



LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY FORM

LCBCC MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2013

Submit this summary form to the Finance Director Sherri Bunch sbunch@leacounty.net by: Tuesday, April 9th

County Manager Approval (mgallagher@leacounty.net) required for all time sensitive issues that do not meet the above deadline.

DATE SUBMITTED mm-dd-yyyy: Friday, April 19, 2013		SUBMITTED BY Name/Title/Dept: Kelli Williams, Recording Secretary, Clerk's Dept.	
SUBJECT: Minutes		ATTACHMENT(S): Draft Minutes	
No. of Originals for Signature (Select One): Due in County Manager's Office 2 Days Prior to Meeting One (1)	Action Requested (Select One): Consideration	Agenda Item Placement (Select One): 01 Commission	

**SUMMARY:**  
Draft Minutes from the April 11, 2013 Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Requested Items Needed for Presentation Easels/Laptop/Projector/Etc.: None	See Additional Summary Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
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SUBMITTER'S RECOMMENDATION(S): Approve & Sign Minutes	Submitter's Signature Department Director, Etc.  Kelli Williams <small>Digitally signed by Kelli Williams DN: cn=Kelli Williams, o=Lea County Government, ou=Recording Secretary, Clerk's Department, email=kwilliams@leacounty.net, c=US Date: 2013.04.19 11:57:01 -0600</small>
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FINANCE REVIEW Fiscal Impact/Cost: N/A	Reviewed by Finance Director
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LEGAL REVIEW: N/A	Reviewed by County Attorney
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COUNTY MANAGER REVIEW:	Approved by County Manager to be Placed on Agenda <i>MSB</i> 4/19/2013
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**RECORDING SECRETARY'S USE ONLY - COMMISSION ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. _____	Policy No. _____	Ordinance No. _____
File No. _____	Continued To _____	Referred To: _____
Other: _____	Approved: <i>K Williams 4/25/13</i>	Denied: _____
Comments: _____		



**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
April 11, 2013**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dale Dunlap District 1, Commissioner Mike Whitehead District 2, Vice Chairman Ron Black District 3, Commissioner Thomas G. Pierce District 4 and Chairman Gregory H. Fulfer District 5.

Also present were County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II and County Attorney Scotty Holloman.

Commissioner Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Black.

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

• ***Board of County Commissioner***

- Consideration of Approval of the March 21, 2013 Minutes

Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the March 21, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Vice Chairman Black stated, I went to the Dedication of the Humphrey House's new Recreation Center, and they gave me a basketball and asked me to present it to the Commission. It says Humphrey House Care and Recreation Center and Transitional Living 2013.

**Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s):**

- Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Confirmed
- Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Confirmed
- Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Tentative
- Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Tentative
- Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Tentative
- Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Tentative
- Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Tentative

The next meetings will be at 9 a.m. **Thursday April 25, 2013; Thursday May 9, 2013;** in the Lea County Board of Commissioners Room. Meetings are tentatively set for Thursday, May 9, 2013; and Thursday, May 23, 2013; Thursday, June 6, 2013; Thursday, June 20, 2013; Thursday, July 11, 2013; Thursday, July 25, 2013.

- Consideration of Appointments to Active Boards
  - Lea County DWI Advisory Committee (LCDWIAC):
    - District 1 No appointment was made at this time
  - Lea County Indigent Hospital Claims Advisory Board (LCIHCAB):
    - District 2 No appointment was made at this time
    - District 4 No appointment was made at this time
  - Lea County Planning & Zoning Board (LCPZB):
    - District 5 No appointment made at this time
  - Lea County Road Advisory Committee (LCRAC):
    - District 5 Cindy Shoobridge

Chairman Fulfer stated concerning the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board, Cindy Shoobridge was appointed to this board, but decided to step down since two individuals ending up on this board worked in the same office. He stated, I would like to appoint her to the Road Advisory Committee. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the appointments to active boards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Appointments to Other Active Boards
  - Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission (LLCEZC)
    - District 1 John Graham
    - District 1 Penny Kitchens
  - Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)
    - LCBCC – Appoint for the Policy Committee Dale Dunlap
    - LCBCC –Reappoint or Replace for the Technical Committee Tom Pierce

Vice Chairman Black moved to approve all of the appointments to other active boards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 02: RECOGNITION/AWARDS**

- ***Board of County Commissioners***

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Proclamation to Recognize & Honor the New Mexico Junior College ~ Thunderbirds Men's Basketball Team

Manager Gallagher presented and read the Proclamation to the Commission. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the Lea County Proclamation to Recognize & Honor the New Mexico Junior College ~ Thunderbirds Men's Basketball Team. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

Chairman Fulfer stated, I would like to take a moment and recognize that we have J. J. Murphy, Hobbs City Manager here with us today.

