



## Lea County Communication Authority Meeting Summary

Meeting date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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

The Lea County Communication Authority board (LCCA) held a regular meeting at the Lea County Event Center on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at the Lea County Event Center. Members present were Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher, Hobbs Fire Department Battalion Chief Kevin Shearer, Lea County Emergency Manager Lorenzo Velasquez, Hobbs City Manager Manny Gomez (by phone) and Lea County Sheriff Corey Helton.

Also present were Lea County Commissioner Dean Jackson and LCCA Director Angela Martinez.

The minutes of the July 19, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

Gomez invited the board to attend a retirement party for Fire Chief Barry Young. He also advised the board the City of Hobbs is in the process of creating an interview committee to hire the next fire chief.

Velasquez stated Lea County Emergency Management (LCEM) will be assisting with the Law Enforcement Torch Run Family Festival on Saturday, September 16 at Green Meadows Park. Gallagher noted that LCEM's cooling station at the Lea County Fair was a success.

Helton stated that he appreciated having the dispatchers in the Sheriff's Office headquarter during the fair.

Following up on discussions at the most recent LCCA meeting regarding how to more accurately reflect which agencies are responding to calls, Martinez stated that dispatchers are able to change the zone in which a law enforcement officer responds to a call. This will show when deputies respond to a call inside city limits. Martinez will look into additional ways of further categorizing calls.

Martinez advised the board that dispatchers have started confirming Tatum's warrants again, and are in the process of removing recalled warrants. This task should be completed by the end of the week.

Ceragon will begin the process of installing the microwave system throughout the county and hosting training for LCCA IT.

Ms. Martinez will be attending a leadership conference in September.

Gallagher noted that the call quality assurance percentage is the highest it's ever been.

The next meeting was confirmed for September 27, 2023.

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