

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2017**

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 9:06 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-MAR-059R Approving the March 09, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-059R Approving the March 09, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-060R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates.

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-060R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the Public.

- **Commissioner and Manager Comments**

Commissioner Sena stated, I attended the Joint Chambers & Economic Development Event at the Event Center yesterday. He stated one of the major producers I visited with, brought up the issue: they are getting workers in, but they are still in need of housing. He stated, I don't know what kind of opportunities can be worked out but, I would be interested in pursuing it. Chair Black stated, the meeting yesterday was a good meeting. I hope they consider doing it every year.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-061R Authorizing the Approval and Execution of an Application for Law Enforcement Protection Funds (LEPF) for FY 2017-2018 (Byron Wester, County Sheriff)

Sheriff Wester requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-061R Authorizing the Approval and Execution of an Application for Law Enforcement Protection Funds (LEPF) for FY 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-062R Accepting the FY 2015-2016 Financial Audit (Chip Low, Director of Finance)

Director Low requested approval. Chris Garner, CPA, Audit Partner with Axiom, presented a presentation concerning the FY 2015-2016 Financial Audit. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-062R Accepting the FY 2015-2016 Financial Audit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-063R Approving an Agreement between Lea County and the City of Eunice for the Repair and the Improvement of Texas Road (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-063R Approving an Agreement between Lea County and the City of Eunice for the Repair and the Improvement of Texas Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-064R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 06 Care & Maintenance of Sick and Indigent (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested to post pone this item. Commissioner Sena moved to post pone Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-064R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 06 Care & Maintenance of Sick and Indigent. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-065R Approving Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Reporting For Knowles, Maljamar and Monument (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Office of Emergency Management)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-065R Approving Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Reporting for Knowles, Maljamar, and Monument. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-066R Approving Detention Center Sewage and Detention Center/Courthouse Fresh Water Treatment Solution (Erich Francke, Director of Facilities)

Director Francke requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-066R Approving Detention Center Sewage and Detention Center/Courthouse Fresh Water Treatment Solution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-067R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Artist Events', Inc for Concert Promoter and Lineup for the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-067R Approving Recommendations for the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Artist Events Inc for Concert Promoter and Lineup for the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-068R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Benjamin Bendele III, Roughstock Rodeo Sound Production for Sound Production at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-068R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Benjamin Bendele III, Roughstock Rodeo Sound Production for Sound Production at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-069R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Pete Carr, Carr Pro Rodeo, Ltd

for Stock Contractor for the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-069R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Pete Carr, Carr Pro Rodeo, Ltd. for Stock Contractor for the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-Mar-070R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander for Photography at the 82nd Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-070R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander for Photography at the 82nd Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-071R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Gizmo McCracken for Gizmo's Comedy Show at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-071R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Gizmo McCracken for Gizmo's Comedy Show at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-072R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Andy Stewart, Pro Rodeo Announcer as Rodeo Announcer at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-072R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement

between Lea County and Andy Stewart, Pro Rodeo Announcer as Rodeo Announcer at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-073R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Wright's Outdoor Amusement Company for the Carnival at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, General Manager of Fairgrounds)

General Manager of Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAR-073R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Wright's Outdoor Amusement Company or the Carnival at the 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Drilling Company Reporting Survey (Sharla Kennedy, County Assessor and Jerry Wisdom, Total Assessment Solutions Corporation)

Assessor Kennedy introduced Jerry Wisdom with Total Assessment Solutions Corp. Mr. Wisdom presented a discussion of the Lea County Drilling Company Reporting Survey. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center's Activity Report (Ruben Quintana, Warden of Detention Center)

Warden Quintana presented a discussion of the Lea County Detention Center's activity report. No action taken.

- Discussion of State of New Mexico Environmental Departments Annual Inspections for the Lea County Landfill and Convenience Centers (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Office of Emergency Management)

Director Velasquez presented a discussion of State of New Mexico Departments Annual Inspections for the Lea County Landfill and Convenience Centers. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Department's Activity Report (Chip Low, Director of Finance)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County Finance Department's activity report. No action taken.

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. No action taken.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H2), (H7), 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, 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; TexasFile LLC v. Lea County, 506-CV-2014-00794; as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 10:33 a.m. Vice Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, , (H2), 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, Contracts, and the Detention Center, and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a participant in the Following Matter: Gaskins v. Lea County et al., 506-CV-206-01324; Lopez v. Lea County, 2:15-CV-00822; TexasFile LL C v. Lea County, 506-CV-2014-00794 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 12:12 p.m.

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

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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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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