

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
December 14, 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 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-DEC-257R Approving the November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17- DEC-257R Approving the November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- **Public Comments**

There were no comments

- **Commissioners and Manager Comments**

Manager Gallagher wished the staff, public and Commission a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He expressed his enjoyment of working with everyone particularly the Commissioner this year.

Commissioner Jones thanked the county employees for all the hard work and professionalism year round.

Commissioner Sena wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He expressed his gratitude for the partnerships responsible in fixing the city park and the veteran's memorial.

Commissioner Jackson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vice Chair Long wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She expressed her gratitude for the Lea County employees with a special thank you to John Caldwell, and Sandra Stout-Brito.

Chair Black wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He expressed his gratitude towards the Lea County employees, hard work and dedication. He stated he attended a meeting last week in Roswell, the Resource Allocation Committee of the Bureau of Land Management. It was an all-day meeting the only thing discussed that could be a potential problem is the Prairie Chicken, and the Sand Dune Lizard.

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

Director Martinez recognized Alisha Hanson for 1 year of service.

Warden Quintana recognized William Holland for 5 years of service, and Javier Rios and Shilo Valencia for 1 year of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham recognized Anthony Florez for 5 years of service.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-258R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Charged Gate Admittance Hours for the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager)

Manager of the Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-258R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Charged Gate Admittance Hours for 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-DEC-259R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Customer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, August 8th of the 2018, 83rd Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager)

Manager of the Fairgrounds Kemp requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-259R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Customer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, August 8th of 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-DEC-261R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Lovington for the Construction of a Veterans Memorial Park in Lovington, New Mexico (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-261R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Lovington for the Construction of a Veterans Memorial Park In Lovington, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-262R Lea County's Budget Submittal to the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-262R Lea County's Budget Submittal to the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-263R Authorizing In State Travel in January 2018 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the New Mexico Association of Counties Legislative Conference and to Attend Legislative Meetings (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-263R Authorizing In State Travel in January 2018 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the New Mexico Association of Counties Legislative Conference and to Attend Legislative Meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-264R Adopting the 2018 Legislative Priorities of Lea County (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-264R Adopting the 2018 Legislative Priorities of Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-265R Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-265R Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-266R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in Chula Vista Subdivision Adjacent to Ponderosa Road (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-266R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in Chula Vista Subdivision adjacent to Ponderosa Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-260R Approving the Retirement of Lea County Sheriff's Office K-9 Pito (Byron Wester, County Sheriff)

Sheriff Wester requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-260R Approving the Retirement of Lea County Sheriff's Office K-9 Pito. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-267R Approving Monument Community Center Improvements (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No.-17-DEC-267R Approving Monument Community Center Improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-268R Authorizing the Replacement of Chiller at the Lea County Courthouse (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-268R Authorizing the Replacement of Chiller at the Lea County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-269R Approving a CES Professional Services Agreement between Lea County NPSR for Design Services at the Lea County Event Center (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-269R Approving a CES Professional Services Agreement between Lea County and NPSR for Design Services at 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-DEC-270R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018 2nd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-270R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018 2nd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long Commissioner Jackson voted no, the motion passed.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-271R Approving the Certification of County Fixed Assets List. (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-DEC-271R Approving the Certification of County Fixed Assets List. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham presented a discussion of the Lea County Regional Airport. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County DWI/Probation Activity Report (Kelly Ford, DWI/Probation Director)

Director Ford presented a discussion of the Lea County DWI/Probation activity report. No action taken.

Chair Black called a break at 10:44 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

- Discussion of Knowles Community Center (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke presented a discussion of the Knowles Community Center. No action taken.

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report. No action taken.

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

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 (H7), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Party Before the Office of the State Engineer, More Specifically OSE Files L-12652 through L-12694, Threatened Litigation in Which the County may Become a Participant Involving Reimbursement for Medical Expenses and Breach of Contract as Authorized by NMSA 1978 as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 11:17 a.m. 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 Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Party Before the Office of the State Engineer, More Specifically OSE Files L12652 through L-12694, Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant Involving Reimbursement for Medical Expenses and Breach of Contract, 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 12:37 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 12:39 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Ron Black

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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