

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
November 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 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-NOV-242R Approving the November 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-242R Approving the November 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

There were no comments

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena stated he attended the Lea County Prayer Breakfast at the University of the Southwest. He expressed his gratitude toward the citizens of Lea County.

Commissioner Jackson stated he attended the Employee Appreciation Luncheon last week. He expressed his gratitude towards the Employees of Lea County.

Chair Black stated he attended the Employee Appreciation Luncheon last week. He recognized Manager Gallagher for his informative messages to the County each week.

- Recognition of County Employees (Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)

Warden Quintana recognized Rodelia Acosta for 20 years of service to Lea County.

Sheriff Wester presented accommodations and medals to two officers who went beyond the call of duty. Deputy Cody Arson was awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Valor. Deputy Skye Wentland was awarded a Life Saving Medal, and the Medal of Honor.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-243R Approving the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for 2018

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No 17-NOV-243R Approving the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-244R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report (Sherry Ann Baggoo, Indigent Claims Specialist)

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-244R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-245R Allowing Partnerships between Lea County and Each Municipalities for Veterans Memorials

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-245R Allowing Partnerships between Lea County and Each Municipalities for Veterans Memorials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-246R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown & Associates, LLC for Concert Promoter and Lineup for the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commisisoner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-246R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown & Associates, LLC for Concert Promoter and Lineup for the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commisisoner Sena, Chair Black voted no, all other Commissioners voted yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-247R 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 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-247R 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 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-248R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander for Photography at the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-248R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander for Photography at the 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-249R 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 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-249R 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 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-250R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Cody Sosebee as Rodeo Barrelman at the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-250R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Cody Sosebee as Rodeo Barrelman at the 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-251R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Brice Chapman as Rodeo Specialty Act at the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-251R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Brice Chapman as Rodeo Specialty Act at the 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-252R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Wrights Amusement Company for the Carnival at the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-252R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and Wrights Amusement Company for the Carnival at the 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-253R 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 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & PRCA Rodeo)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-253R 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 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-254R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreement between Lea County and OKC Backup Acting as Sole Sound & Lighting Contractor (Concert Series) for the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-254R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Agreements between Lea County and OKC Backup Acting as Sole Sound & Lightning Contractor (Concert Series) for the 2018, 83rd 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-NOV-255R Authorizing a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Airline Marketing at Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No.-17-NOV-255R Authorizing a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Airline Marketing at Lea County Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimsouly.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Oil & Gas Personal Property Audit for Lea County (Sharla Kennedy County Assessor)

Assessor Kennedy presented a discussion of the Oil & Gas Personal Property Audit for Lea County. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County's 2018 Legislative Priorities (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented Lea County's 2018 Legislative Priorities. No action taken.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H2), (H7), and (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Involving the Sheriff's Office, Threatened Litigation in which the County May Become a Participant Involving a Contract in Southern Lea County, Pending Litigation Sanchez v. Surratt et al., and the Disposal of Real Property in Central and Southern Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 10:05 a.m. Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H2),(H7),(H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Involving the Sheriff's Office, Threatened Litigation in which the County May Become a Participant Involving a Contract in Southern Lea County, Pending Litigation Sanchez v. Surratt et. al., and the Disposal of Real Property in Central and Southern 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 11:16 a.m.

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

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-256R Granting Xcel Energy a Permanent Right of Way (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. David Allen with Xcel Energy made comments. Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-NOV-256R Granting Xcel Energy a Permanent Right of Way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long, Vice Chair

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Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena, Member

Don Jones

Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

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