

A photograph of the Lea County Courthouse, a large, multi-story building made of light-colored brick. The building has several tall, narrow windows and a central entrance with a small portico. The text "LEA COUNTY COURTHOUSE" is visible above the entrance. The building is surrounded by trees, including a large tree on the left and several smaller trees in the foreground. The sky is overcast.

Lea County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Lea County Courthouse ~ Commission Chambers
100 North Main, Lovington, New Mexico

Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-074R Approving the March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 18, 2021

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

Commissioners present were, to wit: Vice Chair Dean Jackson, District 1, Chair Rebecca Long, District 2, Commissioner Gary G. Eidson, District 3, 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. 21-MAR-059R Approving the March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-MAR-059R Approving the March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments

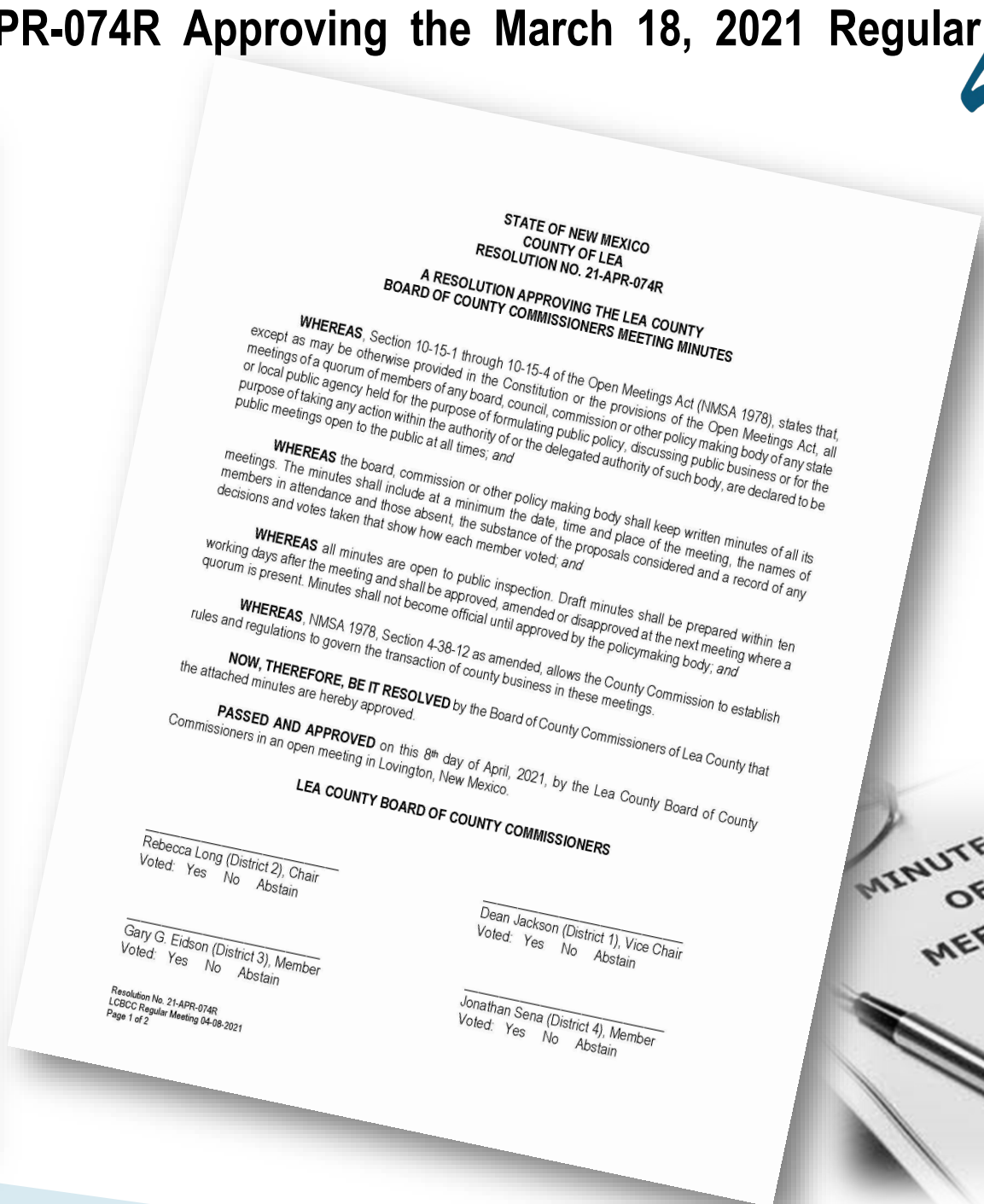
- Commissioners and Manger Comments

Commissioner Eidson stated to keep in mind kids will be returning to school soon and to watch out for kids going and coming from the schools.

