



Lea County Communications Authority Meeting Summary

Meeting date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Lea County Event Center
5101 N. Lovington Hwy, Hobbs, NM 88240

The Lea County Communications Authority board (LCCA) held a regular meeting at the Lea County Event Center on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Members present were Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher, Hobbs Fire Battalion Chief Kevin Shearer, Lea County Sheriff Corey Helton, Lea County Sheriff's Office Major Michael Walker, Hobbs Police Chief August Fons and Lea County Emergency Manager Lorenzo Velasquez.

Also present were Lea County Communications Authority Director Angela Martinez and Lea County Finance Director Chip Low.

The board approved the minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting.

Velasquez advised the board that the Fire Chiefs met the previous night and viewed a new command post and final touches are being put on Knowles Fire Station 2.

Martinez presented the proposed capital outlay budget for LCCA for FY 2023-2024. Proposed projects include mini A/C splits for offices, radio equipment for the new tower and replacement of radios, microwave for the radio system, replacing gym equipment, monitors, a vehicle for IT and two virtual servers. The total for the proposed capital outlay is \$1,755,537 and will be presented to the board for approval at the next meeting.

When presenting the monthly director's report, Martinez pointed out to the board that the number of quality assurance calls reviewed has decreased. She advised the board that the quality assurance coordinator has recently been inundated with IPRA (Inspection of Public Records Act) requests for all domestic violence calls made to 911 in Lea County, in addition to being subpoenaed for court appearances regarding those requests.

Martinez advised the board that all Lovington schools now have Lovington School Emergency talk group on the LCCA consoles. If there is an emergency at a Lovington school, staff need only begin talking on the dedicated channel and officers will be dispatched to all schools.

The next meeting was confirmed for June 7, 2023.

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