

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 20, 2016**

Chairman Black called the meeting to order 9:08 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 Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher, and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

Vice Chairman Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Long.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-191R Approving the September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-191R Approving the September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-192R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-192R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-193R Approving Appointments to the 2017 Lea County Centennial Planning Committee

There were no appointments made

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-194R Approving Appointments to the Memorial Committee

There were no appointments made

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-195R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. (Mary Lamb for Sherry Ann Baggoo, Indigent Claims Specialist)

Indigent Claims Specialist Lamb requested approval. Commissioner Fulfer moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-195R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Long stated, I attended the New Mexico Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting in Lordsburg. The Bureau of Land Management was there to give an update on the recreation and Public Purposes Act. The members of the board involved in farming and ranching felt as though the plan will take farming and grazing land and use it for recreation. Chairman Black stated, I met with the Bureau of Land Management in Carlsbad, to discuss the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. They have five different options. The preferred option does not seem to be negative for Lea County. It will affect Eddy and Chaves counties more. It did take about 2-3 thousand acres from grazing Land however it was more along some streams which was not in Lea County. Lea County came out pretty well in the Plans.

- Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-196R Supporting the 2017 Legislative Priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-196R Supporting the 2017 Legislative Priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-197R Ratifying In State Travel on September 14-15, 2016 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the New Mexico Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee Meeting (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-197R Ratifying In State Travel on September 14-15, 2016 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the New Mexico Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-198R Approving In State Travel on October 13-14, 2016 to attend the New Mexico Association of Counties Board of Directors Meeting in Lordsburg, New Mexico (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Fulfer moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-198R Approving In State Travel on October 13-14, 2016 to attend the New Mexico Association of Counties Board of Directors Meeting in Lordsburg, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-199R Authorizing the Sale of Land Owned by Lea County to Love's Travel Stops & County Stores, Inc. (John Caldwell, County Attorney)

Lea County Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-199R Authorizing the Sale of Land Owned by Lea County to Love's Travel Stops & County Stores, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-200R Approving Funding Request for the Centennial Celebration. (Lyn Edwards, Community Engagement Director)

Director Edwards requested approval. Commissioner Britton moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-200R Approving Funding Request for the Centennial Celebration. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-201R Authorizing Out of State Travel on November 26-December 2, 2016 to Las Vegas, Nevada for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Convention (Emily Martin for Jake Crumb, General Manager)

Event Manager Martin requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-201R Authorizing Out of State Travel on November 26-December 2, 2016 to Las Vegas, Nevada for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Convention. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-202R Approving the 2017 Lea County Employee Calendar (Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)

Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-202R Approving the 2017 Lea County Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-203R Authorizing a Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for the Automated Weather Observation System at the Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Director Needham requested approval. Commissioner Fulfer moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-203R Authorizing a Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for the Automated Weather Observation System at the Lea County Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-204R Approving the Certification of County Fixed Assets List (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Britton moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-204R Approving the Certification of County Fixed Assets List. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-205R Authorizing Budget Adjustments (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Fulfer moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 16-OCT-205R Authorizing Budget Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of the Lea County Fairgrounds Bunny Barn. (Erich Francke, Facilities)

Director Francke presented a discussion of the Lea County Fairgrounds Bunny Barn by power point. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County Department Activity Reports

Director Martinez presented the Lea County Communications Authority activity report by power point. No action taken.

Director Edwards presented the Lea County Community Engagement activity report by power point. No action taken.

Interim Warden Quintana presented the Lea County Detention Center activity report by power point. No action taken.

Director Ford presented the Lea County DWI/Prevention activity report by power point. No action taken.

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Environmental and the Lea County Emergency activity report by power point. No action taken.

Director Lathrop presented the Lea County Information Technology activity report by power point. No action taken.

Lea County Assistant Manager of Operations Needham presented the Public Works activity report. No action taken.

Director Low presented the Lea County Finance activity report. No action taken.

- Discussion of the Lea County Accounts Payable (Chip Low, Finance Director)

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

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other Business.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.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

Kelli Williams