Commissioner Sims announced and invited everyone to come out to the kids fishing event at the Eunice lake this Saturday.

Commissioner Sena commented on finishing up the Judicial Complex and stated he hopes in the future the county will look into working on the event center.

Chair Long commented on the trash problem in Lea County.





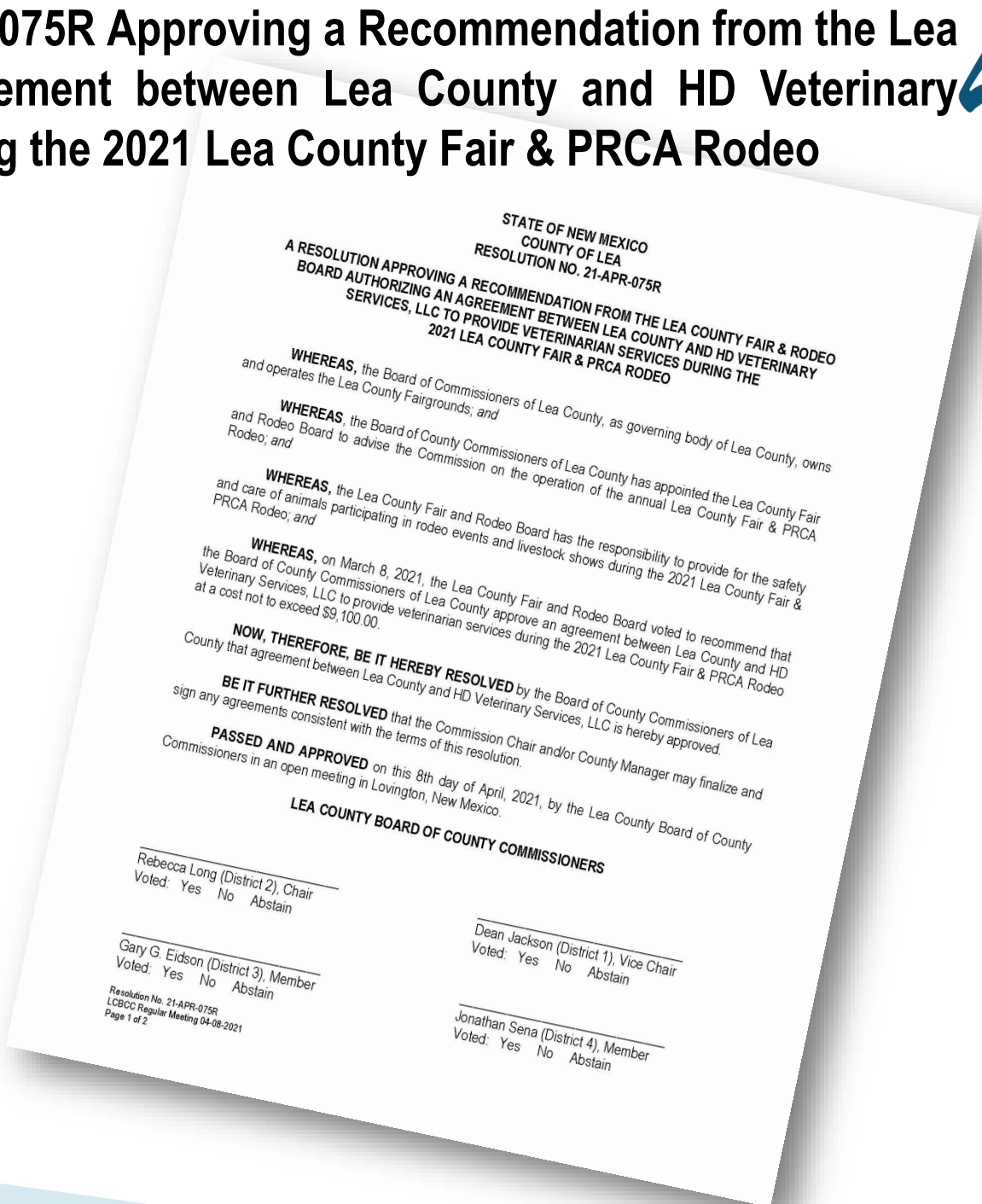
Commissioners and Manager Comments



Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-075R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and HD Veterinary Services, LLC to Provide Veterinarian Services During the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo



