Lea County Board of County Commissioners



REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

9:00 AM | Commission Chambers

Lea County Historic Courthouse 100 North Main | Lovington, NM www.leacounty.net





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

Pat Sims (Distri Voted: Yes

ATTEST:

By: _____ Teri Davis,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LEA RESOLUTION NO. 22-SEP-202R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978), states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission or other policy making body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS the board, commission or other policy making body shall keep written minutes of all its meetings. The minutes shall include at a minimum the date, time and place of the meeting, the names of members in attendance and those absent, the substance of the proposals considered and a record of any decisions and votes taken that show how each member voted: and

WHEREAS all minutes are open to public inspection. Draft minutes shall be prepared within ten working days after the meeting and shall be approved, amended or disapproved at the next meeting where a quorum is present. Minutes shall not become official until approved by the policymaking body; and

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 22nd 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

Dean Jackson (District 1), Chair Voted: Yes No Abstain Gary G. Eidson (District 3), Vice Chair Voted: Yes No Abstain

Rebecca Long (District 2), Member Voted: Yes No Abstain

Jonathan Sena (District 4), Member Voted: Yes No Abstain

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Minutes of Meeting Lea County Board of Commissioners September 08, 2022

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Chair Dean Jackson, District 1, Vice Chair Gary G. Eidson, District 3, Commissioner Rebecca Long District 2, and Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5. Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4 was absent.

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

Commissioner Sims led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Eidson.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-192R Approving the August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-SEP-192R Approving the August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes 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.

- Public Comments
 - None
- · Commissioner and Manager Comments
 - Chair Jackson No Comment
 - o Vice Chair Eidson No Comment
 - Commissioner Sims Spoke about his concern with the removal of an Otero County Commissioner, and elections throughout the state.
 - Commissioner Sena Absent
 - Commissioner Long Welcomed Lovington Mayor Harold Roberts
 - Manager Gallagher No Comment



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Commissioners and Manager Comments





Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-203R Approving the Lea County Board of County **Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023**

LCBCC 2023 Meetings (Proposed)

Regular Meetings: 18

Special Meetings Set: 1 Certify Canvass of Elections

Special Meetings Pending: 1 in September to Certify Tax Rates

Total Meetings: 20 (Including Pending Special Meetings)

- Thursday, January 12, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, April 13, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, May 11, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, May 25, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, June 29, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, July 27, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, August 24, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, September 14, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, September 28, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, October 12, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:00 A.M. (Special Mtg Certify Canvass)
- Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:15 A.M.
- Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:00 A.M.

Lea County Board of County Commissioners 2023 Commission Meeting Calendar





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WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County have set/confirmed the following

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Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-204R Authorizing an Agreement for Land Exchange

between Lea County and Hobbs Country Club

In January of 2020, Lea County requested that the Hobbs Country Club (HCC) and Lea County Regional Airport enter into a land exchange agreement for properties near the west property lines of the HCC.

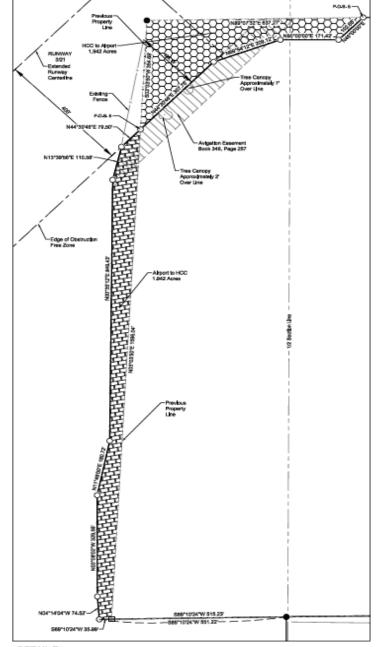
Lea County has the need to acquire approximately 0.98 acres of property shown in red and move the 8' tall game fence to the new property line. In exchange, Lea County will transfer ownership of the approximately 1.94 acres of land currently being utilized by the HCC.

Lea County Regional Airport has a number of on-going projects that will bring it into compliance with this mandate including a relocation of an ILS localizer antennae, removing the high game fence and perimeter inspection roads from the Runway Safety Area and Runway Obstacle free zone of Runway 21.

Lea County has hired environmental, surveying, and appraisal consultants to complete all the necessary studies and documents for compliance with the FAA.

In February 2022, Lea County received a determination letter from the FAA authorizing the land swap of 1.94 acres of Lea County property for 1.94 acres of Hobbs County Club property.

