

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
February 06, 2017**

Chair Black called the meeting to order 9:00 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 Manager Michael P. Gallagher II, and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

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

Due to the withdrawal of candidate Jon Casey Martinez, a recess was called at 9:07 a.m., reconvening at 9:44 a.m.

9:44 a.m. Kathleen Chantelle Opaitz gave presentation.

9:54 a.m. Commissioner's questions.

10:04 a.m. Break

10:14 a.m. Reconvened

10:15 a.m. Roland Byron Wester gave presentation.

10:21 a.m. Commissioner's questions.

10:34 a.m. Break

10:44 a.m. Reconvened

10:44 a.m. Kevin Pate Burnam gave presentation.

10:54 a.m. Commissioner's questions.

11:05 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Reconvened

11:15 a.m. Mark Collins Hargrove's presentation.

11:24 a.m. Commissioner's questions.

11:34 a.m. Break

11:44 a.m. Reconvened

11:44 a.m. Joe Howard Wall Jr.'s presentation.

- 11:54 a.m. Commissioner's questions.**
- 12:05 p.m. Break**
- 12:15 p.m. Reconvened**
- 12:15 p.m. Thomas (Tom) E. Dunford's presentation.**
- 12:24 p.m. Commissioner's questions.**
- 12:35 p.m. Break**
- 12:45 p.m. Reconvened**
- 12:45 p.m. Roger Dale Johnson gave presentation.**
- 12:48 p.m. Commissioner's questions.**
- 12:55 p.m. Break**
- 1:05 p.m. Reconvened**
- 1:05 p.m. Peter (Pete) Thomas Honigmann gave presentation.**
- 1:14 p.m. Commissioner's questions.**
- 1:27 p.m. Approved Resolution.**

ITEM 01: ACTION ITEMS

- **Board of County Commissioners**
 - **Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-034R Approving the Appointment of Lea County Sheriff (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)**

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-034R Approving the Appointment of Byron Wester as Lea County Sheriff. The motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair Long and approved unanimously.

1:29 p.m. Recess until 2:00 p.m.

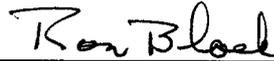
Reconvened at 2:06 p.m., then a motion was made by Commissioner Sena and seconded by Commissioner Jackson and approved unanimously to recess until 2:30 p.m.

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Reconvened at 2:36 p.m., Oath of Office by Roland Byron Wester was administered by Judge Gary L Clingman.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



Ron Black, Chair



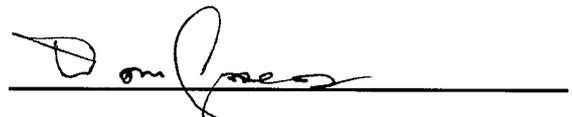
Rebecca Long, Vice Chair



Dean Jackson, Member



Jonathan Sena, Member



Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



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