

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 12, 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-MAY-104R Approving the April 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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
 - None
- Commissioner and Manager Comments
 - Commissioner Long – Announced the election of Joy Esparza as the next New Mexico Counties Executive Director
 - Commissioner Sims – Commented on the severe drought conditions he observed during his travel across southern New Mexico during past two weeks.
 - Commissioner Sena – Spoke of Hobbs student Sammy Martinez, who graduated in 2020 and then went on to attend Notre Dame on a full ride scholarship. He expressed how this story inspired and gave him motivation to continue working through the Commission for our community.
 - Vice Chair Eidson – Congratulated all of the graduating students of Lea County and asked everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers as they begin the next part of their life's journey.
 - Chair Jackson – Encouraged everyone to go vote!
 - Manager Gallagher – No comment

- 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*)

County Manager Gallagher 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-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. 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-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.

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.

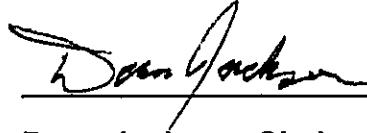
The Meeting Reconvened at 12:18 pm

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm

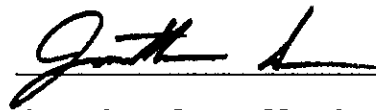
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Dean Jackson, Chair



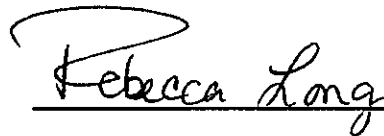
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Rebecca Long, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



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