

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
April 28, 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. Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5 was absent.

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

Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-092R Approving the March 31, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Jackson requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Resolution No. 22-APR-092R Approving the April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments
 - None
- Commissioner and Manager Comments
 - Commissioner Long – Commented on the issues of spay/neuter and stray animals in our county. Requested this matter be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.
 - Commissioner Sims – Absent
 - Commissioner Sena – Spoke of his attendance at a recent conference supported by America's Rural Energy Coalition where he was happy to represent and speak very highly of Lea County, our Budget and Staff. Expressed gratitude to all staff for being an inspiration to others.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – No Comment
 - Chair Jackson – Expressed his appreciation for the concert this weekend. He received positive feedback about attendance and sound although he was unable to be there. He also commented on his attendance at a conference in Lincoln Nebraska and encouraged everyone to research and

get educated concerning 30 x 30 land grab, now called America the Beautiful. Suggested that everyone call their Senators and Congressman to prevent this from happening.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-093R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Improvement Corporation.

Chair Jackson requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 22-APR-093R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Improvement Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-094R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Valuation Protests Board. *(Lea County Assessor, Sharla Kennedy)*

Assessor Kennedy requested approval and Chair Jackson asked for any public or Commissioner comments. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-094R Approving/Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Valuation Protests Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-095R Denying a Right of Way Permit to Windstream Communications for the Installation of 140 Foot Monopole Along Alabama Street. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-MAR-095R Denying a Right of Way Permit to Windstream Communications for the Installation of 140 Foot Monopole Along Alabama Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes;

Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-096R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Task Order with Constructors, Inc. to Widen and Apply Overlay on Battle Axe Road – 3.0 Miles Beginning 1.0 Mile in from Orla Intersection. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Chair Jackson asked for any public or Commissioner comments. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-096R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services Task Order with Constructors, Inc. to Widen and Apply Overlay on Battle Axe Road – 3.0 Miles Beginning 1.0 Mile in from Orla Intersection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-097R Approving the 2022 – 2023 2nd Option to Renew the Agreement Aggregate for Surface Treatment to Constructors, Inc for Surface Treatment to Constructors, Inc (Region 1) and to J&H Services (Region 2 & 3), *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham 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-APR-097R the 2022 – 2023 2nd Option to Renew the Agreement Aggregate for Surface Treatment to Constructors, Inc for Surface Treatment to Constructors, Inc (Region 1) and to J&H Services (Region 2 & 3), The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-098R Approving the Recommendation of a Freeholders Committee to Deny the Vacation of Alleys with Blocks 31, 44, 47 Plus Roxana Street and Skelly Street Between Blocks 31, 44, 47 of Humble City Subdivision, Unit 1 in Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner)*

County Planner Reid 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-APR-098R Approving the Recommendation of a Freeholders Committee to Deny the Vacation of Alleys with Blocks 31, 44, 47 Plus Roxana Street and Skelly Street Between Blocks 31, 44, 47 of Humble City Subdivision, Unit 1 in Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.M. Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-099R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning and Zoning Board Regarding a Block Length Variance Request in the Torres Subdivision Located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 25 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.M. Lea county New Mexico. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner on Behalf of the Planning and Zoning Board)*

County Planner Reid requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-099R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning and Zoning Board Regarding a Block Length Variance Request in the Torres Subdivision Located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, township 25 South, Range 37 East N.M.P.M. Lea County New Mexico The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-100R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 02 2021 – 2022 for County – Wide Care and Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Finance Director Low requested approval. Chair Jackson asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-100R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 02 2021 – 2022 for County – Wide Care and Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes;

Commissioner Sena, abstain; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-101R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 02 2021 – 2022 for County – Wide Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. *(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 Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-101R Awarding Request for Proposal No.02 2021 – 2022 for County – Wide Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-102R Approving Government Agency Funding to New Mexico State University (NMSU) Extension Office; Lea Soil and Water Conservation District; and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHIS-WS) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 22-APR-103R Rescinding Resolution no. 22-MAR-083R and Approving Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget. *(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-APR-103R Rescinding Resolution No. 22-MAR-083R and Approving

Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Jackson, yes; Vice Chair Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent; Commissioner Long, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Fires in Lea County. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director)*
Emergency Manager Velasquez presented numbers and details of grassfires in Lea County so far this year, spoke of severe drought declarations already in effect for the entire state.
- Discussion of Community and Neighborhood Cleanup Days. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager/Environmental Services Director)*
Environmental Services Director Velasquez introduced some of his team members and discussed the various projects they were working on including Adopt a Road and Neighborhood cleanup days.
- Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget: *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager; Chip Low, Finance Director)*
County Manager Gallagher and Finance Director Chip Low took turns discussing various aspects of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget
- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*
Finance Director Low Presented Lea County's Financial Report for March 2022.
- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*
Finance Director Low presented Lea County's Accounts Payable as of end of March 2022.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:50 am, Vice Chair Eidson moved to meet in closed session to discuss threatened litigation regarding service contracts, pending litigation regarding congressional redistricting, and acquisition of real property in Lovington, as authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H(7) and (8).

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

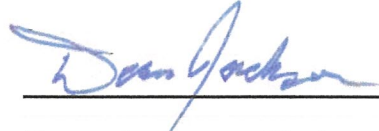
The Meeting Reconvened at 12:06 pm

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

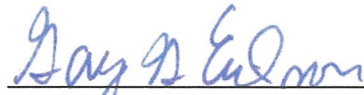
There was no other business

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm


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Dean Jackson, Chair



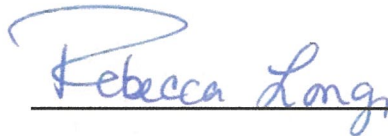
Gary G. Eidson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member



Pat Sims, Member



Rebecca Long, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Teri Davis, Deputy Clerk