HD Veterinary Services, LLC



Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-076R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Leslie Wills as the Stock Contractor for the Lea County Local Team Roping Event During the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 21-APR-076R
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LEA COUNTY FAIR & RODEO BOARD AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEA COUNTY AND LESLIE WILLS AS THE STOCK CONTRACTOR FOR THE LEA COUNTY LOCAL TEAM ROPING EVENT DURING THE 2021 LEA COUNTY FAIR & PRCA RODEO

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lea County, as governing body of Lea County, owns and operates the Lea County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County has appointed the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board to advise the Commission on the operation of the annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, the Lea County Local Team Roping has been a staple of the annual Fair & Rodeo, the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board is tasked with providing a stock contractor that will provide quality livestock, secretary, timer and announcer that results in an exciting and well-run event; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2021, the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board voted to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County approve an agreement between Lea County and Leslie Wills as the stock Contractor for the Lea County Local Team Roping Event during the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County that agreement between Lea County and Leslie Wills is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission Chair and/or County Manager may finalize and sign any agreements consistent with the terms of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8th day of April, 2021, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Gary G. Eidson (District 3), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

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Dean Jackson (District 1), Vice Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

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

Consideration of Proclamation Recognizing April 11 – 17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



National Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week
April 11-17, 2021

BETWEEN THE THIN **RED LINE** AND THE
THIN **BLUE LINE** OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIES THE THINNEST **GOLD LINE**.
THE **GOLD LINE** REPRESENTS
THOSE WHO RARELY ARE SEEN,
BUT MOSTLY HEARD.

DISPATCHERS

THE CALM VOICE IN THE DARK NIGHT.
THE **GOLDEN GLUE** THAT HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER.

Lea COUNTY new mexico STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Lea County Communications Authority; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, "the first of our first responders"; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Lea County Communication Authority have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lea County Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes April 14 - 20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Lea County, and call observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 18th day of April, 2019, and cause the seal of the County of Lea to be affixed hereto.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Rebecca Long, Chair