**ITEM 03: OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- **Sherriff's Department – Mark Hargrove, Sheriff**
  - Consideration of Approval of the Grant Application for the Law Enforcement Protection Funds (LEPF) 2013 – 2014

Sheriff Hargrove requested approval. He stated this year it is \$48,900. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the grant application for the Law Enforcement protection funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 04: MANAGER**

- **Lea County Manager – Michael P. Gallagher II**
  - Consideration of Approval of Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance Approving the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County's Water Infrastructure Improvement Project Application and Adopting the Related Participation Project Agreement

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He stated this notice to adopt an ordinance or attempt to adopt an ordinance is related to a project participation agreement and a local economic development act application that Lea County and the Economic Development Corporation would like to submit to the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department. This funding would be for \$500,000 which could be applied towards the County water line that is being installed on NM 483. Parts of that will be applied to the water line and the remaining funding will be funding for professional engineering services for the site to be home of the International Isotopes. The County had previously approved an industrial revenue bond, for the International Isotopes, as well as an industrial revenue bond to Joule Unlimited. Both of these companies, as well as future companies will be serviced by this waterline the County has been in the process of building. We believe this waterline would support job creation in Lea County. He asked that this item be approved. He stated what that would do is authorize County staff to advertise the County's intent to adopt this ordinance; it would then be on the agenda on the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting for final approval. Chairman Fulfer asked if Joule was going to get any funding. Manager Gallagher stated Joule would not directly receive any funding. The funding would go to the water project. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve publication of the notice of intent to adopt the ordinance approving the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County's Water Infrastructure Improvement Project Application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of a Joint Planning Agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He stated we have been working on this for some time with the New Mexico State Land Office. The State Land Office controls over a million acres of State trust land within Lea County. The County owns a significant acreage west of Hobbs suitable for industrial development. Approval of this joint planning agreement will allow for the coordinated planning between the State Land Office and the County as well as opening a door for land exchanges between the State Land office and the County. He stated he is asking for approval of the joint planning agreement along with authorization to sign the agreement. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the Joint Planning Agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico State Land Office. Mr. Holloman stated he would like to clarify the motion is to approve the agreement and to authorize Mr. Gallagher to sign. Commissioner Pierce amended the motion to include authorization to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. Chairman Fulfer stated this is the first step, what are the next steps? Manager Gallagher stated the State Commissioner would come down to sign the agreement. Then a committee of stakeholders will be identified as the planning committee. The County Commission and the State Land Office would appoint individuals to serve on this planning committee. That committee would be looking at the different State lands in the County and identifying which land in the County are most appropriate for what uses. Then there can be a decision on which lands to exchange within the County. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Discussion of County Healthcare Planning Study

Manager Gallagher reported the County has directed staff to look at a county healthcare planning study. He stated, I have been in discussions with Mr. Furnow, CEO of Lea Regional Hospital and Mr. Shaw, CEO of Nor Lea General Hospital, on a variety of things, all related to expanding the healthcare industry in Lea County. The Economic Development Corporation had a study conducted about the migration of healthcare jobs in and out of the county. Since 2008, over 500 professional healthcare related jobs have migrated out of the county. We are trying to find a way to retain some of the jobs and see what areas we can expand healthcare services for the residents of Lea County. I have been reviewing proposals from different consultants and I have a proposal I think will a good approach with New Heights group. They have offices in Santa Fe and North Carolina. He stated, I will be bringing this back in front of the Commission at the next meeting.

- Discussion of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for Consolidated Emergency Communications in Lea County

Manager Gallagher presented a power point presentation about the joint powers agreement for consolidated emergency communications. He stated the joint powers agreement was approved June 26, 2011. The current joint powers agreement includes

the City of Hobbs and Lea County, and is responsible for County wide dispatch service. He presented future planning and expansion ideas, the recommended method to determine financial contribution, and the recommendation of the staff.

