STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 22-NOV-252R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 20, 2022 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 3rd day of November, 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

Pat Sims (District 5), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk

By: _____
Tryon Hassen, Chief Deputy Clerk

LEA COUNTY PROBATE COURT SEAL NEW MEXICO

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

_____
John W. Caldwell, County Attorney

Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 20, 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, Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4, and Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

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 Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-216R Approving the October 06, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-216R Approving the October 06, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments
  - Donna Woodruff Discussed Nor-Lea and Covenants Covid Policies.
  - Mayor Roberts wanted the Commissioners to know how appreciative the City of Lovington is for the County's partnership with them. Also wanted them to know that the City is in the process of generating an abortion ordinance.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments
  - Chair Jackson – No Comment
  - Vice Chair Eidson –. No Comment
  - Commissioner Sena – Said how grateful he was for everyone that came in. He also wanted to acknowledge Calvin, a student at College Lane who was honored by the Make a Wish Foundation.
  - Commissioner Sims – Welcomed everyone.
  - Commissioner Long – Stated it was good to see a full house.
  - Manager Gallagher – No Comment

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-217R Approving $100,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Improvements to Athletic Fields. *(Chair Dean Jackson, Commissioner - District 1)*

Chair Jackson asked City Commissioner Liz White to speak about what the funds will be used for. Chair Jackson requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-217R $100,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Improvements to Athletic Fields. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-218R Approving $190,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for a Fire Pump Truck. *(Chair Dean Jackson, Commissioner - District 1)*

Chair Jackson asked Fire Chief Moorehead to speak about what the funds would be used for. Chair Jackson requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-218R Approving $190,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for a Fire Pump Truck. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-219R Approving $50,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Hobbs for Operational and Capital Expenditures for the Hobbs Animal Adoption Center. *(Rebecca Long, Commissioner - District 2)*

Commission Long asked Missy Funk and Josh James to tell everyone how this money would be spent. Missy advised they partner with Lea County Humane Society who had lost three employees during Covid-19 so were relying on county employees only. They are having to hire an

outside cleaning crew to come in. Commission Long requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-219R Approving $50,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Hobbs for Operational and Capital Expenditures for the Hobbs Animal Adoption Center. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-220R Approving $100,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements for Streets and Pedestrian Facilities on Main Street. *(Rebecca Long, Commissioner - District 2)*

Commissioner Long requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-220R Approving $100,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements for Streets and Pedestrian Facilities on Main Street. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-221R Approving $50,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Improvements to Athletic Fields. *(Rebecca Long, Commissioner - District 2)*

Commissioner Long requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-221R Approving $50,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Improvements to Athletic Fields. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-222R Approving $50,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Operation Clean Up. *(Rebecca Long, Commissioner - District 2)*

Commissioner Long asked Mayor Roberts to speak about what the funds will be used for. Commissioner Long requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-222R Approving $50,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Funding to the City of Lovington for Operation Clean Up. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-223R Approving $250,000.00 Appropriation from Lea County to the City of Hobbs for Operational and Capital Expenditures to Expand Spay and Neuter Programs and Services. *(Rebecca Long, Commissioner - District 2)*

Commissioner Long requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-223R Approving $250,000.00 Appropriation from Lea County to the City of Hobbs for Operational and Capital Expenditures to Expand Spay and Neuter Programs and Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-224R Approving $250,000.00 Appropriation from Lea County to the City of Lovington for Operational and Capital Expenditures to Expand Spay and Neuter Programs and Services. *(Rebecca Long, Commissioner - District 2)*

Commissioner Long requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-224R Approving $250,000.00 Appropriation from Lea County to the City of Lovington for Operational and Capital Expenditures to Expand Spay and Neuter Programs and Services.

The motion was seconded by Chair Jackson. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Discussion of right to Life. *(Jonathan Sena, Commissioner - District 4)*

Commissioner Sena spoke of being Pro-Life, also spoke about the Dobbs Decision and New Mexico's repeal of the abortion ban. He asked for comments from the audience.