Gary Eidson, Member

Richard Don Jones, Member

Dean Jackson, Vice Chair

Jonathan Sena, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk

By: Kelli Williams, Deputy Clerk

Lea COUNTY new mexico COUNTY MANAGER

Michael P. Gallagher II



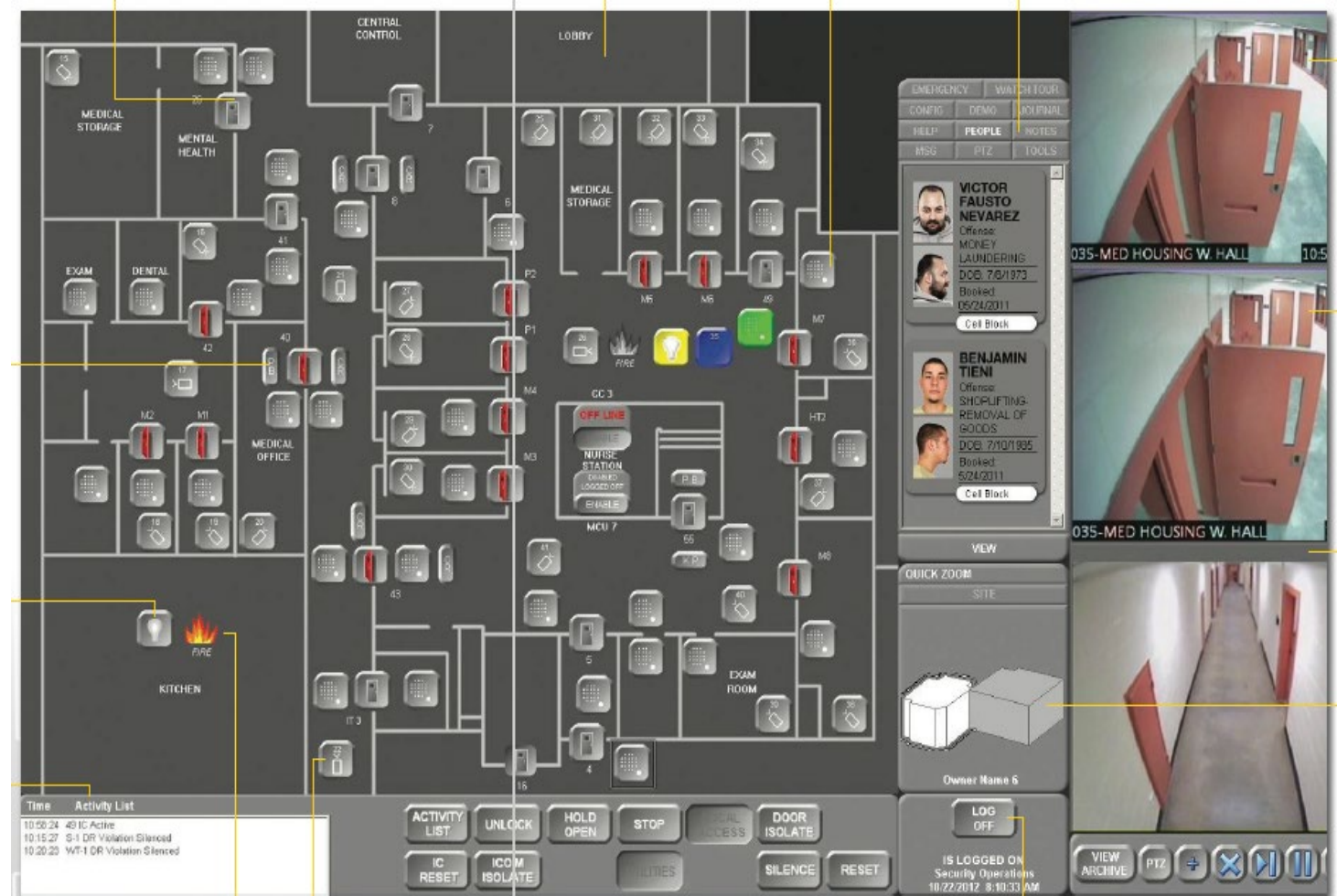
Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-077R Approving a Sourcewell Contract (Cooperative Purchasing) with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions to Upgrade the Existing Security Control Boards for the Lea County Detention Center



The Detention Center needs to upgrade outdated security boards serving the facility.

Stanley Convergent Security Systems was procured through a Sourcewell Cooperative Contract to provide the equipment and installation services.


The total cost of the contract including GRT is \$551,571.94. Funds are budgeted and available in 418-23-4757.



Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-078R Approving a Recommendation from a Freeholders Committee Declaring the Vacation and Abandonment of Dedicated Alley in Oil Center Townsite, Block 2, Being East of New Mexico Highway 8 and South of Atlantic Street in Oil Center in Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M. in Lea County, New Mexico

**MAP OF
OIL CENTER, NEW MEXICO**

SCALE 200 FT = 1 INCH



STATE OF NEW MEXICO }
COUNTY OF LEA }

Filed for record in Book 1204, Page 51.
Official seal

1. Fred B. Manning, hereby certify that I surveyed upon the ground all Oil Center Townsite, consisting of Ten Blocks including streets and alleys in the Northwest Corner of Section Nine (9), and Ten Blocks, including streets and alleys in the Southeast Corner of Section Ten (10) all in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and that the boundaries and the blocks, lots, streets, and alleys are as shown by this plat. That the streets and alleys extend North and South and East and West, the Main Street, which is on the State Highway, being one hundred feet wide, and Broadway Street being eighty feet wide. All other streets being forty feet wide, and all alleys twenty feet wide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of September, A.D., 1924.

Fred B. Manning
Surveyor

P U B L I C I T Y

The A. C. ALKINS and A. C. ALKINS, husband and wife, and A. C. ALKINS, single, all of LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, being and orders of the Public Lands of the United States, do hereby certify that the same being located in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Nine (9), and West Half of Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Ten (10) in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and that the boundaries and the blocks, lots, streets, and alleys are as shown by the foregoing plat, to the use of the Public Lands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of September, A.D., 1924.