By authorizing this land swap, it will enable Lea County to complete the RW 21 RSA project as well as improvements associated with the RW 3 extension.





Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-205R Authorizing Out of State Travel October 10 – 13, 2022 to San Antonio, Texas for the Lea County Communication Authority Director and the Lea County Emergency Manager to Attend Meetings and Training Provided by Dailey-Wells for Equipment Upgrades and New Technology

Meeting and training on the following:

- Scope of Work and schedule of Vida Core upgrades
- Review current coverage areas and discuss the need if any for additional sites
- Presentation on new technology available to Lea County
- Discuss GPS and mapping options
- Remote monitoring and on-site support options

Request to send the following:

- Angela Martinez, Lea County Communication Authority Director
- Lorenzo Velasquez, Lea County Emergency Manager





Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-SEP-206R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund

1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Safety Net Care Pool/SB268 Payment & Certification

FY 22 Matched Taxable Gross Receipts	\$ 9,353,359,109.45			
FY 23 1/12 th Increment Due	\$	7,794,465.92		
FY 23 Quarterly Amount Due	\$	1,948,616.48		

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Discussion of Public Art and Signage at Lea County Facilities

As Lea County continues to improve its facilities, public art and other aesthetic elements may need to be considered in their final design.

This can be achieved in a variety of methods. New Mexico Statues (NMSA) 13-4A-3 defines a "work of art" as any work of visual art, including but not limited to a drawing, painting, mural, fresco, sculpture, mosaic or photograph; a work of calligraphy; a work of graphic art, including an etching, lithograph, offset print, silk screen or a work of graphic art of like nature; works in clay, textile, fiber, wood, metal, plastic, glass and like materials; or mixed media, including a collage or assemblage or any combination of the foregoing art media.





Discussion of Public Art and Signage at Lea County Facilities



NMSA 13-4A-3, commonly known as the "Art in Public Places Act" requires public buildings under the control of the state to allocated 1% or \$200,000, whichever is less, of new construction or any major renovation exceeding \$100,000 to be expended on works of art.

Although this statue may not apply to counties, it does meet that public buildings including the Department of Game and Fish, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, the Department of Transportation, the State Fair Commission, the Supreme Court, the Commissioner of Public Lands, the Cultural Affairs Department, the governing boards of the state educational institutions and statutorily created post-secondary educational institutions, the public education department all have art aesthetically and enhancing elements associated with their facilities.

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Staff would like to look at incorporating art elements into our facilities to enhance there appearance, enhance visual recognition of the facility, provide cultural elements, and add quality of life to the facilities.

The Lea County Judicial Complex and the Lea County Regional Airport are both new facilities that art could be incorporated to enhance the facility and the surrounding areas.

The Lea County Regional Airport is will be completing entrance roadway and parking lot landscaping project in September. The last phase of the terminal expansion, parking lot expansion, landscaping, and signage project is the signage portion.









This phase is an opportunity to add memorable visual monuments to the entrance and terminal. Two outdoor locations would be an improved roadside sign and the "roundabout" traffic circle entering the parking area.

Indoor areas would include the passenger waiting area and baggage claim.

Staff would like begin working with a landscape architect, designer, and contractor on a concept for these areas.



Community Engagement

DEPARTMENT UPDATES





Employee Recognition



Lea County values their employees!

- 15 new hires
- 148 birthday awards
- 127 anniversary awards
- 9 department recognition meetings

Upcoming Employee Events

- Annual Employee Meeting
 - December 8th
- Annual Team Building
 - April 28, 2023





Employee Wellness



Health & Wellness Promotion

- Annual Wellness Clinic
 - Nor-Lea Hospital
- Flus Shot Clinics
 - Nor-Lea Hospital
- Healthy Cooking
 - NMSU Lea County Extension





Community Events

- 3rd Annual Lea County Tricks & Treats
 - Saturday, October 29th at the Lea County Fairgrounds
- 2nd Annual Lea County Christmas Lighting at the Courthouse
 - Monday, November 28th at the Lea County Historic Courthouse
- 3rd Annual Lea County Christmas Spirit
 - December TBD at the Lea County Fairgrounds





Community Awareness

- Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness
 - September 28th
- Red Ribbon Week
 - October 24th thru 28th
- Paint the County Pink
 - October 28th
- General Election Information
 - Now thru November 8th
- Lea County Event Center Master Plan
 - Date Pending Public Outreach Mtg
- Veterans' Day
 - ♦ November 11th



