

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 25, 2014**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. in the City of Jal Council Chambers.

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

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

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

Commissioner Britton made comments concerning safety, and the danger of using a cell phone while driving.

Manager Gallagher introduced all County employees in attendance, and Chairman Fulfer expressed his gratitude to the City of Jal for their hospitality and for hosting the County for this meeting.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of the September 11, 2014 Minutes.

Commissioner Britton moved to approve the September 11, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Britton stated, I attended the rotary club yesterday in Eunice as a guest of Shannon Bush with Urenco. Vice Chairman Black stated, I attended one of the sessions this week of the Legislative Study Committee meetings at the New Mexico Junior College. Mike Gallagher, representatives from Lea Regional Hospital, and the City of Hobbs, attended one of the sessions of the Legislative Study Committee, regarding healthcare. We have a committed interest in improving healthcare in Lea County.

Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s):

- Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, November 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Special Meeting
- Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The next meetings will be on, **October 16, 2014; October 30, 2014; November 7, 2014; Special Meeting, November 20, 2014; and December 18, 2014** in the Lea County Commission Chambers.

- Consideration of Approval of Appointments to Lea County Active Boards:
 - Lea County Memorial Committee
 - District 4 no appointment made

- Consideration of Approval of Appointments to an Evaluation Committee regarding the Request for Proposal for the Design of the Lea County Judicial Building Complex
 - Chief Justice Judge Shoobridge – Fifth Judicial District Chief Judge
 - Diana Luce – Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney
 - Mayor Scotty Gandy – Mayor of Lovington
 - Chairman Gregg Fulfer – Lea County Commissioner
 - Commissioner Dale Dunlap - Lea County Commissioner
 - Manager Michael Gallagher - Lea County Manager
 - Director Corey Needham – Public Works Director
 - Director Sherri Bunch - Lea County Finance Director

Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the appointments to the evaluation committee regarding the request for the design of the Lea County Judicial Building Complex. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

ITEM 02: BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Lea County Indigent Claims Advisory Board – Mary Lamb, Indigent Claims Specialist**

At 9:22 a.m. Commissioner Whitehead moved to convene in the Indigent Claims Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report

Indigent Claims Specialist Lamb requested approval. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the Lea County indigent burial/cremation claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

At 9:24 a.m. Commissioner Whitehead moved to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: OUTSIDE ENTITIES

- **Lea County Health Council - Jackie Ford, Vice Chairperson**
 - Discussion of Lea County Health Council

There was discussion about tabling this item, it is a discussion item no motion was made. There was nothing presented or discussed at this time.

ITEM 04: OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **Sheriff – Chief Deputy – Steve Ackerman**
 - Consideration of Approval of Out of State Travel to Attend the Advanced Law Enforcement Readiness Training for Court Security in Austin, Texas October 21-23, 2014

Chief Deputy Ackerman requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the out of state travel request to attend the advanced law enforcement readiness training for court security in Austin, Texas October 21-23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

ITEM 05: MANAGER

- **Lea County Manager – Michael Gallagher**
 - Consideration of Approval of the following regarding the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments (SNMEDD/COG):
 - Resolution No. 14-SEP-044R Lea County's Membership in SNMEDD/COG

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Resolution No. 14-SEP-044R Lea County's Membership in SNMEDD/COG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Agreement between Lea County and SNMEDD/COG for Annual Membership in the District for FY 2014-2015

Manager Gallagher requested approval, with authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the agreement between Lea County and SNMEDD/COG for annual membership in the district for FY 2014-2015 giving the Chairman authority to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. The motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Franchise Agreements and Right of Way's Policies

Manager Gallagher, Lea County Attorney Holloman, and Director Needham presented a power point presentation to discuss the franchise agreements and right of way policies. Director Needham discussed the current process, and the approvals. There are currently 1,452 active roadway crossing/ROW agreements. Lea County Attorney Holloman discussed statutes and case law regarding Lea County roadways. Manager Gallagher discussed the next steps the County is planning on taking to create a new policy. There was no action taken on this item.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-SEP-045R Submit Proposal to the National Association of Counties to Host the 2015 County Prosperity Summit

Events/Marketing Coordinator Owens requested approval. She presented a power point presentation with this item. Commissioner Dunlap asked questions regarding how many attendees there will be. She stated there should be no more than 70. Commissioner Whitehead asked questions about shuttle busses. Following discussion Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-SEP-045R to submit proposal the National Association of Counties to host the 2015 County Prosperity Summit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Whitehead abstained from voting. Vice Chairman Black voted yes, Commissioner Dunlap voted yes, Commissioner Britton voted yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 06: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

- **Communications Authority – Angela Martinez, Director**

Discussion of Lea County Communications Authority Activity Report

Director Martinez presented the Lea County Communications Authority activity report. There was no action taken.

