

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
April 28, 2016**

**Chairman Black called the meeting to order 9:02 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse**

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

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

**Vice Chairman Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Zac Zimmerman.**

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of the following Minutes:
  - April 14, 2016 Work Session
  - April 14, 2016 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Long moved to approve the April 14, 2016 Work Session minutes and April 14, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Fulfer stated I went to the BLM Resource Advisory Committee meeting. It covered a lot of the regulations that they are trying to pass. Venting and flaring was one of the issues that would really hurt our economy in South East New Mexico. They did extend the date to comment on that. They are pushing the planning on a higher region where the regulations would no longer be tailored to our area, which could create a big problem. He stated we also got an overview of the Snowy River Caves over by Ft. Stanton. It is a little over 32 miles and can be dated back 400,000 years so far. Some of the bacteria in that cave has never been found and could possibly have some beneficial uses.

- Set/Confirm Next Meetings

- Confirmed
  - Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting
  - Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 9:00 A.M Regular Meeting
  - Friday, June 10, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Special Meeting Canvass Primary Election
  - Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting
  - Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

- Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

- Comments from the Public

Pat Huntley made comments concerning the transportation of dogs for rescue against euthanization. She updated the Commission on the progress of the Humane Society, and the future goals and needs to further the program of transporting dogs.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-064R  
Establishing the 2017 Lea County Centennial Celebration Committee

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-064R Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-064R Establishing the 2017 Lea County Centennial Celebration Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-065R  
Approving Membership Recommendations from the Lea County Health Council  
(Chair Amanda Beauchamp – Lea County Health Council)

Chair Beauchamp requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-065R Approving Membership Recommendations from the Lea County Health Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-066R  
Approving Memorandum of Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of P25  
800 MHz Radio System for the Lea County Communications Authority  
(Communications Authority Director Angela Martinez)

Director Martinez requested approval. Commissioner Fulfer moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-066R Approving Memorandum of Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of P25 800 MHz Radio System for the Lea County Communications Authority. The motion was seconded by Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-067R Award or  
Reject Bid No. 07 2015-2016 Airfield Rescue and Fire Fighting Building (ARFF)  
(Public Works Director Corey Needham)

Director Needham requested approval. He presented a power point with this item. Commissioner Britton moved to approve Lea County Resolution No-APR-067R

Award to Lasco Construction No. 07 2015-2016 Airfield and Fire Fighting Building (AARF). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-068R Granting of an Electrical Easement to Xcel Energy at the Lea County Jal Airport Terminal Building (Public Works Director Corey Needham)

Director Needham requested approval. He presented a power point with this item. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-068R Granting of an Electrical Easement to Xcel Energy at the Lea County Jal Airport Terminal Building. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

### **ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion of Lea County Department Reports

Director Needham presented the Lea County Public Works activity report by power point. No action taken.

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

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

General Manager Crumb presented the Lea County Event Center/Fairgrounds activity report. No action taken.

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

- Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

Director Low and Manager Gallagher presented the Lea County's Fiscal Year 2016 -2017 budget by power point. No action taken.

### **ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **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 employment matters, the Sheriff's Office, contracts for services, and utility services, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act

- At 10:56 a.m. Commissioner Britton 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 employment matters, the Sheriff's Office, contracts for services, and utility services, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fulfer Secretary polled the Commission. Vice Chairman Dunlap, yes; Commissioner Long, yes; Commissioner Britton, yes; Chairman Black, yes; Commissioner Fulfer; yes.

The meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

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

**ITEM 05: EMPLOYMENT**

- **Board of County Commissioners**
  - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-069R Approving Recommendations to fill County Vacancies (Human Resources Director Craig Bova)

Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Fulfer moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-069R Approving Recommendations to fill County Vacancies, Luis Herrera, Certified Deputy for the Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-070R Ratifying the Hiring of County Employees (Human Resources Director Craig Bova)

Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-APR-070R Ratifying the Hiring of County Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

*Ron Black*

Ron Black, Chairman

*Dale Dunlap*

Dale Dunlap, Vice Chairman

*Rebecca Long*

Rebecca Long, Member

*James H. Britton*

James H. Britton, Member

*Gregory H. Fulfer*

Gregory H. Fulfer, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

Lea County Clerk

*Kelli Williams*

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