A. C. Alkins
A. C. Alkins
A. C. Alkins

STATE OF NEW MEXICO }
COUNTY OF LEA }

On this 20th day of September, 1924, A.D., before me personally appeared A. C. ALKINS and A. C. ALKINS, husband and wife, to me personally known to be the persons described in and who executed the same as their free act and deed.

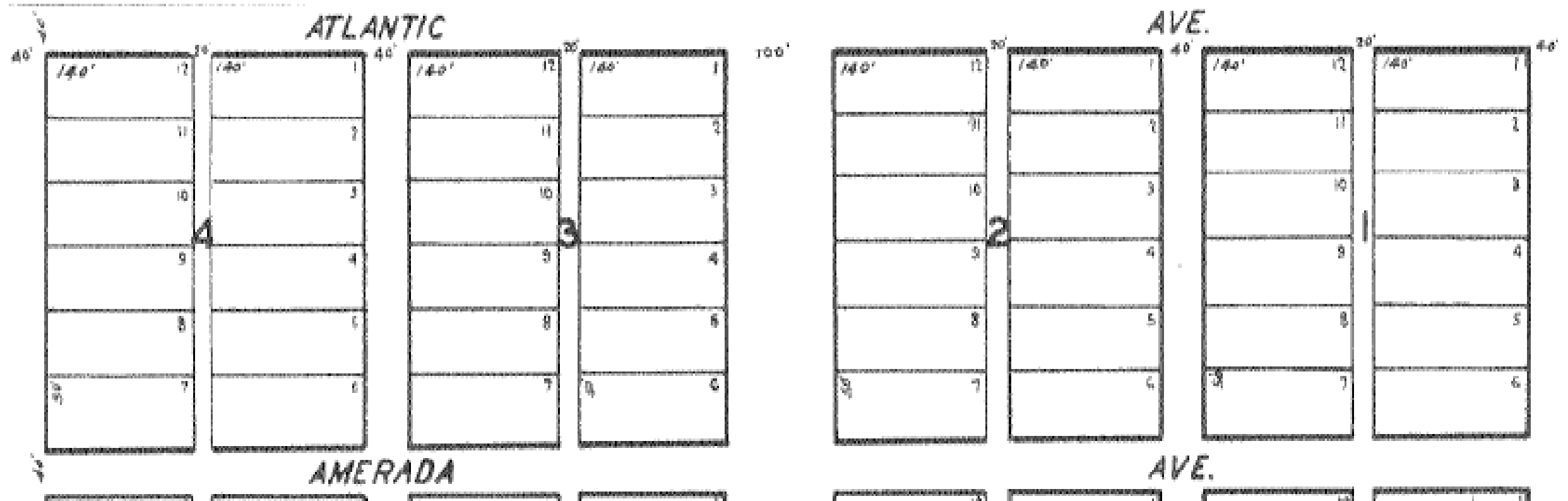
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this day and year in this certificate first above written.

A. C. Alkins
Notary Public.

My commission expires May 31, 1925

By commission address May 31, 1925

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Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-079R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report



BURIAL INDIGENT CLAIMS							
	Date Deceased	Date of Birth	Funeral Home	Amount Requested	Type of Burial	Recommendation for Approval	Comments
Claim #1	12/07/2020	01/02/1968	City of Hobbs	\$400.00	Opening and Closing fees	\$400.00	Deceased owned no property.

Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget – Personnel Budget

April 8, 2021

Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget – Budget Preparation Timeline

Date	Action Taken
January 14, 2021	Budget Development and Timeline Approval (LCBCC)
February 4, 2021	Outside Entities and Services RFP Discussion (LCBCC) Discussion of FY 22 Projected Revenues (LCBCC)
February 8, 2021	Release of Outside Entities and Services RFP
February 8 - 12, 2021	Departmental Budget Discussions – County Staff
February 18, 2021	Discussion of FY 22 Projected Expenses (LCBCC)
March 4, 2021	Departmental Budget Presentations (LCBCC)
March 5, 2021	Responses for Outside Entities Proposals Due
March 18, 2021	Departmental Budget Presentations cont'd (LCBCC)
April 8, 2021	Personnel Proposals (LCBCC)
April 22, 2021	Capital & Outside Agency Proposals (LCBCC)
May 6, 2021	Present Preliminary Budget for Discussion (LCBCC)
May 20, 2021	Present Preliminary Budget for Final Action (LCBCC)
May 31, 2021	Preliminary Budget Due to New Mexico DFA for Approval
July 22, 2021	Present Final Budget For Discussion (LCBCC)
July 31, 2021	Final Budget Due to New Mexico DFA for Approval

