

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 11, 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.

Vice Chair Long 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-MAY-099R Approving the April 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-099R Approving the April 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-100R Setting and/or Confirming the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates.

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-100R 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 public comments.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Manager Gallagher stated, I would like to thank Vice Chair Long, Director Bova, Director Low and Director Ford for attending the Advisory Council meeting with me this week.

Commissioner Jones stated, I would like to thank Director Francke and his staff for the way they handled the gas leak that could have been very bad.

Commissioner Sena stated, I would like to thank Kelly Ford and Kelly Burkley for the incredible work they do. He appreciates Manager Gallagher, it's important for an organization to value its team members.

Commissioner Jackson stated, I would like to thank the Finance Department for the job they do and we had a nice luncheon on Friday.

Vice Chair Long stated, all the affiliates come together at the Advisory Council meeting earlier this week to schedule the summer conference.

Chair Black stated, we appreciate our employees of Lea County, I would like to congratulate Manager Gallagher on the Employee of the Week idea.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-101R a Resolution Under the New Mexico Community Development Incentive Act Exempting Commercial Property Owned by Middle Daisy, LLC ("Middle Daisy") from the Imposition of Certain Property Tax in Connection with a Proposed Solar Electric Power Generation Facility Located in Lea County, New Mexico in Exchange for a Negotiated Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-101R a Resolution Under the New Mexico Community Development Incentive Act Exempting Commercial Property Owned by Middle Daisy, LLC ("Middle Daisy") from the Imposition of Certain Property Tax in Connection with a Proposed Solar Electric Power Generation Facility Located in Lea County, New Mexico in Exchange for a Negotiated Payment in Lieu of Taxes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously. Rocky Ray, Middle Daisy Developer, made comments.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-102R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and City of Lovington for Improvements and Reconstruction of a Portion of Love Street and Washington Avenue in Lovington, New Mexico (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-102R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and City of Lovington for Improvements and Reconstruction of a Portion of Love Street and Washington Avenue in Lovington, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-103R Authorizing in State Travel on May 14-15, 2017 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for Water Hearings (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-103R Authorizing In State Travel on May 14-15, 2017 and June 11-12, 2017 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for Water Hearings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-104R Approving Lea County's Preliminary Budget FY 2017-2018 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-MAY-104R Approving Lea County's Preliminary Budget FY 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H2), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters, Namely Evaluation of County Manager, Including any Adjustment under Section 3B "Compensation" of the Employment Contract, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 9:25 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 Property Valuation; 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.

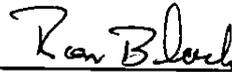
The meeting reconvened at 10:36 p.m.

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

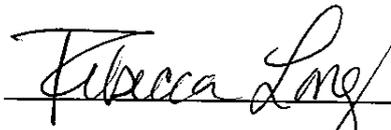
Lea County Attorney Caldwell, made comments concerning the Water Hearings. Chair Black, Vice Chair Long, and Commissioner Sena decided they will not be going to this hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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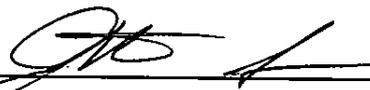
Ron Black, Chair



Rebecca Long, Vice Chair



Dean Jackson, Member



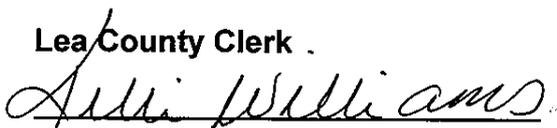
Jonathan Sena, Member



Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

