

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 30, 2014**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 October 16, 2014 Minutes.

Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the October 16, 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 Halloween safety. Vice Chairman Black stated I attended a quality of life committee meeting to discuss the Health and Wellness Center.

Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s):

- Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting
- Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The next meetings will be on, **November 7, 2014; Special Meeting, November 20, 2014; and December 17, 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: MANAGER

- **Lea County Manager – Michael P. Gallagher II**
 - Consideration of Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and New Mexico Junior College Indoor Equestrian Facility

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Dr. Steve McCleery made comments in approval of this MOU. Commissioner Britton moved to approve the amended memorandum of understanding between Lea County and New Mexico Junior College Indoor Equestrian Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and Town of Tatum for Funding of Outdoor Recreational Facilities

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Mayor Burns made comments concerning trying to improve The City of Tatum. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between Lea County and Town of Tatum for funding of outdoor recreational facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-OCT-047R Submit Proposal to the National Association of Counties to Host the 2017 Western Interstate Region Conference

Events/Marketing Coordinator Owens and Manager Gallagher presented a video titled Lea County Welcomes the 2016 NMAC.

Events/Marketing Coordinator Owens requested approval. She presented a power point presentation with this item. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-OCT-047R submit proposal to the National Association of Counties to host the 2017 Western Interstate Region Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Travel

There was no travel request.

ITEM 03: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

- **Communications Authority – Crystal Galvan, Supervisor**

- Discussion of Lea County Communications Authority Activity Report

Supervisor Galvan presented the Lea County Communications Authority activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Detention Center – Ruben Quintana, Chief of Security**

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center Activity Report

Chief Quintana presented the Lea County Detention Center activity report. There was no action taken.

- **DWI/Probation – Lisa Escobedo, Substance Abuse Counselor**

- Discussion of Lea County DWI/Probation Activity Report

Counselor Escobedo presented the Lea County DWI/Probation 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

Deputy Fire Marshall Broom presented the Lea County Emergency Management activity report. There was no action taken.

- Lea County Environmental Services

Environmental Supervisor Corley 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.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-OCT-048R
Emergency/Disaster Declaration

Director Velasquez requested approval. He stated the recent rains caused damage to over 400 miles of Lea County Roads. Mr. Gallagher, Nick Marinovich, and I met with FEMA and Homeland Security and did a tour of Lea County Roads. Lea County has over \$1 million in damage. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve Lea County resolution No. 14-OCT-048R Emergency/Disaster declaration. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Ebola Emergency Preparedness

Director Velasquez and Director Martinez presented a power point presentation concerning the Ebola outbreak. There was no action taken at this time.

- **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. There was no action taken.

- **Grants Services/Planning – Michael P Gallagher, on behalf of David Gasch, Grant Writer & County Planner**

- Discussion of Lea County Grant Writer/Planning Activity Report

Manager Gallagher presented the Lea County Grant Writer/Planning activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Human Resources – Mary Lamb on behalf of Jill Dennis, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Human Resources Activity Report

Indigent Claims Specialist Lamb 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.

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

- Consideration of Approval of Woodfin Pavement Improvement District

Manager Gallagher requested denial. The property owners are asking to withdraw the previous petition. Commissioner Dunlap moved to deny the approval of Woodfin pavement district based on the property owners wishing to withdraw. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Lea County Public Works activity report.

Road Superintendent Marinovich presented the Lea County Public Works activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Administrative Services (Finance/Grant Administration) – Noah Hicks on behalf of Sherri Bunch, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Department Activity Report

Accounting Specialist Hicks presented the Lea County Finance Department activity report. There was no action taken.

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

Manager Gallagher presented a power point presentation in discussion of the Lea County Budget submittal to the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished budget presentation award program. Commissioner Britton made comments in approval of the work done on this project. Chairman Fulfer raised concerns about our budget being opened up to extra review; he wants to make sure there is enough clarification and justification. Manager Gallagher stated this gives better justification as to why we are spending, not just a line item or a budget item. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Accounts Payable

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the accounts payable the motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

ITEM 04: PUBLIC

- **Public**
- **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public

ITEM 05: 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 10:35 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 Vice Chairman Black. 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 Whitehead and passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

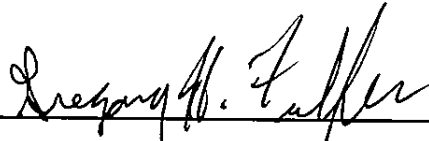
The Commission convened in closed session to discuss items relative to the purchase acquisition or disposal of real property, or water rights. No action was taken by the Commission during closed session.

ITEM 09: OTHER BUSINESS

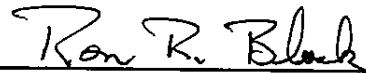
There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

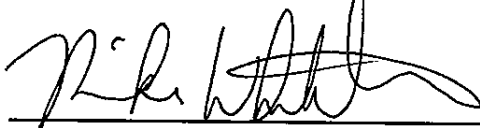
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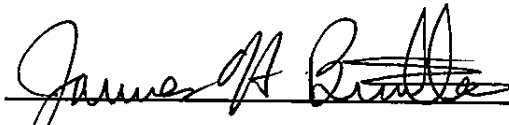
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



Ron Black, Vice Chairman



Mike Whitehead, Member



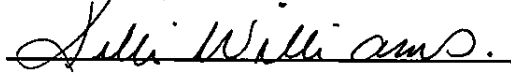
James H. Britton, Member



Dale Dunlap, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

Lea County Clerk



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