corey Helton (Lea County); Vice-chair: Mark Doporto (City of Hobbs); Secretary: Lorenzo Velasquez (Lea County)  
Board Members: Manny Gomez (City of Hobbs); August Fons (City of Hobbs); Corey Needham (Lea County); Michael Walker (Lea County)*

Chief Doporto and Mr. Gomez thanked Ms. Martinez for her quick responses to their questions even though she was out of the office.

Mr. Velasquez stated Emergency Management set up a command post at Lovington graduation. This afternoon, Emergency Management will distribute shelters and conduct training for the shelters for the Sheriff's Office and Lovington Fire Department. The Hobbs Fire Department will also receive shelters and participate in training. They will set up a command post for Hobbs graduation this weekend.

Sheriff Helton thanked the dispatchers for their continuous hard work.

**ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Discussion of Director's Report**

Ms. Martinez introduced the new IT technician, Luis Anguiano, to the board.

Ms. Martinez stated there were 12,347 calls for service in April, a decrease of 590 calls from the previous month. There are five open positions and three are currently in the training program.

There were 86 IPRA requests, 15 subpoenas and 21 pre-trial interviews.

Mr. Velasquez stated New Mexico Forestry has updated fire restrictions for most of southeast New Mexico.

Group photos were scheduled for June 11, 2025, at the Judicial Complex in Lovington, with a secondary date of June 13, 2025.

**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS - Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s)**

- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - City of Hobbs Annex
- Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - Banquet Hall
- Wednesday, August 20, 2025 - Banquet Hall
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - Banquet Hall
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - Banquet Hall
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025 - Banquet Hall
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - Banquet Hall

The next meeting was confirmed for June 24, 2025, at the City of Hobbs Annex.

**ADJOURN:** Chair Helton adjourned the meeting at 9:49A.M