



# Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-202R Approving the September 8, 2022 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-SEP-202R

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

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**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-12 as amended, allows the County Commission to establish rules and regulations to govern the transaction of county business in these meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County that the attached minutes are hereby approved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2022, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Voted: Yes No Abstain

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**LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

**LCBCC Meeting Date: Thursday, September 22, 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: **Monday, September 12, 2022**

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

<b>DATE SUBMITTED</b> mm-dd-yyyy: 09/09/2022	<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

**STRATEGIC PLAN** Implementation of 5 Year Strategic Plan:  
Section 2.6: Transparency and ethical decision making continue to be the framework in which the county operates.

**SUMMARY:**  
See attached draft minutes submitted by Teri Davis, Recording Secretary, Deputy Clerk, for the following LCBCC meeting:  
  
September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

<b>Requested Items Needed for Presentation</b> Easels/Laptop/Projector/Etc.: Easel <input type="checkbox"/> If checked, how many: Laptop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Projector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>See Additional Summary Attached</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>SUBMITTER'S RECOMMENDATION(S):</b> Review & Approve Minutes	<b>Submitter's Signature</b> Department Director, Etc.
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<b>FINANCE REVIEW</b> Fiscal Impact/Cost:	<b>Reviewed by Finance Director</b>
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<b>LEGAL REVIEW:</b> (Note: Travel does not need legal review)	<b>Reviewed by County Attorney</b>
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<b>COUNTY MANAGER REVIEW:</b>	<b>Approved by County Manager</b> to be Placed on Agenda 
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<b>Item No. 0101</b> <b>RECORDING SECRETARY'S USE ONLY ~ COMMISSION ACTION TAKEN</b>		
Approved: _____ Resolution No. <u>22-SEP-202R</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-SEP-193R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board.

Chair Jackson requested to replace Trey Kerby with Clay Tom Cooper. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-SEP-193R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-194R Ordering the Lea County Assessor to Impose 2022 State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County. (*Sharla Kennedy, Lea County Assessor*)

Assessor Kennedy requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-194R Ordering the Lea County Assessor to Impose 2022 State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

## **ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-195R Authorizing a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-195R Authorizing a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-196R Ratifying a Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-196R Ratifying a Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-197R Authorizing a Task Order between Lea County and Molzen Corbin for Construction Observation and Testing for The Runway 3 Extension. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-197R Authorizing a Task Order between Lea County and Molzen Corbin for Construction Observation and Testing for The Runway 3 Extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-198R Awarding Bid No. 04 2022-2023 to Constructors Inc. for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-198R Awarding Bid No.04 2022-2023 to Constructors Inc. for Runway 3 Extension and Instrument Landing System Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-199R Awarding Bid No. 5 2022 -2023 One New 2022 one-ton pickup to Permian GM for the Lea County Facilities Department. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Director Lara requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-199R Awarding Bid No. 5 2022 -2023 One New 2022 one-ton pickup to Permian GM for the Lea County Facilities Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-200R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 01 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (*Chip Low, Director of Finance*)

Finance Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-200R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 01 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-201R Approving the 2023 Lea County Employee Calendar. (*Craig Bova, Human Resources Director*)

Human Resource Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-201R Approving the 2023 Lea County Employee Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, absent; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed



**ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion of Elections. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*
  - Discussed a successful meeting with Jill Ashenfelter. Clerk Manes addressed and cleared up any concerns she expressed at a previous County Commission Meeting as it pertained to our Election Process in Lea County.
  - Jill Ashenfelter (Lea County Resident) – Agreed that she had a successful meeting with Clerk Manes and Bureau of Elections Clerk Carrie Sandoval. She commended their professionalism and thanked them for their time. She still expressed some concern with the election process including I.D. to vote and absentee ballot rules, but was satisfied with the answers and clarification obtained from Lea County.
- Discussion of the 2022 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds Director)*
  - PowerPoint presentation and general discussion of Lea County Fair and Rodeo Expenses and Revenues. Spoke about the positive impact it has on the residents of Lea County.

**ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

Meeting adjourned at 9:59

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**ATTEST: Keith Manes**

**Lea County Clerk**

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