

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
April 13, 2017**

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 Jackson 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-APR-074R Approving the March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-074R Approving the March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- **Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-075R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates.**

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-075R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- **Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-076R Approving Appointment to the Lea County Community Improvement Corporation**

Chair Black nominated himself for the Lea County Community Improvement Corporation. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-076R Approving Appointment to the Lea County Community Improvement Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- **Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-077R Approving Appointments to the Lea County Valuation Protests Board**

Assessor Kennedy requested approval Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-077R Approving Appointments to the Lea County

Valuation Protests Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-078R 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-APR-078R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Proclamation Recognizing April 9-15, 2017 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He recognized the following employees: Angela Martinez, Director of the LCCA, Jessica Villanueva Accreditation Manager, and Chief Jeff McCall Vice Chairman of the LCCA. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Proclamation Recognizing April 9-15, 2017 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

There were no comments from the Public.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Manager Gallagher stated, I would like to recognize the county staff, Chip Low, our elected officials and directors with a special recognition to Cristina Wilhoit. This is the second year Lea Counties name has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. It is the highest accreditation a government entity can obtain for the quality and clarity of the budget. Everyone did a very good job. He asked Eric Francke to come up and discuss the new podium. Director Francke stated the podium is my gift to Lea County. It is made with oak, walnut, mahogany, alder and maple woods coming from the remodel of the Michigan Building for Nor-Lea and his grandchildren's cribs.

Commissioner Jones stated Sheriff Wester came to Eunice and met several people. We discussed the speed problem and putting radar in the Sheriff's vehicles. We visited Monument and discussed how to update the Monument Community Center and area.

Commissioner Sena stated, I would like to say thank you to Mr. Kemp for educating me on the Fair and Rodeo. Commissioner Sena feels there are opportunities

for partnerships. The City of Hobbs would be open to partnering for the Veterans Memorial. I would like to discuss the possibility of having a consent agenda in the future.

Commissioner Jackson said on a personal note, he would like to give accolades to the Lovington and Knowles Fire Department for their hard work responding to a fire at his parent's house.

Vice Chair Long, stated, congratulations on the budget award. Last week she was in Santa Fe working on the New Mexico Association of Counties budget. They went over different legislative bills and how they affect each of the 33 counties. The governor signed a bill sponsored by Representative Gallegos that cleared up the language allowing the highest-ranking deputy to occupy the position until someone is appointed by the County Commission, if there is a vacancy in the sheriff's position. She recognized Director Velasquez and his team for putting on a great week for all the Emergency Management people in New Mexico.

ITEM 02: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**
 - Pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H7), 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; as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 9:33 a.m. Vice Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H7), 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; as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena; yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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

ITEM 03: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-079R Authorizing Out of State Travel on June 3-8, 2017 to San Antonio, Texas for the

2017 National Emergency Number Association Conference (Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director)

Director Martinez requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-079R Authorizing Out of State Travel on June 3-8, 2017 to San Antonio, Texas for the 2017 National Emergency Number Association Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-080R Approving a Revised and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Consolidated Emergency Communications in Lea County (Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director)

Director Martinez requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-080R Approving a Revised and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Consolidated Emergency Communications in Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-081R Authorizing Out of State Travel on April 30 – May 4, 2017 to Allen, Texas for WatchGuard Video Factory Training (Ruben Quintana, Warden of Detention Center)

Warden Quintana requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-081R Authorizing Out of State Travel on April 30 – May 4, 2017 to Allen, Texas for WatchGuard Video Factory Training. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-082R Approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Fire Protection Fund Distribution from the New Mexico State Fire Marshal Division to the Knowles, Maljamar, and Monument Volunteer Fire Departments and to the Lea County Fire Administration (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Office of Emergency Management)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-082R Approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Fire Protection Fund Distribution from the New Mexico State Fire Marshal Division to the Knowles, Maljamar, and Monument Volunteer Fire Departments and to the Lea County Fire Administration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-083R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and OKC Back UP Acting as Sole

Sound & Lighting Contractor (Concert Series) for the 2017, 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-APR-083R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and OKC Back UP Acting as Sole Sound & Lighting Contractor (Concert Series) for the 2017, 82nd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-084R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Reita Creek Scoreboard Acting as Sole Contractor Providing the Video Scoreboard at the 2017, 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-APR-084R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Reita Creek Scoreboard Acting as Sole Contractor Providing the Video Scoreboard at the 2017, 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-APR-085R Authorizing Out of State Travel on May 20-24, 2017, to Denver, Colorado for the Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No 17-APR-085R Authorizing Out of State Travel on May 20-24, 2017, to Denver, Colorado for the Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-086R Approval of Findings, Proposed Disposition and Transfer of Inventory (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-086R Approval of Findings, Proposed Disposition and Transfer of Inventory. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-087R Approval of Budget Adjustments (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-087R Approval of Budget Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and moved unanimously.

ITEM 04: BUDGET

- Discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget (Michael Gallagher, County Manager and Chip Low, Finance Director)

Manager Gallagher, and Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget by power point. No action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-088R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 06 2016-2017 Care & Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-088R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 06 2016-2017 Care & Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Commissioner Sena recused himself from voting. All other Commissioners voted yes, the motion passed.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-089R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 07 2016-2017 Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chairman Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-089Rn Awarding Request for Proposal No. 07 2016-2017 Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-090R Approving Government Agency Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-APR-090R Approving Government Agency Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 05: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Annual Report of Property Appraisal (Sharla Kennedy, County Assessor)

Assessor Kennedy presented a discussion of Lea County's Annual Report of Property Appraisal. No action taken.

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

Director Edwards presented a discussion of Lea County's Centennial Celebration, by video. No action taken.

- Discussion of Accreditation of the Lea County Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program (Kelly Ford, Director of DWI Program & Probation)

Director Ford presented a discussion of Accreditation of the Lea County Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program. No action taken.

- Discussion of Public Safety Telecommunication Academy and Lea County Communication Authority (Angel Martinez, Communication Authority Director)

Director Martinez presented a discussion of Public Safety Telecommunication Academy and Lea County Communication Authority. No action taken.

ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Gallagher asked the Commission if it would be okay to let the County Employees have Good Friday as a Holiday. All Commissioners agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Rebecca Long, Vice Chair

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