Red Ribbon Week October 24th thru 28th Monday, Oct. 24: Movie Monday Dress as your favorite movie character or character shirt Tuesday, Oct. 25: Team Tuesday Team up against drugs and wear your favorite team shirt Wednesday, Oct. 26: Wake-up Wednesday Wear your favorite pajamas Thursday, Oct. 27: Throwback Thursday Show that drugs are history and dress up from your favorite decade. Friday, Oct: 28: Paint the County Pink Wear pink in support of breast cancer

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Community Partnerships

- Decorate Downtown September 27th
 - Lovington MainStreet
- Great Pumpkin People October
 - Lovington Chamber of Commerce
- Project Green Light November 7 -13th
 - National Association of Counties
- Community Parades
 - Veterans' Day
 - Christmas
- Student Internships
 - New Mexico Junior College





Lea County Cares Projects

- Project Bundle Up October
- Project Can the County November
- Project Cheer December









Community Engagement

- Monthly newsletters
- **Email communications**
- Social media
 - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok
- New Lea County website
- Text alerts for employees and public



SEPTEMBER 2022

Employee Birthdays

Jeremy Artis Zachariah Owens Johnny Rascon Ana Patterson Michael Thomas John Caldwell Corey Helton Stoney Collins Rosita Silvas Agrika Whitehead Heather Adams

Martin Rangel Melicca White

Luis Elmore Cabanili

Lluvia Garcia

Michael Greenouok



Martha Coronel, 1 year unifer Buford, 2 years

LEA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATES

September 28th Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness





Jacob Reed Michael Hernandez

Megan Rufner Cristina Carrillo Maria Collins Mirna Salcido Josie Dominguez Samuel Etter Fabiola Salazar Barboza







- LEA COUNTY MEETING DATES
- Lea County Fire Chiefs Advisory Board: Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 7pm at the Lea County Annes Building, Conference Room, located at 1019 E Bender Blvd in Hobbs.

Raechelle Tercero, 27 year.



Coming Soon!

- Commissioner's Corner
- Department and employee highlights
- Project Spread the Love
- Easter at the Courthouse
- Summer Movie Series
- Small Business Summer





Discussion of Community Engagement Projects

Comments







Cleanup Efforts

January - September 2022

Miles Walked: 306.5

Bags Picked up: 1895





Discussion/Update on the Lea County Event Center Master Plan





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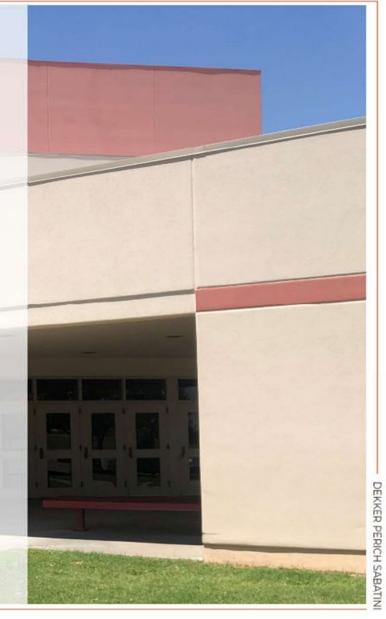




Discussion/Update on the Lea County Event Center Master Plan

County's Goals for the updated Event Center

- Identity of the center should create a sense of pride in the community, be aesthetically pleasing and catch driver's attention on the Lovington Highway
- Provide the WOW factor while being architecturally cohesive with the partners in the area
- Be a community-focused, multi-use facility providing a variety of entertainment and economic development opportunities
- Provide common sense sustainability by saving money on energy, operations and maintenance



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Lea County Financial Report

For the month ending August 31, 2022



Revenue Versus Expenses By Function

Year to date August 31, 2022

	Budget			Actual		
Operations						
Revenues	\$	107,366,578		\$	50,807,791	
Expenses	\$	89,225,564		\$	14,485,478	
	\$	18,141,014		\$	36,322,313	
Indigent						
Revenues	\$	5,090,572		\$	2,536,544	
Expenses	\$	13,955,000		\$	75,332	
	\$	(8,864,428)		\$	2,461,212	
Capital						
Revenues	\$	8,946,333		\$	140,405	
Expenses	\$	128,248,199		\$	2,610,860	
	\$ (119,301,866)			\$	(2,470,456)	
Trust & Agency						
Revenues	\$	10,890,561		\$	1,458,709	
Expenses	\$	13,194,812		\$	1,351,988	
	\$	(2,304,251)		\$	106,721	
Totals						
Revenues	\$	132,294,044		\$	54,943,449	
Expenses	\$	244,623,575		\$	18,523,658	
	\$	(112,329,531)		\$	36,419,790	