**ITEM 05: LEGAL**

• **Attorney – Scotty A. Holloman**

- Consideration of Approval of Authorization of County Manager to Sign Amended Water Permit Applications to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE)

Mr. Holloman requested approval. He stated if you remember Lynn Stokes coming in to discuss some Water applications that needed to be amended. What we want to do is delegate the authority to Mike Gallagher, the County Manager to be able to sign the amended water permit applications so that can move forward. Vice Chairman Black stated, I move that the Lea County Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to sign, on behalf of Lea County, New Mexico any and all Water Permit Applications with the New Mexico State Engineer as he deems appropriate and to sign on behalf of Lea County, New Mexico all amendments, or revisions thereto and to take all other actions he deems reasonably necessary or appropriate in pursuing such applications with the New Mexico State Engineer for the benefit of Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Authorization of County Manager to Sign Amended Option Agreement with the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO)

Mr. Holloman requested approval. He stated this is to authorize Mike Gallaher, County Manager to sign the amended option agreement. Mr. Gallagher stated this option agreement has to do with the placement of water wells or the lease agreements we have with the State Land Office related to those water wells and placements of water wells. Vice chairman Black stated, I move that the Lea County Manager be and he hereby is authorized and directed to sign, on behalf of Lea County, New Mexico any and all Option Agreements, Amended Option Agreements with the New Mexico State Land Office as he deems appropriate and to sign on behalf of Lea County, New Mexico all amendments, or revisions thereto and to take agreements with the New Mexico State Land Office for the benefit of Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 06: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

- **Detention Center – Padraig Downey, Warden**

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center Report

Warden Downey presented the Detention Center report. He stated our federal inmate count for the end of March was 81 males, and 1 female making a total of 82. The revenue acquired from these inmates for housing was \$152,091 and for transport \$2,218. The month of February we had 80 federal inmates, all of them males. The revenue acquired for housing was \$160,606 and for transport was \$13,823. The decrease in transportation revenue is due to the federals reducing our transports to almost nothing due to their own budget restraints. He stated a year ago in 2012, we had 51 federal inmates all males. We were billing \$82,006 for housing and \$9,145 in transports. Our fiscal year to date federal inmate count is 1371 males, and 24 females with a total of 1395. Our year to date revenue for housing federal inmates is \$1,609,356 for housing and \$264,454 for transports. Our total counts, as of today, we have 310 males 85 are federal, and we have 33 females, 1 of which is federal. We have 11 juvenile males and 6 juvenile girls making the total 17. Chairman Fulfer stated we use to have over 100 federal inmates, is there a way to increase that. Warden Downey stated we have encouraged them to give us all they want to. The inmate count around the State is very low at the moment and we are farthest from the federal courts. The only thing that they can adjust in the budget is their transport fees. Chairman Fulfer asked is there a way to offer the transportation at a better value to help with the transports? Warden Downey stated there has been talk amongst his staff that one of the Counties in the area is offering free transport, and it has been recommended that maybe we increase our housing a little and offer the transports for no cost. Commissioner Whitehead asked what kind of impact it would have on the Detention Center if the Judicial Complex was built out there where you are located. Warden Downey stated he feels it would lower the cost of transports to nothing depending on the way it was built as well as be more convenient on the situations when they need a prisoner in court right away.

- **Emergency Management/Environmental Services/Maintenance – Lorenzo Velasquez, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Emergency Management Report

Director Velasquez reported there were seven grass fires runs for the month of March, for a total of 20 for the year. There were 84 EMS runs.

- Consideration of Approval of Federal Grant Agreement No.FEMA-4047-DR-NM between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (NMDHSEM)

Director Velasquez requested approval. He stated we received a grant for \$30,000 to update our housing litigation plan which benefits all municipalities in Lea County. He stated this means we have to have the grant in place and updated in order to receive the federal funding. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the Federal Grant agreement No. FEMA-4047-DR-NM between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Discussion of Lea County Environmental Services Report**

Director Velasquez reported for the month of March we had 157 animal control calls, 86 animals went to the shelter. There were 27 sites of illegal dumping that were located and cleaned. There were a total of 48 calls for environmental issues. We sent out 20 letters for accumulation of debris. Our County cleanup crew picked up 75 tires, 145 bags, they cleared 34 miles. The inmate crew picked up 62 miles with a total of 188 bags.

Director Velasquez stated last week you had asked me some questions on what was going on with some properties around the county. I have an update for you. The demolition for the convenient center we do that from Monday to Friday now. On the Seminole Highway property a citation was issued there, the owner is in California so hopefully that does not slow us down. On the Kansas property we issued a citation and nothing has been done so we are waiting to go to court.