- Caden & Ashley Jameson brought their adopted boy and spoke of only being able to adopt him because the mother was unable to get an abortion due to Ohio laws.
- Ke'Onna Yates gave a summary of her life experience with her oldest child. She then questioned if they had considered helping other less fortunate children in bad environments as well. She later said she wanted everyone to not be afraid or talked into an abortion by anyone.
- Bob Hamilton stated that he was born and raised in NM and had also raised his children here. He gave a synopsis of his grandchild who can't speak but shows so much love with her eyes. He hoped parents would consider alternatives if the doctor is encouraging a parent to have an abortion due to the lack of health of the baby.
- La Void Ford said we have a moral need to save babies, but need a law to back it up. He expressed his appreciation for the county for trying to do this.
- Donna Woodruff wanted to make sure everyone knew that an A topic pregnancy can only be fixed by a chemical abortion. If not, the mother could bleed internally, die of septic or other painful complications. She asked that they not criminalize A topic abortions for the sake of the mother. Please check all avenues and exceptions.
- Kevin Espino asked the commission to please do whatever it takes to protect the lives of babies. He stated that abortion is murder.
- Zach Souter with Legacy Pregnancy Center wants the county use discretionary fund to support foster care and adoption facilities.
- Norbert Rampe from Carlsbad asked that we consider changing laws to keep abortion out of Lea County so we don't become an abortion stop for Texans and Louisianans like Santa Teresa is. He witnessed this for himself while protesting an abortion clinic in Santa Teresa.

- April Daniel said she had gotten pregnant in High School and was made to quit her honors classes. She was shamed by teachers and people who saw her at her job, that she was pregnant at such a young age. She also praised Commissioner Sena who came to the school and talked to her and gave her hope that everything would be ok.
- Chair Jackson hopes all the municipalities in Lea County support and pass ordinances against abortion clinics in their communities.

Chair Jackson called a minute recess at 10:39 a.m.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-225R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing the 4th Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Epicenter Productions, LLC., as the Sound and Lighting Production Producer for the Concert Series During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 225R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing the 4th Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Epicenter Productions, LLC., as the Sound and Lighting Production Producer for the Concert Series During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Eidson asked how many options we had. Jim Kemp advised this was the last one. They would have to send out RFP's again next year. 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-OCT-226R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing the 4th Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown and Associates as the Entertainment Booking Agency for Concerts During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Fair and Rodeo Board Chair)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 226R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing the 4th Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown and Associates as the Entertainment Booking Agency for Concerts During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-227R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Andy Stewart as the Rodeo Announcer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 227R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Andy Stewart as the Rodeo Announcer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-228R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Ryan Killingsworth as Rodeo Sound Producer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 228R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Ryan Killingsworth as Rodeo Sound Producer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-229R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 229R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-230R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Road Runner Production, LLC., as the Rodeo Video Producer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 230R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Road Runner Production, LLC., as the Rodeo Video Producer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-231R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander dba Cowboy Images as the Rodeo Photographer During the 2023 Lea

County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 231R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander dba Cowboy Images as the Rodeo Photographer During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-232R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Clay Heger as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 232R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Clay Heger as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-233R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Jacob King as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-233R Approving a

Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Jacob King as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-234R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Jessica Blair Fowlkes as Rodeo Specialty Act During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 234R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Jessica Blair Fowlkes as Rodeo Specialty Act During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-235R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Increase of Added Money for the PRCA/WPRA Contestants During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 235R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing an Increase of Added Money for the PRCA/WPRA Contestants During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-236R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing Saturday, August 5, 2023 as "Free Admission" Day During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 236R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing Saturday, August 5, 2023 as "Free Admission" Day During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-237R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing Wednesday, August 9, 2023 as "Free Admission" Day During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair and Rodeo Board)*