Discussion of Lea County's FY 2021 – 2022 Budget



	FTE	Salary	FICA/Medicare	PERA	Group Health	Retiree Ins	Total
401-00 County Commission	5.00	150,981.56	11,550.09	22,835.96	101,502.00	-	286,869.61
401-01 Executive	4.00	1,104,819.13	54,701.72	78,233.17	88,256.00	14,883.96	1,340,893.98
401-02 Information Technology	6.00	430,919.56	32,953.49	61,801.44	108,898.00	11,645.23	646,217.72
401-03 Facilities Management	17.00	863,702.08	66,065.18	124,342.18	335,672.00	23,429.77	1,413,211.21
401-04 County Clerk	8.00	396,507.52	30,317.14	54,665.16	117,207.00	8,142.15	606,838.97
401-05 Clerk Bureau of Elections	3.00	236,803.72	18,103.63	22,654.03	40,719.00	4,268.69	322,549.07
401-06 County Assessor	11.20	559,564.21	42,798.63	80,270.68	180,619.50	12,966.99	876,220.01
401-07 County Treasurer	6.00	335,353.80	25,646.53	47,360.73	58,416.00	6,765.92	473,542.99
401-08 County Sheriff	89.00	7,311,252.65	572,753.36	1,829,535.80	1,579,278.00	229,580.95	11,522,400.75
401-09 County Probate Judge	1.00	26,532.00	2,025.87	-	18,416.00	-	46,973.87
401-24 Legal Department	1.00	431,891.00	23,590.23	29,947.50	18,416.00	5,643.00	509,487.73
401-25 Human Resources	3.00	231,856.58	17,714.08	33,946.03	67,100.00	6,396.44	357,013.13
401-26 Environmental Services	9.70	396,732.12	30,350.01	55,953.44	154,352.70	10,543.29	647,931.56
401-56 DWI Program	2.00	133,725.60	10,230.01	20,117.10	48,684.00	3,790.66	216,547.37
401-75 Finance Department	9.00	509,883.31	38,983.12	71,287.65	112,319.00	13,432.71	745,905.79
401-76 Planning Department	1.50	62,869.36	4,809.51	8,849.54	18,416.00	1,667.52	96,611.92
401-77 Emergency Management	2.45	172,014.07	13,159.08	22,872.34	32,921.70	4,309.83	245,277.01
401-81 Misdemeanor Compliance	1.00	98,626.80	7,544.95	14,518.00	18,416.00	2,735.62	141,841.38
General Fund Total	179.85	13,454,035.06	1,003,296.61	2,579,190.75	3,099,608.90	360,202.75	20,496,334.07

