

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
October 15, 2015**

**Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:23 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 24, 2015 Minutes.

Vice Chairman Black moved to approve the September 24, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Long stated I will be attending a meeting in Socorro today and will have more to report next meeting. Commissioner Britton stated I attended the Holtec meeting the other evening; it is exciting what they have in mind for nuclear interim storage.

**Confirm Next Meeting(s):**

- Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The next meetings will be on **October 29, 2015 November 12, 2015, and December 17, 2015**, in the Lea County Commission Chambers.

- Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-212R Approving Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

There were no appointments made

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-213R Approving Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee

There were no appointments made

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-214R Approving the Committee Recommendations of the Fair & Rodeo Board

Chairman Helton requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap stated I would like to discuss these one at a time. It was suggested only fair board members be approved at this time. Each committee was listed and amended accordingly. The vendor committee, junior livestock committee, carnival committee, sponsorship/advertising committee, and the entertainment committee were all postponed for further review. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-214R Approving the Committee Recommendations of the Fair & Rodeo Board as stated and amended. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-215R Approving the Vacation of County Road E32 – San Simon Roadway

Director Needham requested approval. Clabe Pearson made comments concerning the vacation of County Road E32. Commissioner Britton moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-215R Approving the Vacation of County Road E32 San Simon Roadway. Chairman Fulfer recused himself from voting. After considerable discussion the motion died from lack of second.

## **ITEM 02: OUTSIDE ENTITIES**

- **Lea County Commission for the Arts – Andrew Akufo, Executive Director**
  - Discussion of the Proposed Southeast New Mexico Fiber Arts Trail

Executive Director Akufo presented a discussion of the proposed Southeast New Mexico Fiber Arts Trail. No action was taken.

**ITEM 03: MANAGER**

- **Manager – Michael P. Gallagher II**
  - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-216R Approving a Funding Agreement between Lea County and Economic Development Corporation of Lea County

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Tres Hicks president of the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County made comments concerning the agreement. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-216R Approving a Funding Agreement between Lea County and Economic Development Corporation of Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 04: LEGAL**

- **Attorney – John W. Caldwell**
  - Discussion of Extension Contract with GEO to Operate the Lea County Correctional Facility

Attorney Caldwell presented a discussion of the extension contract with GEO to operate the Lea County Correctional Facility. He introduced Warden Jeffrey Wrigley and the prior County Manager, Dennis Holmberg that was employed during initial negotiations.

Chairman Fulfer called a break at 10:42 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

**ITEM 05: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

- **Human Resources – Jill Dennis, Director**
  - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-217R Directing the Publication of Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Adopting the Lea County Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures

Director Dennis requested to postpone this item. Vice Chairman Black moved to postpone this item to the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- **Facilities – Erich Francke, Director**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-218R Selecting an Architect for the Proposed Lea County Judicial Complex

Director Francke requested approval. Debra Hicks with Pettigrew made comments on behalf of RMKM. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-218R Selecting RMKM as the Architect for the Proposed Lea County Judicial Complex. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-219R Approving the Final Plat of La Paloma Subdivision Unit 5

Lea County Planner Reid requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-219R Approving the Final Plat of La Paloma Subdivision Unit 5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. Vice Chairman Black amended the motion to accept the road to be dedicated to the County and accepted for Lea County ownership and maintenance. The resolution was amended to read the same. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Long. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-220R Approving the Final Plat of La Paloma Subdivision Unit 6

Lea County Planner Reid requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-220R Approving the Final Plat of La Paloma Subdivision Unit 6 amended to accept the road to be dedicated to the County and accepted for Lea county ownership and maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

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

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-221R Budget Adjustments

Director Low requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 15-OCT-221R Budget Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Activity Report

Director Low presented the Lea County Finance activity report by power point. No action was taken.

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable

Director Low presented the Lea County Accounts Payable. No action was taken.

#### ITEM 06: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**
- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to discuss threatened or pending litigation in which the County is or may become a participant involving the Lea County Detention Center, Employment and Law Enforcement, as authorized by the Open Meeting Act
- At 11:43 a.m. Vice Chairman Black moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H7), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to discuss threatened or pending litigation in which the County is or may become a participant involving the Lea County Detention Center, Employment, and Law Enforcement, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long, Secretary polled the Commission. Commissioner Dunlap, yes; Commissioner Long, yes; Commissioner Britton, yes; Vice Chairman Black, yes; Chairman Fulfer, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

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

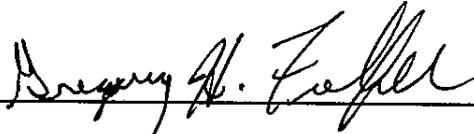
#### ITEM 07: OTHER BUSINESS

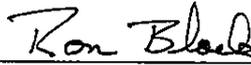
- **Board of County Commissioners**

There was no other business

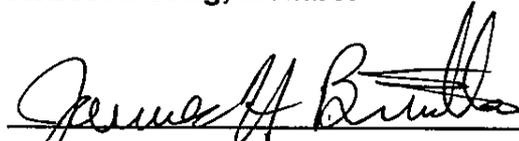
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

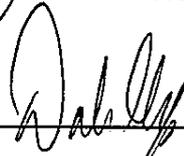
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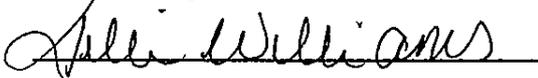
  
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ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

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