



# Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-117R Approving the May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Pat Sims (District 1)  
Voted: Yes

ATTEST: K  
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By: Teri Davis,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LEA  
RESOLUTION NO. 22-MAY-117R

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

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Voted: Yes No Abstain

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

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ITEM 01: COMMISSION

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Chair Jackson requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-MAY-104R Approving the April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments
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**LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

**LCBCC Meeting Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022**

Submit this summary form & all attachments to the Finance Director [clow@leacounty.net](mailto:clow@leacounty.net) & cc the Community Engagement Manager [sstout@leacounty.net](mailto:sstout@leacounty.net); Public Information Officer [mrussell@leacounty.net](mailto:mrussell@leacounty.net) and County Manager [mgallagher@leacounty.net](mailto:mgallagher@leacounty.net) by: **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

*County Manager Approval required for all time sensitive issues that do not meet the above deadline.*

<b>DATE SUBMITTED</b> mm-dd-yyyy: 05/13/2022	<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> Name, Title, Dept: Teri Davis, Recording Secretary, Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Minutes	<b>ATTACHMENT(S):</b> Resolution Draft Minutes
<b>NO. OF ORIGINALS FOR SIGNATURE:</b> 1 Resolution; 1 Set of Minutes	<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b> Action Item
<b>BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:</b> N/A	<b>FISCAL BUDGET YEAR:</b> N/A
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN</b> Implementation of 5 Year Strategic Plan: Section 2.6: Transparency and ethical decision making continue to be the framework in which the county operates.	
<b>SUMMARY:</b> See attached draft minutes submitted by Teri Davis, Recording Secretary, Deputy Clerk, for the following LCBCC meeting:  May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting	
<b>Requested Items Needed for Presentation</b> Easels/Laptop/Projector/Etc.: Easel <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Projector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <small>If checked, how many:</small>	<b>See Additional Summary Attached</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SUBMITTER'S RECOMMENDATION(S):</b> Review & Approve Minutes	<b>Submitter's Signature</b> Department Director, Etc.
<b>FINANCE REVIEW</b> Fiscal Impact/Cost:	<b>Reviewed by Finance Director</b>
<b>LEGAL REVIEW:</b> (Note: Travel does not need legal review)	<b>Reviewed by County Attorney</b>
<b>COUNTY MANAGER REVIEW:</b> 05/22: Draft meeting minutes emailed to Commissioners for review. 05/23: Reviewed by D5 & D3	<b>Approved by County Manager</b> to be Placed on Agenda  <i>Michele Colloff</i>
<b>Item No.</b> 0101 <b>RECORDING SECRETARY'S USE ONLY ~ COMMISSION ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Approved: _____ Resolution No. <u>22-MAY-117R</u> Continued To: _____	Denied: _____ Policy No. _____ Referred To: _____
Other: _____ Ordinance No. _____ Comments: _____	

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**ATTEST:** Keith Manes  
Lea County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Davis, Deputy Clerk

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-105R Approving Appointment of Lea County's Delegate for the Annual Elections at the 2022 National Association of Counties Conference.

Commissioner Long moved to appoint Chair Dean Jackson as Delegate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims.

Commissioner Long moved to nominate Jonathan Sena as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims.

Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning Resolution No. 22-MAY-105R Approving Appointment of Lea County's Delegate for the Annual Elections at the 2022 National Association of Counties Conference. Seeing none, Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. Both motions passed.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-106R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department. *(Keith Manes, Lea County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes requested approval and Chair Jackson asked for any public or Commissioner comments. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-106R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-107R Approving the Nonprohibitive License Tax for Lea County. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes requested approval. Chair Jackson asked for any public or Commissioner comments. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-107R Approving the Nonprohibitive License Tax for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-108R Approving terms of Special Detail of the Lea County Sheriff's Office Deputies by the Lea County Sheriff (*Corey Helton, County Sheriff*)

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. No. 22-MAY-108R Approving terms of Special Detail of the Lea County Sheriff's Office Deputies by the Lea County Sheriff, The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-109R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs Regarding Commercial Air Service/Airline Subsidy at the Lea County Regional Airport for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

County Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-109R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs Regarding Commercial Air Service/Airline Subsidy at the Lea County Regional Airport for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-110R Authorizing In State and Out of State Travel for the Request for Proposals No. 05 2021-2022 Jail Health Services Evaluation committee to Evaluate Proposals for health/Medical Services for the Lea County Detention Center. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

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Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-111R Awarding Proposal No. 06 2021 – 2022 Legal Services – Congressional Districting. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

County Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-111R Awarding Proposal No. 06 2021 – 2022 Legal Services – Congressional Districting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, abstain; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-112R Declaring an Emergency Due to Fire Conditions. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director*)

Emergency Manager Velasquez requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-112R Declaring an Emergency Due to Fire Conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-113R Supporting Lea County Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Administered Under the Auspices of the Lea County Environmental Division. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director*)

Environmental Services Director Velasquez requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-113R Supporting Lea County Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Administered Under the Auspices of the Lea County Environmental Division. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.



- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-114R  
Cancelling Request for Proposal No. 04 2021 – 2022 Architectural Design  
Services for Exterior Renovations of the Lea County Event Center.  
*(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*

Facilities Director Lara requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-114R Cancelling Request for Proposal No. 04 2021 – 2022 Architectural Design Services for Exterior Renovations of the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-115R  
Awarding a Request for Proposal Qualifications No. 03 2021 – 2022 Lea  
County Detention Center Upgrades for COVID-19 Mitigation and prevention  
to Lasco. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*

Facilities Director Lara requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-115R Awarding a Request for Proposal Qualifications No. 03 2021 – 2022 Lea County Detention Center Upgrades for COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention to Lasco. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-116R  
Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory. *(Chip Low,  
Finance Director)*

Finance Director Low requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAY-116R Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

**ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion of Addressing in Lea County. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director*)  
Emergency Manager Velasquez spoke about the problem with addresses throughout Lea County. A plan to speak with all municipalities to coordinate a solution was discussed.
- Discussion of Team Up to Clean Up Lea County. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director*)  
Environmental Manager Velasquez presented some of the ideas he and his department had been working on in association with Keep America Beautiful. Some of the ideas mentioned were; dropping off trash containers in different areas each weekend and picking them up on Monday, schedule at least 3 days a year as community clean up days, and visiting schools with mascots for educational presentations.
- Discussion of Animal Control Intake and Procedures in Lea County. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director*)  
Environmental Services Director Velasquez outlined current County Animal Control Intake Procedures and data.

Commissioner Long reiterated her statement from last Commission meeting concerning supporting a Spay and Neuter program as a first step in addressing the unwanted animal issue. A more detailed discussion and plan will occur at a later date.

- Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Preliminary Budget. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager and Chip Low, Finance Director*)  
Manager Gallagher, along with Finance Director Low presented the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Action is to be taken on this discussion item at the next County Commission meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

**ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:43 am, Vice Chair Eidson moved to meet in closed session to discuss threatened litigation regarding employment practices, and threatened litigation regarding contractual services, as authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H(7).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

The Meeting Reconvened at 12:18 pm

**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm

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