- **Event Center/ Fairgrounds/Marketing – Lyn Edwards, Director**

- **Presentation of Upcoming Events for the Lea County Event Center & Lea County Fairgrounds**

Director Edwards presented a power point presentation about the upcoming events for the Lea County Event Center and Lea County Fairgrounds. She gave an overview of the events for January through March with a comparison from last year, breaking down attendance, and total of events for each month. She went through the upcoming events that are scheduled for both venues, with a breakdown of numbers from last year.

- **Consideration of Approval of Agreement between Lea County and IN Productions (Jody Nix) for Ranch Rodeo Performance on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds**

Director Edwards requested approval. She stated this is an annual event, there are volunteers that work on this committee. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the agreement between Lea County and IN Productions (Jody Nix) for Ranch Rodeo Performance on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds.

- Consideration of Approval of Agreement between Lea County and McCloy Rodeo for Ranch Rodeo Saddle Bronc Horses for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds

Director Edwards requested approval. She stated this item has been brought to you before and tabled, because we did not have the correct number of horses that will be used. There are 30 Saddle Bronc horses that will be used for this contract. Commissioner Dunlap moved approve the agreement between Lea County and McCloy Rodeo for Ranch Rodeo Saddle Bronc Horses for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds. Mr. Holloman stated, one item I would like to clarify. We do have some addendums and I want to make sure everyone is aware the addendums are part of the motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Seth Boyd for Ranch Rodeo Cattle for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds

Director Edwards requested approval. She stated Seth Boyd is providing 29 head of pairs which is cow and calf, at no cost unless one is killed or injured. In the event that one is killed or injured he is asking for \$3,000 or if only the calf is injured he is asking for the cost of the calf of \$1,000. Commissioner Pierce stated I think that is a little extensive for the cost of the cattle. He feels they really should reevaluate the cost that is being asked to see if he would negotiate the price. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the agreement between Lea County and Seth Boyd for Ranch Rodeo Cattle for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds amended subject to the satisfactory determination of fair market value of the calf and cow determined by Commissioner Pierce and Mrs. Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Good Ranch for Ranch Rodeo Yearlings for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds

Director Edward requested approval. She stated this contract is to provide 100 head of yearlings for the Ranch Rodeo. If a yearling is killed or injured or the quality of life is affected, they are asking for the price of \$1,200 per head. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the agreement between Lea County and Good Ranch for Ranch Rodeo Yearlings for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds, amended subject to the satisfactory determination of fair market value of the yearlings to be determined by Commissioner Pierce and Mrs. Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Agreement between Lea County and John Berry for Ranch Rodeo Roping Steer for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds

Director Edwards requested approval. She stated this contract is with John Berry to provide 26 head of Roping Steers for the cost of \$820, if one is injured the cost would

be \$600 per head. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the agreement between Lea County and John Berry for Ranch Rodeo Roping Steer for May 3-4, 2013 at the Lea County Fairgrounds, amended subject to the satisfactory determination of fair market value of the roping steer to be determined by Commissioner Pierce and Mrs. Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Grant Agreement No. 2004128 between Lea County and J.F. Maddox Foundation regarding Trace Adkins Performance on April 12, 2013 and Rick Springfield Performance on May 11, 2013 at the Lea County Event Center

Director Edwards requested approval. She stated the J.F. Maddox foundation has approved a grant for up to \$50,000 to help with the Lea County Event Center for any risk for producing the Rick Springfield concert and the Trace Adkins concert. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the grant agreement No. 2004128 between Lea County and J.F. Maddox Foundation regarding Trace Adkins and Rick Springfield performances at the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Grant Agreement No. 2004132 between Lea County and J. F. Maddox Foundation regarding Sesame Street Live Performances on April 16, 2013 at the Lea County Event Center

Director Edwards requested approval. She stated the J.F. Maddox Foundation has approved a grant for the amount of \$6,000 to assist the Lea County Event center in the cost of promoting and producing the Sesame Street Live performance. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the grant agreement No. 2004132 between Lea County and J.F. foundation regarding Sesame Street Live performance at the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Planning/GIS – Buster Willis, Administrator**

- Discussion of Lea County Subdivisions Report

Director Willis reported for the month of March we have done twenty-two 911 addresses, two claims of exemptions. The Planning and Zoning Board has approved the Lovelady Woodfin Subdivision. There will be three more Subdivisions coming up for review in the month of May.

