

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 24, 2015**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse

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

Also present were County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II and County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

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 4, 2015 Minutes.

Commissioner Britton moved to approve the September 4, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Long stated I attended the 12th annual gathering of Counties in Albuquerque last Wednesday and met with some of the other board of directors. Commissioner Britton stated I attended the Mayor's Energy Conference in Carlsbad on Sunday.

Confirm Next Meeting(s):

- Friday, October 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in Jal NM
- Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The next meetings will be on **October 16, 2015, November 19, 2015, and December 17, 2015**, in the Lea County Commission Chambers. **October 29, 2015** in Jal NM.

- Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-201R Approving Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

There were no appointments made

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-202R Approving Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee

There were no appointments made

- Discussion of Annual Lea County Fair & Rodeo

Manager Gallagher presented the annual Lea County Fair and Rodeo discussion. Chairman Fulfer made comments concerning the quality of life, having a professional management group and the Fair Board. Vice Chairman Black made comments concerning the economy and the livestock sale. Commissioner Dunlap made comments concerning the Fair Board being a necessity and the focus needing to be back on the kids. Commissioner Britton made comments concerning getting the opinions from the Fair Board. Commissioner Long made comments about the Fair Board being informed about what entertainment will be at the Fair and event center. It was decided there will be a workshop scheduled.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-203R Approving the Subcommittee Recommendations of the Fair & Rodeo Board

Commissioner Dunlap moved to postpone Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-203R Approving the Subcommittee Recommendations of the Fair & Rodeo Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

ITEM 02: OUTSIDE ENTITIES

- **U.S. Congressman Pearce – Bernadette Granger, Representative**
 - Presentation of Congressional Certificate to Lea County Communication Authority in Honor of the National Association of Counties 2015 Achievement Award Presented to the LCCA on July 12, 2015

Bernadette Granger Representative for Congressman Pearce presented a certificate to Dannette Martinez standing in for Angela Martinez, for the Lea County Communication Authority in Honor of the National Association of Counties 2015 Achievement Award.

- **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Drug Task Force – Wm. Robert Sullivan, Region Commander**
 - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-204R Approving Grant No. G14SN0017A Modification No. 3 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Awarded 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2015

Region Commander Sullivan requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-204R Approving Grant No. G14SN0017A Modification No. 3 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Awarded 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- **Skills USA – Jill Henning, Certified Trainer for New Mexico**
 - Presentation of Skills USA Program

Commissioner Long moved to postpone this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **Sheriff – Steve Ackerman**
 - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-205R Approving the Transfer of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Administrative Budget from Lea County to Eddy County

Sheriff Ackerman requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-205R Approving the Transfer of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Administrative Budget from Lea County to Eddy County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Out of State Travel for Shotgun Armors School Training in Pflugerville, Texas on October 20-23, 2015

Sheriff Ackerman requested approval. Commissioner Britton moved to approve out of state travel for Tony Budrow to attend Shotgun Armors School Training in Pflugerville, Texas on October 20-23, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Lea County Sheriff's Department Activity Report

There was no discussion on this item.

ITEM 04: MANAGER

- **Manager – Michael P. Gallagher II**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-206R Authorizing Lea County's 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-206R Authorizing Lea County's 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-207R Approving an Industrial Revenue Bond Inducement for Agave Energy Company

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He introduced J.B. Smith President of Agave Energy Company. Mr. Smith made comments presenting Agave Energy Company to the Commission. He introduced Willis Scharmer, Project Manager, Jennifer Knowlton, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, and Gary Williams Business Development Manager. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-207R Approving an Industrial Revenue Bond Inducement for Agave Energy Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

ITEM 05: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

- **Communications Authority – Dannette Martinez, Supervisor**

- Discussion of Lea County Communication Authority Activity Report

Supervisor Martinez presented the Lea County Communications activity report. 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. No action taken.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-208R Authorizing Inmate Housing Agreements Inside of Lea County for the Lea County Detention Center

Warden Downey requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-208R Authorizing Inmate Housing Agreements Inside of Lea County for the Lea County Detention Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-209R Authorizing Inmate Housing Agreements Outside of Lea County for the Lea County Detention Center

Warden Downey requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-209R Authorizing Inmate Housing Agreements Outside of Lea County for the Lea County Detention Center. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- **DWI/Probation – Kelly Ford, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County DWI/Probation Activity Report

Director Ford presented the Lea County DWI/Probation Activity report. No action taken.

