

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
February 16, 2017**

**Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 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.**

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-035R Approving the following Meeting Minutes:
  - February 2, 2017 Regular Meeting
  - February 6, 2017 Special Meeting

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-035R Approving the Following Minutes: February 2, 2017 Regular Meeting and February 6, 2017 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-036R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates.

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-036R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Sena stated, it has been a real honor getting to know everyone. He stated going forward he feels it is important we all work together with the oil companies. Vice Chair Long stated, I will be attending the New Mexico Association of Counties board meetings tomorrow and Saturday.

- Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Proclamation Recognizing Lea County Employees for Receiving the New Mexico Association of Counties 2016 Worker's Compensations Safety Award, Division IV

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Proclamation Recognizing Lea County Employees for Receiving the New Mexico Association of Counties 2016 Worker's Compensations Safety Award, Division IV. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-037R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report (Sherry Ann Baggoo, Indigent Claims Specialist)

Indigent Claims Specialist Baggoo requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-037R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-038R Approving Appointments to 2017 Board of Registration (Keith Manes, County Clerk)

Clerk Manes requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-038R Approving Appointments to 2017 Board of Registration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-039R Approving an Extension to the Term of an agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico Junior College for the Proposed Indoor Equine Facility (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-039R Approving an Extension to the Term of an agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico Junior College for the Proposed Indoor Equine Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena, Commissioner Jackson voted no. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-040R Approving a Partnership between Lea County and City of Lovington for the Design and Engineering of the Commercial Street By Pass Project, Phase II (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-040R Approving a Partnership between Lea County and City of Lovington for the Design and Engineering of the Commercial Street By Pass Project, Phase II. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-041R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Development and Timeline (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-041R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Development and Timeline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-042R Approving the Allocation of Safety Award Funding For Employee Recognition Programs (Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)

Director Bova requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-042R Approving the Allocation of Safety Award Funding For Employee Recognition Programs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-043R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2017 (Kelly Ford, DWI/Probation Director)

Director Ford requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-FEB-043R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

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

- Discussion of Lea County Centennial Celebration (Lyn Edwards, Community Engagement Director)

Director Edwards presented a presentation of the Lea County Centennial Celebration. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Report

Director Low presented a presentation of the Lea County Finance Report. No action taken.

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

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

**ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant, Involving Water Rights, and Contracts; and the Acquisition and Disposal of Real Property in Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 9:46 a.m. Vice Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, , (H7), and (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant, Involving Water Rights, and Contracts; and the Acquisition and Disposal of Real Property in Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena; yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 12:04 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 12:04 a.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Ron Black

Ron Black, Chair

Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long, Vice Chair

Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson, Member

Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena, Member

Don Jones

Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

Kelli Williams

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