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

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center Activity Report

Warden Downey presented the Lea County Detention Center activity report. There was no action taken.

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

- Discussion of the following Activity Reports

- **Lea County Emergency Management**

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Emergency Management activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Lea County Environmental Services**

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Environmental Services activity report. There was no action taken

- **Lea County Maintenance**

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Maintenance activity report. There was no action taken.

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

- Discussion of Lea County Event Center and Lea County Fairgrounds Activity Report

Director Edwards presented the Lea County Event Center and Lea County Fairgrounds activity report. Commissioner Whitehead stated Dennis Holmberg is here with the Maddox Foundation, I would like to express our appreciation to your board. There was no action taken

- Consideration of Approval of Proposed Entertainment for the Lea County Event Center

Director Edwards requested approval. She presented a power point presentation in conjunction with this item. She stated the proposed acts are Larry the Cable Guy & Reno Collier, Chris Isaac, Willie Nelson, Foreigner, Three Days Grace, and Light up Lea County. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the proposed entertainment for the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- **Grants Services/Planning – David Gasch, Grant Writer & County Planner**

- Discussion of Lea County Grant Writer/Planning Activity Report

Grant Writer & County Planner Gasch presented the Lea County Grant Writer/Planning activity report. No action was taken.

- Ratification of the Certification of the Water Trust Board Application 2014/2015 Cycle

Grant Writer & County Planner Gasch requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the ratification of the certification of the water trust board application 2014/2015 cycle. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Human Resources – Jill Dennis, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Human Resources Activity Report

Director Dennis presented the Lea County Human Resources activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Information Technology – Robert Lathrop, Administrator**

- Discussion of Lea County Information Technology Activity Report

Administrator Lathrop presented the Lea County Information Technology activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Probation – Kelly Ford, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Probation Activity Report

Director Ford presented the Lea County Probation activity report. There was no action taken.

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

- Discussion of Lea County Public Works Activity Report

Director Needham presented the Lea County Public Works Activity report with a power point presentation. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and City of Jal for Infrastructure Improvements

Director Needham requested approval. He stated the Lea County Commission sets aside money each year to help local communities within Lea County with special projects. This is to aid Jal in drilling water wells at Jal City Park. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between Lea County and City of Jal for infrastructure improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap. Vice Chairman Black amended the motion to authorize Chairman Fulfer to sign. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap. The motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Lea County Road Advisory Committee Resolution

Director Needham presented a discussion concerning the Lea County Road Advisory Committee resolution. There was no action taken on this item.

- **Administrative Services (Finance/Grant Administration) – Sherri Bunch, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Department Activity Report

Director Bunch presented the Lea County Finance Departments activity report with a power point. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Accounts Payable

Director Bunch requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

ITEM 07: PUBLIC

- **Public**
- Comments from the Public

Chairman Fulfer stated I would like to recognize Dale Ganaway with New Horizons Foundation Research Center. City of Jal Mayor Chance made comments of appreciation toward the Commissioner for the help over the years with the City of Jal.

ITEM 08: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **BOARD OF 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.

At 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Dunlap 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 Whitehead. Secretary

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polled the Commission. Commissioner Britton, yes; Commissioner Dunlap, yes; Commissioner Whitehead, yes; Vice Chairman Black, yes; Chairman Fulfer; yes.

Commissioner Dunlap moved to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

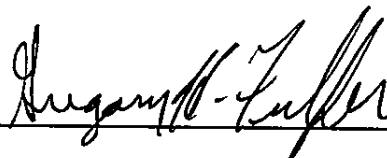
The Commission convened in closed session to discuss items relative to the purchase acquisition or disposal of real property, or water rights. No action was taken by the Commission during closed session.

ITEM 09: OTHER BUSINESS

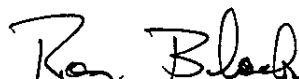
There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

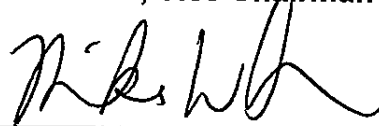
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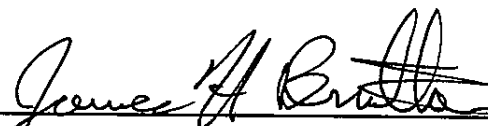
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



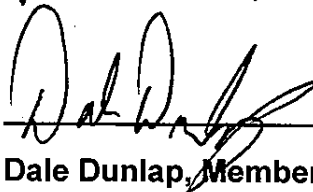
Ron Black, Vice Chairman



Mike Whitehead, Member



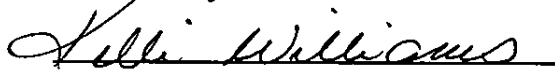
James H. Britton, Member



Dale Dunlap, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

