

Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
January 25, 2018

Chair 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. 18-JAN-026R Approving the January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-026R Approving the January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Manager Gallagher recognized the County Staff, at the New Mexico Association of Counties Conference this past week the County was awarded the Safety Award Honorable Mention for Division VI.

Commissioner Jones stated we attended the New Mexico Association of Counties Conference in Santa Fe last week where I had the opportunity to meet with the New Mexico Department of Transportation regarding signage.

Commissioner Sena thanked the staff for the presentation to the state officials last week in Santa Fe.

Commissioner Jackson thanked staff for their work in Santa Fe. He invited everyone to the Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 located in the Chaparral Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds.

Vice Chair Long thanked staff for their great representation at the New Mexico Association of Counties Conference in Santa Fe.

Chair Black congratulated Vice Chair Long, who is the president elect for the New Mexico Association of Counties. He thanked staff and the elected officials for taking an active role in that organization.

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

Director Martinez recognized Juliana Harrington for 1 year of service, Chris Barron for 25 years of service, and Kristine Calderon for 5 years of service.

Lieutenant of Operations Maldonado recognized Melissa Whinery for 5 years of service and Kathleen Roberts for 10 years of service.

- Consideration of Approval of Proclamation Recognizing the Month of February as American Heart Month and Encourage County Residents to Take Advantage of Local Opportunities for Health Screening and Health Education (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Shannon Bush, Director of Marketing and Tim Thornell CEO, Lea Regional Medical Center made comments. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Proclamation Recognizing the Month of February as American Heart Month and Encourage County Residents to Take Advantage of Local Opportunities for Health Screening and Health Education. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-027R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board

Commissioner Jones reappointed Gooser Armstrong to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-027R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-028R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council

Commissioner Sena reappointed Diane Henry, and Commissioner Jones reappointed Casey Arcidez to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-028R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-029R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee

Commissioner Jones appointed Melody Beckham to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-029R 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-030R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board

Chair Black reappointed Corey Helton to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-030R 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-031R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee

Vice Chair Long reappointed Mark Gainer, and Commissioner Sena Appointed Vivian Flemens to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-031R Approving 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-032R Approving Appointments and /or Confirming Appointments to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments

No appointments made

#### ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-033R Approving Grant No. G17SN0017A Modification No. 2 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018 (Wm. Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Commander)

Commander Sullivan requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-033R Approving Grant No. G17SN0017A

Modification No. 2 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-034R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board to Procure the Services of Reita Creek Scoreboard to Provide the Video Scoreboard at the 2018 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Chair of the Fair & Rodeo Board Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-034R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board to Procure the Services of Reita Creek Scoreboard to Provide the Video Scoreboard at the 2018, 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-035R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board to Procure the Services of Swiftly Swine Productions to Provide the Pig Racing at the 2018 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Corey Helton Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Chair of the Fair & Rodeo Board Helton requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-035R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board to Procure the Services of Swiftly Productions to Provide the Pig Racing at the 2018, 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-036R Amending Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2019-2023 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-036R Amending Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2019-2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-037R Approving an Agreement between Lea County and NPSR for Architectural Services for the Remodel and Repurpose of Offices Within Lea County Historic Courthouse (Proposal No. 06 2017-2018) (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-037R Approving an Agreement between Lea County and NPSR for Architectural Services for the Remodel and Repurpose of Office Within Lea County Historic Courthouse (Proposal No. 06 2017-2018). The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-038R Approving the Creation of the Lea County Coordinated Legislative Committee (Micheal Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to Approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-038R Approving the Creation of the Lea County Coordinated Legislative Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-039R Authorizing Out of State Travel March 1-9, 2018 to Washington D.C. to attend the 2018 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and Legislative Meetings (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-039R Authorizing Out of State Travel March 1-9, 2018 to Washington D.C. to attend the 2018 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and Legislative Meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-040R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 03 FY 2017-2018 (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-JAN-040R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 03 FY 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

#### ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Issuing Request for Proposals for Various Services such as Economic Development, and the Care and Maintenance of the Sick and Indigent (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of issuing requests for proposals for various services such as Economic Development, and the care and maintenance of the sick and indigent. 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.

- Public Comments

Rocio Ocana, Staff Attorney, with NM Legal Aid, invited everyone to the Open House and Pro Se Clinic, New Mexico Legal Aid is hosting on February 9, 2018. The open house will be from 12-1 and the Pro Se Clinic will be from 1:30-4:00 p.m. and will be available to all Lea County residents who qualify.

**ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Board of County Commissioners

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7), and (H8) 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, Property Taxes, Utility Rates, Employer/Employee Relations; and the Acquisition of Real Property in Southern Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 10:01 a.m. Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H7), and (H8), 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, Property Taxes, Utility Rates, Employer/Employee Relations; and the Acquisition of Real Property in Southern Lea County, 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 11:48 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**

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.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

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