Discussion of Lea County's FY 2021 – 2022 Budget



Special Revenue Funds							
402-10 Road Department	43.50	1,546,726.08	118,300.83	215,721.23	508,675.00	40,648.30	2,430,071.44
409-16 Airport Fire & Rescue	2.00	200,304.56	15,323.30	10,600.29	48,684.00	1,997.41	276,909.56
412-43 DWI - State	8.00	388,531.50	29,722.66	55,525.61	147,475.00	10,462.68	631,717.45
418-23 Detention Center	89.00	5,389,059.20	412,185.00	628,401.28	1,416,986.00	118,409.50	7,965,040.98
424-77 EMPG Reimbursement	0.25	28,539.95	2,183.31	4,189.62	4,604.00	789.45	40,306.32
435-56 DWI Program	1.00	54,828.00	4,194.34	6,441.44	24,342.00	1,213.76	91,019.54
436-65 LDWI Grant	3.00	143,457.30	10,974.48	20,173.32	40,960.00	3,801.25	219,366.35
439-81 Misdemeanor Compliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
454-18 Lea Regional Airport	2.00	87,130.95	6,665.52	11,275.83	35,493.50	2,124.70	142,690.49
455-18 Zip Franklin Airport	1.00	43,565.47	3,332.76	5,637.92	17,746.75	1,062.35	71,345.25
456-18 Jal Airport	1.00	43,565.47	3,332.76	5,637.92	17,746.75	1,062.35	71,345.25
460-32 Fairgrounds	5.16	227,782.61	17,425.37	30,809.11	54,831.02	5,805.35	336,653.46
461-33 Fair & Rodeo	0.72	108,413.34	8,293.62	4,298.95	7,650.84	810.05	129,466.80
462-34 Hispanic Heritage Night	0.12	14,320.57	1,095.52	716.49	1,275.14	135.01	17,542.73
463-31 Event Center	5.00	202,478.86	15,489.63	27,010.05	35,034.00	5,089.50	285,102.04
499-46 Assessor's Valuation	1.80	150,925.92	11,545.83	13,003.86	20,305.50	2,450.31	198,231.42
608-41 Lea County Drug Task Force	3.00	284,489.90	8,408.62	10,488.82	8,309.00	1,976.41	313,672.75
Special Revenue Funds Total	166.55	8,914,119.66	668,473.55	1,049,931.73	2,390,118.50	197,838.37	13,220,481.82
Trust & Agency							
808-78 LCCA	29.00	1,710,969.74	130,889.19	203,378.27	456,885.00	38,322.52	2,540,444.72
810-20 Lea County Solid Waste Authority	1.60	81,218.66	6,213.23	10,890.40	22,321.60	2,052.08	122,695.96
Trust & Agency Total	30.60	1,792,188.40	137,102.41	214,268.68	479,206.60	40,374.59	2,663,140.68
Grand Total	377.00	24,160,343.12	1,808,872.58	3,843,391.15	5,968,934.00	598,415.71	36,379,956.57
FY 21 Personnel Budget Totals	372.00	21,088,903.00	1,573,807.00	3,575,527.00	5,193,954.00	555,144.00	31,987,335.00
Change from Prior Year	1.33%	12.71%	13.00%	6.97%	12.98%	7.23%	12.07%



Summary of Requested New Positions

Position	Department	FTE's
Custodian	401-03 Facilities Management	1
IT Technician	401-02 Information Technology	1
Counselor	401-56 DWI Program	1
Custodian	401-03 Facilities Management	1
Compliance Coordinator	436-65 LDWI Grant	1

Facilities – 2
Information Technology – 1
DWI/Misdemeanor Compliance - 2



27 Frozen Positions

Position	Department	FTE's
Field Appraiser	401-06 County Assessor	1
Deputy	401-08 County Sheriff	1
Deputy	401-08 County Sheriff	1
Assistant Finance Director	401-75 Finance Department	1
Administrative Coordinator	401-75 Finance Department	1
Staff Engineer	401-76 Planning Department	1
Senior Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
Senior Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
Senior Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
Crew Supervisor	402-10 Road Department	1
Senior Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
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Senior Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
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Senior Equipment Operator	402-10 Road Department	1
Detention Officer	418-23 Detention Center	1
Detention Officer	418-23 Detention Center	1
Business Manager	418-23 Detention Center	1
Detention Officer	418-23 Detention Center	1
Detention Officer	418-23 Detention Center	1
Detention Officer	418-23 Detention Center	1
Maintenance Tech	460-32 Fairgrounds	1
Maintenance Lead	460-32 Fairgrounds	1
Administrative Coordinator	463-31 Event Center	1
Operations Technician	463-31 Event Center	1

County Assessor – 1
County Sheriff – 2
Finance Department – 2
Planning – 1
Road Department – 11
Detention Center – 6
Fairgrounds – 2
Event Center - 2

Key Assumptions for FY 22

5% Merit Increase - \$895,497 (included in personnel budget)

4% - \$716,397

3% - \$537,298

Longevity Pay - \$575,000 plus taxes

Health Insurance – projected 5% increase

Total Positions – 377 proposed (372 approved plus 5 new positions)

Currently 27 frozen positions – 345 funded positions

34 vacancies as of 03/31/2021

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Threatened Litigation Involving Revenue, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

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





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Adjourn

Join Us at Our Next Meeting
on
Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.