Revenue versus Expenditures By Fund Type

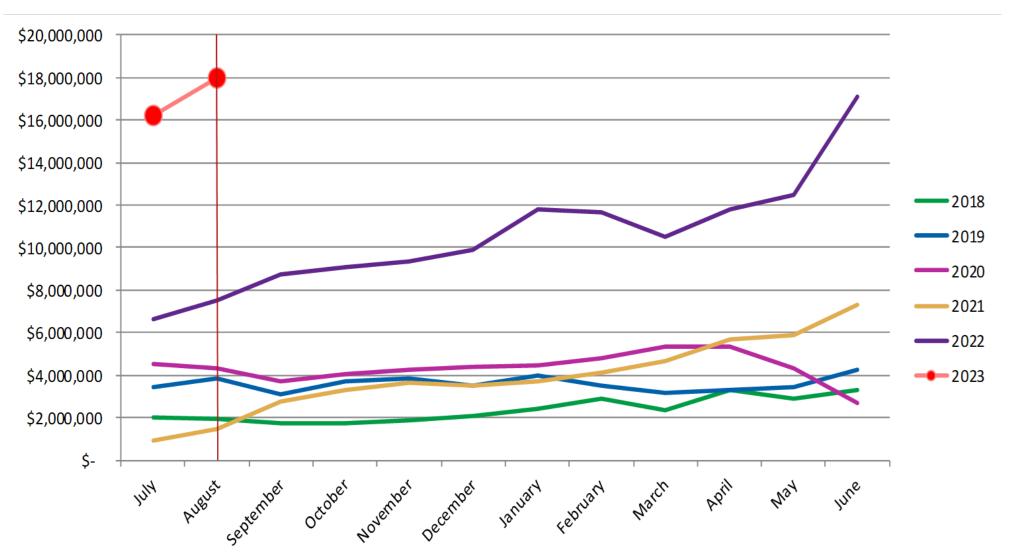
Year to date August 31, 2022

Fund Type	Revenues		Expenditures		Cash Increase (Decrease)	
Unrestricted Funds	\$	41,907,081	\$	8,874,024	\$	33,033,057
Special Revenue Funds	\$	11,241,654	\$	5,129,447	\$	6,112,207
Designated Funds	\$	336,005	\$	3,168,200	\$	(2,832,195)
Debt Service Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Enterprise Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Trust Funds	\$	1,458,709	\$	1,351,988	\$	106,721
Total	\$	54,943,449	\$	18,523,658	\$	36,419,790