- Consideration of Approval of Encroachment Easement

Director Willis requested approval. He stated this was first brought before the Commission in October. It was asked that some of the language be changed and that has been done. The right of way and the easement are allowing access to wells in the

well house located in the easement in the agreement they cannot build anything in the right of way, and if the wells are ever moved on their property they will have a termination of the Encroachment Easement and the right of way will go back into the possession of the Lea County. Mr. Holloman stated he does feel this contract is ready for approval. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the Encroachment Easement. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- **Public Works (Airports/Engineering/Roads) – Corey Needham, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Road Department Report

Director Needham stated there are several items in the public works that I would like to give an update on. The Fairgrounds construction is still on going. We have not had any delays so far on this project and still plan on being completed a few weeks before the fair. There have been several things discussed and future discussions on the New Mexico 483 waterline project. He stated if we can get the right of way in place within the next month we would be able to bury what has been our temporary line that has been lying on the ground into its permanent location. Delaware Basin is a safety federal grant we obtained for the safety fence project; we are currently obtaining the right of way. The environmental and cultural studies assessments have been completed and we plan to turn those in to get federal approval. We will have to bid it in approximately 30 days and it should be 45 to 60 before the fences start going up on that. We are about 95% complete on the CAF Hanger. June 22, 2013 we have scheduled a fly in. Lovington Airport will be started on Monday. Bensing roadway, is beginning we have cleared all the fences, the right of way, and the debris. We will start the dirt work within the next two weeks. We are about 60% complete with the Xcel Roadway. We have begun the engineering and the survey work for the Hobbs bypass project. This is from a federal grant that was provided to allow us to rebuild from Grimes to the Eunice Highway. The work on Orla continues, it has been just maintenance for now. We completed the RFP this week. The contract with Contractors Inc., has expired so we will have a new contract within the next three weeks.

- Consideration of Approval of Application to New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO) for Right of Way

Director Needham requested approval. He stated the water line that was previously discussed is approximately six miles going from our wells over the 483 then another four miles going south to connect it to Joule and the International Isotopes. The right of way I need to complete permanent line covers approximately 2.5 miles of State Land. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the application to New Mexico State Land Office for Right of Way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Administrative Services (Finance/Grants/Information Technology) – Sherri Bunch, Director**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 13-APR-014R Authorizing Lea County to Become the Fiscal Agent for the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance (ELEA)

Director Bunch requested approval. She stated they are asking for the resolution for the term of three years with the option to continue with the Boards discretion. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 13-APR-014R authorizing Lea County to become the fiscal agent for the Eddy-Lea-Energy Alliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 13-APR-015R Authorizing Lea County to Open a Water Service Fund Account

Director Bunch requested approval. She stated this is to create an enterprise fund to account for the operations of the utility line the county has constructed. It will account for all the revenue and expenditures that will be associated with that line. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 13-APR-015R authorizing Lea County to Open a Water Service Fund Account.

- Consideration of Approval of Accounts Payable

Director Bunch requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap asked about 57 loads of cliché hauled, asked what kind of cliché it was? Director Needham responded that was structural fill they got from Access; he would not have been able to haul at that price. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 07: PUBLIC**

- **Public**

- J. J. Murphy the City Manager for the City of Hobbs stated it has been great to collaborate with the Chairman and Mike. We have a good relationship and I am hoping to continue with that. I am recommending to my Commission to double last year's lodger's tax request to the County. I just wanted to come out and say thank you for the warm welcome, and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

**ITEM 08: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

• **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H2), (H7) & (H8) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to discuss limited personnel matters, threatened or pending litigation and the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights.

11:26 a.m. Commissioner Whitehead moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 (H2), (H7) & (H8) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to discuss limited personnel matters, threatened or pending litigation and the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce Secretary polled the Commission: Commissioner Dunlap, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Whitehead, yes; Vice Chairman Black, yes; Chairman Fulfer; yes.

Commissioner Whitehead moved to reconvene in Regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 12:20 a.m.

- The Commission convened in closed session to discuss items relative to the purchase acquisition or disposal of real property, or water rights. No action was taken by the Commission during closed session.

**ITEM 09: OTHER BUSSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 a.m. by Chairman Fulfer.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



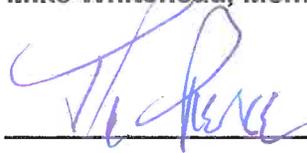
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



Ron Black, Vice Chairman



Mike Whitehead, Member



Thomas G. Pierce, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle  
Lea County Clerk



Dale Duniap, Member



Kelli Williams