Fair and Rodeo Chair Wheeler requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT- 237R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Authorizing Wednesday, August 9, 2023 as "Free Admission" Day During the 2023 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-238R Authorizing In-State Travel October 24 – 25, 2022 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for County Manager to Attend Meetings with Architectural Firm. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-238R Authorizing In-State Travel October 24 – 25, 2022 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for County Manager to Attend Meetings with Architectural Firm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-239R Authorizing In-State Travel November 8 – 9, 2022 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for County Manager to Attend the New Mexico Counties County Manager's Affiliate Meeting. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-239R Authorizing In-State Travel November 8 – 9, 2022 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for County Manager to Attend the New Mexico Counties County Manager's Affiliate Meeting. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-240R Approving 1st Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Pavement Sealants and Supply Inc., for High Performance Asphalt Patch Material for the Lea County Road Department. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-240R Approving 1st Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Pavement Sealants and Supply Inc., for High Performance Asphalt Patch Material for the Lea County Road 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-241R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Widen and Reconstruct Anthony Roadway Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-241R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Widen and Reconstruct Anthony Roadway Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-242R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Horizon Estates Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-242R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Horizon Estates Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-243R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., for the Construction of Pawnee Roadway in the Howry Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-243R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., for the Construction of Pawnee Roadway in the Howry Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-244R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Oak Grove Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-244R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Oak Grove Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-245R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Wiggins Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-245R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Wiggins Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item, then stated that he had dealt with a man who couldn't get Lea County Electric to come out due to the road conditions. 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-OCT-246R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Chavez Lovington Addition No. 2 Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-OCT-246R Approving a Task Order with Constructors Inc., to Construct Multiple Roadways in the Chavez Lovington Addition No. 2 Subdivision Utilizing the 2022 Lea County Road Construction and Maintenance Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-247R Approving Radio Specialist Position for the Lea County Communication Authority. *(Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director)*

Communications Authority Director Martinez requested Approval. Commissioner Long moved to Approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-247R Approving Radio Specialist Position for the Lea County Communication Authority. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-248R Authorizing Out of State Travel October 31 – November 4, 2022 for to Fort Worth, Texas to Attend Pressure Points Control Tactics Defensive Tactics Instructor Training. *(Ruben Quintana, Warden, Detention Center)*

Warden Quintana requested approval. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-248R Authorizing Out of State Travel October 31 – November 4, 2022 for to Fort Worth, Texas to Attend Pressure Points Control Tactics Defensive Tactics Instructor Training. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

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• Discussion of Improvements to College Lane. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Needham asked Hobbs City Engineer Todd Randall to explain what has already been discussed by Hobbs. He showed several options for expansion of College Lane and entrances for College Lane Elementary School.

• Discussion of an Amendment to Lea County Ordinance No. 86 Establishing Rules and Procedures Governing Use of County Right-Of-Way. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant County Manager Needham discussed possibly amending the rates to reflect the same as other public entities as opposed to just using pipe line rates.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **At 11:42 a.m. Vice Chair Eidson moved to meet in closed session to discuss the Limited Personnel Matters Regarding Employment Agreements of the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and County Attorney; and Acquisition of Real Properties in Central and Northern Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (2) and (8). The Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Sims.**

The Meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-249R Approving County Attorney Employment Agreement. *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

Human Resources Director Bova requested Approval. Commissioner Long moved to Approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-249R Approving County Attorney Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-250R Approving Assistant County Manager Employment Agreement. *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

Human Resources Director Bova requested Approval. Commissioner Sims moved to Approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-250R Approving Assistant County Manager Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

• Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-251R Approving County Manager Employment Agreement. *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

Human Resources Director Bova requested Approval. Commissioner Sims moved to Approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-OCT-251R Approving County Manager Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Nick Maxwell voiced his opposition to all three agreements. He also stated that he feels the current employment agreements should be posted on line and that they haven't been. He questioned if Manager Gallagher received a vehicle stipend and felt that she shouldn't be using a county vehicle if receiving the stipend. He also disagreed with the severance pay. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

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