

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 16, 2014**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:08 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, 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.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of the September 25, 2014 Minutes.

Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the September 25, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Britton made comments concerning safety, and the importance of washing your hands to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, such as Ebola, and the Flu. Vice Chairman Black stated we had an airline meeting last week regarding scheduling.

Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s):

- Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:00 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 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

ITEM 02: BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board – Corey Helton, Chairman**

- Consideration of Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for the Approval of Out of State Travel to Attend the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 2-5, 2014

Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board Chairman Helton requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for the approval of out of state travel for Silvio Cervantes and Greg Massey to attend the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 2-5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: OUTSIDE ENTITIES

- **City of Hobbs – J.J. Murphy, City Manager**

- Discussion of Proposed Permanent Grant of Public Utility Easement Agreement between Lea County and City of Hobbs for Bensing Road between Mahan Road and Smith Road

Hobbs City Manager J.J. Murphy presented a presentation with maps to the Commission concerning the proposed permanent grant of public utility easement agreement between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Bensing Road between Mahan Road and Smith Road. The City of Hobbs was approved for a \$5.5 million effluent line expansion project. This is for the critical water conservation efforts. Fire hydrants will be installed along the proposed route also. Glenda Disney, asked questions concerning the direction of the pipeline, and the future fresh water plans in the area.

- **New Mexico Junior College – Dr. Robert Rhodes, Vice President of NMJC Training & Outreach**

- Presentation on the General Obligation Bond C for Higher Education for the November 4, 2014 General Election

Dr. Rhodes NMJC vice president of NMJC training & outreach presented a presentation concerning the general obligation Bond C for higher education for the November 4, 2014 general election. He stated Bond C is to fund higher education capital projects. There is not a tax increase with Bond C.

ITEM 04: MANAGER

- **Lea County Manager – Michael P. Gallagher II**
 - Discussion of Housing Services Incentive Agreement between Lea County and City of Lovington

Manager Gallagher and James Williams Lovington City Manager presented a power point presentation to discuss the housing services incentive agreement between Lea County and the City of Lovington. Including all three developers, and the 64 unit apartment complex we have met incentives for 140 homes. This puts us at about 35% in progress to our 400 home goals. Ms. Disney asked if there have been any financing problems on any of these homes. Mr. Williams stated, so far he is unaware of any financing issues.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-OCT-46R Supporting the New Mexico Association of Counties 2015 Legislative Priorities

Manager Gallagher requested approval. There was a power point presentation in conjunction with this item. He listed some of the legislative priorities, and stated the association allows input from all the Counties. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-OCT-046R supporting the New Mexico Association of Counties 2015 legislative priorities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Travel

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Britton moved to approve the travel request to attend a legislative taxation and revenue stabilization committee in Santa Fe. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

ITEM 05: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

- **Emergency Management/Environmental/Maintenance – Manager Micheal P Gallagher II on behalf of Lorenzo Velasquez, Director**
 - Consideration of Approval of 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement EMW-2013-SS-00152-S01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program sub-grant agreement EMW-2013-SS-00152-S01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security &

Emergency Management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

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

- Consideration of Approval of Cielo Grande Subdivision, Unit 2 – Final Plat

Grant Writer & County Planner Gasch requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Chairman Fulfer opened the floor for public comments. Daniel Johncox, made comments concerning this subdivision, the new state laws concerning water, and his appreciation for the Commission. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve Cielo Grande subdivision, Unit 2 – final plat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Cielo Grande Subdivision, Unit 3 – Final Plat

Grant Writer & County Planner Gasch requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Chairman Fulfer opened the floor for public comments. Commissioner Britton thanked Daniel Johncox for his help with the housing crisis in Lea County. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve Cielo Grande subdivision, Unit 3 – final plat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

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

- Discussion of Lea County's Budget Submittal to the Government Finance Officers Associations Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program

Director Bunch presented a power point presentation, in discussion of the Lea County's Budget Submittal to the Government Finance Officers Associations Distinguished Budget presentation award program.

- Consideration of Approval of Accounts Payable

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

ITEM 06: PUBLIC

- **Public**

- Daniel Johncox made comments commemorating David Gasch for a job well done. Kay Fillingham from the Knowles community asked questions concerning Adobe Village. Staff is going to research this and get back to Ms. Fillingham.

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 10:17 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 Britton. Secretary polled the Commission. Commissioner Britton, yes; Commissioner Dunlap, yes; Commissioner Whitehead, yes; Vice Chairman Black, yes; Chairman Fulfer, yes.

Vice Chairman Black moved to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

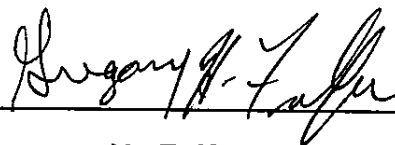
The Commission convened in closed session to discuss items relative to the purchase acquisition or disposal of real property, or water rights. No action was taken by the Commission during closed session.

ITEM 09: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



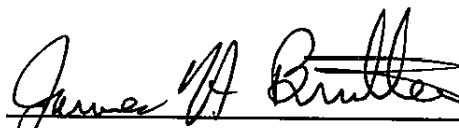
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



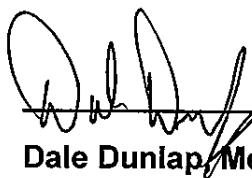
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Mike Whitehead, Member



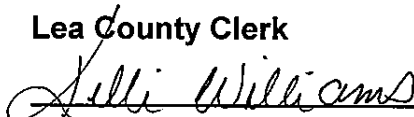
James H. Britton, Member



Dale Dunlap, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

