

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
February 02, 2017**

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse

Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dean Jackson District 1, Vice Chair Rebecca Long District 2, Chair Ron Black District 3, Commissioner Jonathan Sena District 4, and Commissioner Richard Don Jones District 5.

Also present were Lea County Assistant Manager - Operations Corey Needham, and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

Commissioner Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**
 - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-026R Approving the following Meeting Minutes:
 - January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - January 26, 2017 Special Meeting

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-026R Approving the Following Minutes: January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting and January 26, 2017 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-027R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates.

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-027R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-028R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council.

Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-028R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-029R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-029R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously. Charles Beasley was appointed to the Lea County Memorial Committee.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports

- Comments from the Public

Mr. Kirk Chavez of 2043 Highland Drive, Hobbs, NM spoke about the upcoming appointment of County Sheriff.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-030R Opposing the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Use in the State of New Mexico

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-030R Opposing the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Use in the State of New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-031R Authorizing the 2016-2017 Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Constructors, Inc for Aggregate for Surface Treatment with Constructors Inc. (Assistant County Manager – Operations, Corey Needham)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-031R Authorizing the 2016-2017 Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Constructors, Inc for Aggregate for Surface Treatment with Constructors Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-032R Declaring the Vacation and Abandonment of the Southern 1.48 Miles of San Simon Roadway Located South of New Mexico State Highway 176 in Southern Lea County. (Assistant County Manager – Operations, Corey Needham)

Assistant County Manager of Operations requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-032R Declaring the Vacation and Abandonment of the Southern 1.48 Miles of San Simon Roadway Located South of New Mexico State Highway 176 in Southern Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-033R Authorizing Budget Adjustments (Finance Director, Chip Low)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-033R Authorizing Budget Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Report

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

ITEM 04: 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 Involving the Sheriff's Office, Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant, Involving Water Rights, Land Usage, Contracts and the Detention Center, and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Participant in the Following Matters: Gaskins v. Lea County et al., 506-CV-2016-01324; Lopez v. Lea County, 2:15-CV-00822; Texas File LLC v. Lea County, 506-CV-2014-00794; and the Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 9:42 a.m. Commissioner Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H2), (H7), and (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to discuss Limited Personnel Matters regarding investigations and complaints involving the Sheriff's Office, Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant, Involving Water Rights, Land Usage, Contracts, Alleged Violation of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, and the Detention Center, and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Participant in the Following Matters: Gaskins v. Lea County et al., 506-CV-2016-01324 Lopez v. Lea County, 2:15-CV-00822, Texas File LLC v Lea County, 506-CV-2014-00794, and the Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion

was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chairman Black yes; Vice Chairman Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena; yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

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

ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Ron Black

Ron Black, Chairman

Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long, Vice Chairman

Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson, Member

Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena, Member

Don Jones

Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

Carrie Sandoval

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