

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
January 11, 2018**

**Commissioner Black called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse**

**Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dean Jackson, District 1, Commissioner Rebecca Long, District 2, Commissioner 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 Long led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.**

**ITEM 01: ELECTION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Election of Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell requested nominations. Commissioner Sena nominated Commissioner Black as the Chair. Secretary polled the Commission: Commissioner Jones, yes, Commissioner Sena, yes, Commissioner Jackson, no, Commissioner Long, yes, Commissioner Black, yes. Commissioner Black assumed the role of Chair.

- Election of Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners (Newly Elected Chair, Board of County Commissioners)

Chair Black requested nominations. Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Long as the Vice Chair. Secretary polled the Commission: Commissioner Jones, yes, Commissioner Sena, yes, Commissioner Jackson, yes, Commissioner Long, yes, Chair Black, yes. Commissioner Long assumed the role of Vice Chair.

**ITEM 02: COMMISSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-001R Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners for 2018

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-001R Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County

Commissioners for 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-002R Approving the December 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-002R Approving the December 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Discussion of "What to Expect" in 2018

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of "What to Expect" in 2018. No action taken.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones stated, Jal is in need of housing real bad.

Commissioner Sena thanked Deputy Murillo, for his service. He agreed with Commissioner Jones regarding housing in Jal. He made comments concerning crime, and the possibility of partnerships to redevelop some of the apartment complexes in Hobbs.

Commissioner Jackson stated, I feel blessed to be up here at this time. He thanked the Lea County Employees for their service.

Vice Chair Long stated next week we will be attending the New Mexico Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Santa Fe.

Chair Black recognized Manager Gallagher and Director Low for their hard work managing our finances through a rough time. He stated I would like to pursue trying to get some help with funding for our roads from the state.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-003R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance

Chair Black reappointed himself, and Johnny Cope to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-003R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy-Lea Energy

Alliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jackson voted no, all other Commissioners voted yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-004R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board

Vice Chair Long reappointed Phillip Ross to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-004R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-005R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council

Commissioner Jackson appointed Wes Pack to replace Carl Dawson to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-005R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-006R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee

Commissioner Jackson reappointed David Jiron, Vice Chair Long reappointed LeAnn Whitehead, Chair Black Reappointed Rich Schapp, Commissioner Sena reappointed Telesforo Rendon to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-006R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-007R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board

Commissioner Jackson reappointed Trey Kerby, Vice Chair Long reappointed Rick Schapp, Commissioner Sena reappointed Kathy Welborn, Commissioner Jones reappointed Marcy Butts, to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-007R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-008R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee

Commissioner Jackson reappointed David Minton, Vice Chair Long reappointed Charles Beasley, Chair Black reappointed Carol Parish, Commissioner Sena reappointed Bob Cox, Commissioner Jones appointed Charlie Ferbrache to the Lea County Memorial Committee. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-008R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-009R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board

Commissioner Jackson reappointed Kay Hardin, Vice Chair Long reappointed Gary Eidson, Commissioner Jones reappointed Daniel Johncox to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-009R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-010R Approving Appointments and /or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee

Commissioner Jackson reappointed Brad Woody, Chair Black reappointed Ken Batson, and Commissioner Jones reappointed James Smith to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-010R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-011R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-011R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-012R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Water Users Association

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-012R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Water Users Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-013R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-013R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington-Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-014R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission

Commissioner Jackson reappointed Sally Olivas to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-014R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-015R Approving Appointments and /or Confirming Appointments to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments

Appointments to the private sector will be post poned until next meeting. Manager Gallagher was reappointed to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County No. 18-JAN-015R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-016R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-016R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 03: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-017R Approving the Open Meeting Act Requirements and Procedures for Lea County (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-017R Approving the Open Meeting Act Requirements and Procedures for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-018R Approving the Award of Proposal No. 06 2017-2018 Architectural Services for the Remodel and Repurpose of the Offices Within Lea County Historic Courthouse to NPSR (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-018R Approving the Award of Proposal No. 06 2017-2018 Architectural Services for the Remodel and Repurpose of the Office Within Lea County Historic Courthouse to NPSR. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-019R Approving the Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Lovington for Improvements to Love Street (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Brad Nesser, CEO, and Lead Architect made comments. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-019R Approving the Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Lovington for Improvements to Love Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-020R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Development and Timeline (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-020R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018-

2019 Budget Development and Timeline. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-021R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding 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. 18-JAN-021R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding 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. 18-JAN-022R Authorizing Out of State Travel January 28-31, 2018 to Hurst, Texas to attend the 2018 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Southwest Region Airports Conference (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-022R Authorizing Out of State Travel January 28-31, 2018 to Hurst, Texas to attend the 2018 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Southwest Region Airports Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-023R Approving Sub Grant Agreement No. EMW-2017-SS-00032-S01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-023R Approving Sub Grant Agreement No. EMW-2017-SS-00032-S01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-024R Approving the Award of Proposal No. 02 2017-2018 Recycling of Tires & Tubes at the Lea County Landfill and Hobbs Convenience Center to Hobbs Iron & Metal (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-024R Approving the Award of Proposal No. 02 2017-2018 Recycling of Tires & Tubes at the Lea County Landfill and Hobbs convenience

Center to Hobbs Iron & Metal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-025R Approving a Fitness Program for County Employees (Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)

Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-025R Approving a Fitness Program for County Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 04: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion of Amending Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2019-2023 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of amending Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2019-2023. 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 Lea County's Accounts Payable. No action taken.

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

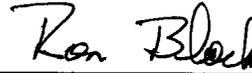
Director Low presented Lea County's Financial Report. No action taken.

**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS**

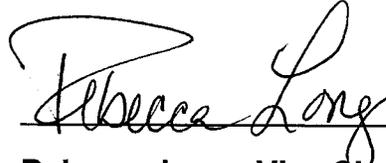
There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Ron Black, Chair



Rebecca Long, Vice Chair



Dean Jackson, Member



Jonathan Sena, Member



Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



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