

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 21, 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 Sena, District 4, Via Telephone, 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 Jones.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-213R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:

- September 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-213R September 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- September 11, 2017 Special Meeting

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-213R September 11, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

There were no comments.

- Recognition of County Employees

Sheriff Wester recognized Leona Wylie for 10 years of service. Director Martinez recognized Amber Burke for 1 year of service, and Erika Whitehead for 10 years of service, Warden Quintana recognized Marquez Thomas for 1 year of service, and Manager Gallagher recognized Lorenzo Velasquez for 10 years of service.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Vice Chair Long, stated there will be a town hall meeting at the Event Center on September 26, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-214R Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Policy. (Corey Helton, Chair of the Fair & Rodeo Board)

Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-214R Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-215R Authorizing Out of State Travel on November 25 – December 8, 2017 to Las Vegas, Nevada for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Convention (Corey Helton, Chair of the Fair & Rodeo Board)

Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-215R Authorizing Out of State Travel on November 25 – December 8, 2017 for Trey Kerby, Pat Sims, Corey Helton, and Larry Wheeler to Las Vegas, Nevada for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Convention. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-216R to Accept or Reject Recommendations from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Preliminary Plat of the Libba Subdivision (Bruce Reid, County Planner)

Chair Black swore County Planner Reid in for the hearing to accept or reject recommendations from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Preliminary Plat of the Libba Subdivision. County Planner Reid requested approval. Daniel Johncox with Young's Mobile Homes was sworn in for the hearing. He made comments concerning the preliminary plat of the Libba Subdivision. Mark Duran, Executive Director of the Manufactured Housing Association was sworn in for the hearing. He made comments concerning manufactured homes, and the preliminary plat of the Libba Subdivision. Chris Cortez, from Adkins Engineering, was sworn in for the hearing. He made comments concerning, the water availability around the Libba Subdivision. Jackie Adkins, with Adkins Engineering was sworn in for the hearing. He made comments concerning water rights and the water table. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-216R to Accept Recommendations from the Lea

County Planning and Zoning Board for the Preliminary Plat of the Libba Subdivision. Attorney Caldwell stated, if there is anyone else that would like to make a comment please do so now. The motion died from lack of second.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-217R Establishing User Fees for the Lea County Event Center (Monica Russell, Event Center General Manager)

Event Center General Manager Russell requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-217R Establishing User Fees for the Lea County Event Center. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-218R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-218R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018 1st payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-219R Budget Adjustments No. 07 FY 2017 – 2018 (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Vice Chairman Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-219R Budget Adjustments No 01 FY 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Financial Report (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low presented a discussion on the Lea County Financial Report. No action taken.

- Discussion of the New Mexico Hospitality Association Regional Tourism Economic Summit in Lea County on September 27, 2017 (Lyn Edwards, Community Engagement Director)

Director Edwards presented a discussion on the New Mexico Hospitality Association Regional Tourism Economic Summit in Lea County on September 27, 2017. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County Airports Activities and Status of Projects (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham presented a discussion on the Lea County Airports Activities and Status of Projects. 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 Environmental and Insurance Coverage Issues and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Party, *Sanchez v. Surratt*, , as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 10:50 a.m. Vice Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session 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, Environmental and Insurance Coverage Issues and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Party, *Sanchez v. Surratt*, and the Disposal of Real Property, 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 12:15 p.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-SEP-220R Granting Xcel Energy a Permanent Right of Way (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to postpone this item to a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Jonathan Sena

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ATTEST: Keith Manes

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