Oil & Gas Production Revenue

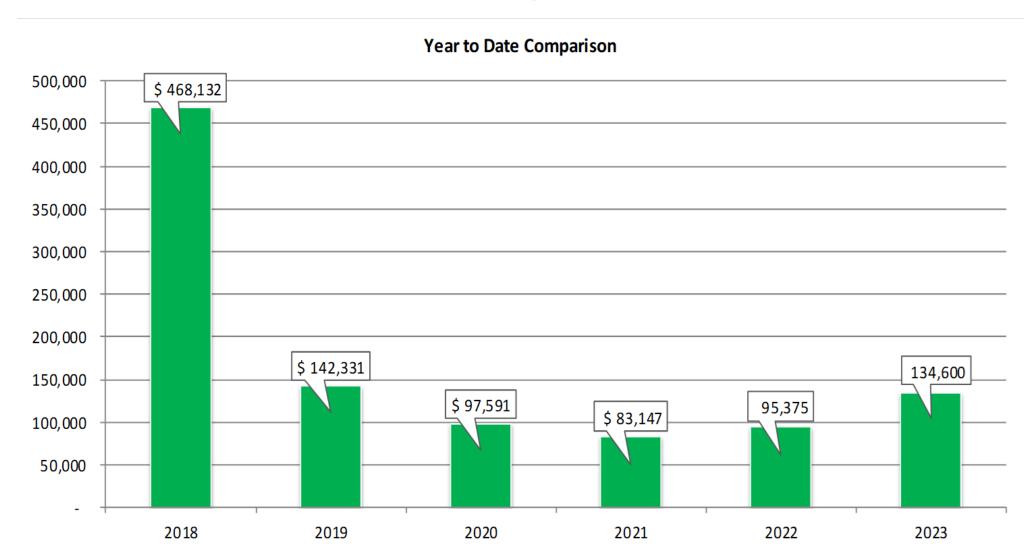
49.9% of Budget – 34,207,484





Property Tax Revenue

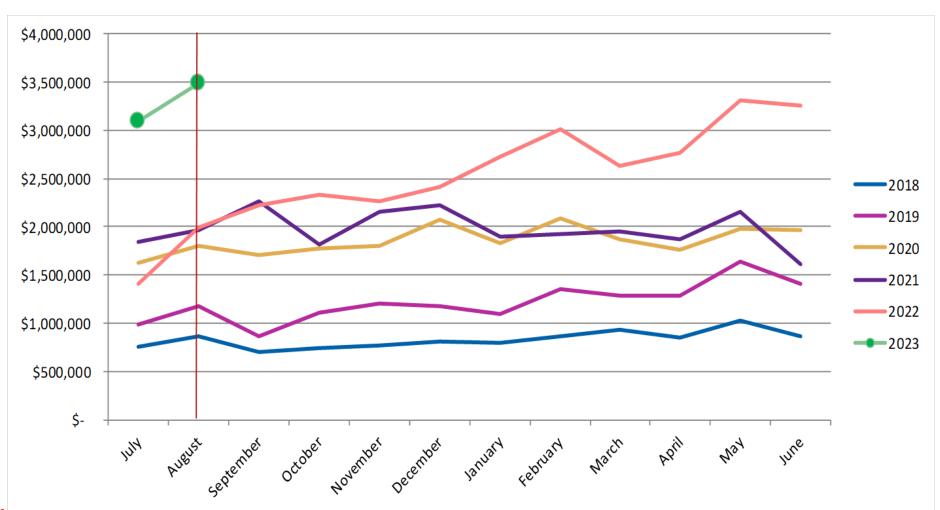
0.4% of Budget – \$134,600





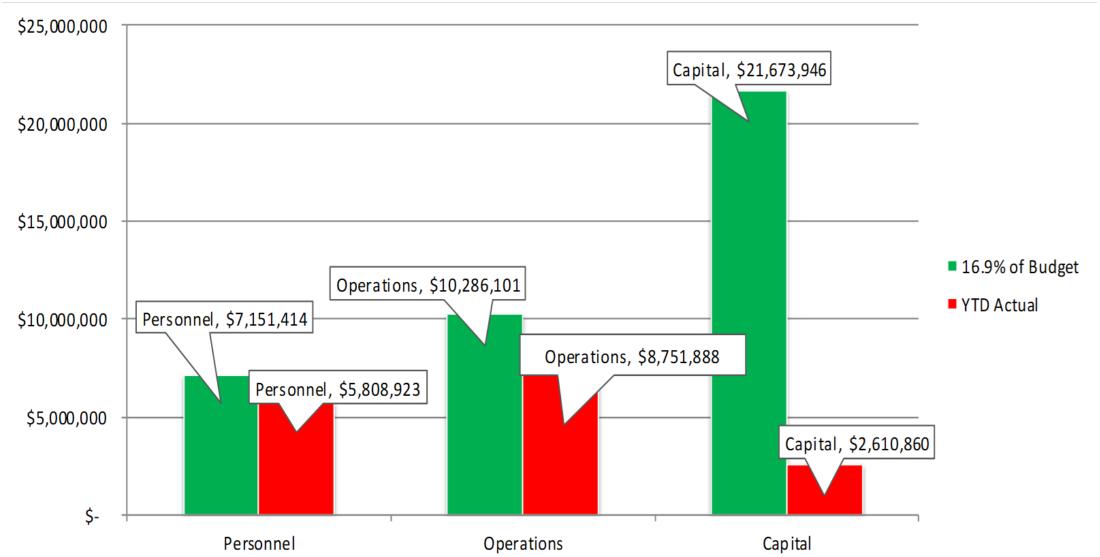
Gross Receipts Tax – All Sources

76.9% of Budget Indigent GRT \$2,486,544 Consolidated GRT \$4,100,790





Expenditures – Year to Date – 4.2%





Review of August 2022 Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Register

Checks # 1108617 - 1109222 \$ 4,578,868.47

P-Cards # 24337 – 24446 56,731.47

Total \$ 4,815,599.94

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Regarding Employment Agreements of the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and County Attorney; and Threatened Litigation Regarding the Lea County Detention Center, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (2) and (7).

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION to take Action, if any, on the Closed Session Item(s).









Please Join Us at Our Next Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 9:00 A.M.

LCBCC Regular Meeting 09-22-2022