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

- Discussion of the following Activity Reports:

- Lea County Emergency Management

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Emergency Management activity report. No action taken.

- Lea County Environmental Services

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Environmental Services activity report. No action taken.

- **Facilities – Erich Francke, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Facilities Activity Report

Director Francke presented the Lea County Facilities activity report. No action taken.

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

- Discussion of Lea County Human Resources Activity Report

Director Dennis presented the Lea County Human Resources activity report. No action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-210R Authorizing County Manager to Execute all Documents and Necessary Procedures to Offer the New Mexico Association of Counties' Voluntary Benefits Program to Lea County Employees

Director Dennis requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-210R Authorizing County Manager to Execute all Documents and Necessary Procedures to Offer the New Mexico Association of Counties' Voluntary Benefits Program to Lea County Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

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

- Discussion of Lea County Information Technology Activity Report

Administrator Lathrop presented the Information Technology activity report. No action taken.

- **Planning – Bruce Reid, County Planner**

- Discussion of Lea County Planning Activity Report

County Planner Reid presented the Lea County Planning activity report. No action taken.

- **Public Works (Airports/Engineering/Roads) – Nick Marinovich, Road Superintendent**

- Discussion of Lea County Public Works Activity Report

Road Superintendent Marinovich presented the Lea County Public Works activity report. No action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-211R Approving Prairieview Resurfacing Task Order for 6.11 Miles of Roadway from NM82 to NM83 as part of the 2015 – 2016 Roadway Improvements

Road Superintendent Marinovich requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-SEP-211R Approving Prairieview Resurfacing Task Order for 6.11 Miles of Roadway from NM82 to NM83 as part of the 2015 – 2016 Roadway Improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- **Administrative Services (Finance/Grant Administration) – Chip Low, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Activity Report

Director Low presented the Lea County Finance activity report. He presented a power point presentation with this item. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County's Account Payable

Director Low presented the Lea County's Account Payable. No action taken.

ITEM 06: 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, related to internal services threatened or pending litigation involving the Lea County Detention Center, and the disposal of real property in Southern Lea County as authorized by the Open Meeting Act
- At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Long 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 related to internal services, threatened or pending litigation involving the Lea County Detention Center and the disposal of real property in Southern Lea County as authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton, Secretary polled the Commission. Commissioner Dunlap, yes; Commissioner Long, yes; Commissioner Britton, yes; Vice Chairman Black, yes; Chairman Fulfer, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

Let the record reflect that only those matters announced in the motion to go into closed session were discussed.

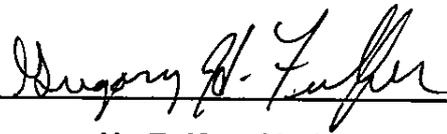
ITEM 07: OTHER BUSINESS

- **Board of County Commissioners**

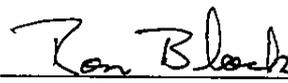
There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

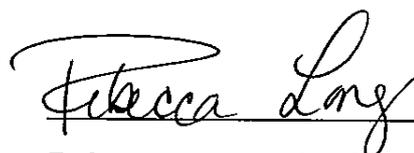
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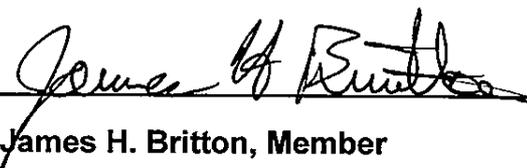
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



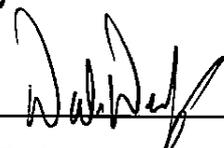
Ron Black, Vice Chairman



Rebecca Long, Member



James H. Britton, Member



Dale Dunlap, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

