

Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
February 8, 2018

Chair 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, 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. 18-FEB-041R Approving the January 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-041R Approving the January 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

Jenna Decker Secretary and Treasurer of Group A Protests made comments in opposition of Lea County's applications to the State Engineer to appropriate new permits.

Gary Fonay with Group A Protests made comments concerning the lack of water in Lea County and the opposition of Lea County's applications to the State Engineer to appropriate new permits.

Carl Johnson with Group A Protests made comments concerning the lack of water in Lea County, and the opposition of Lea County's applications to the State Engineer to appropriate new permits.

ITEM 02: 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, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 9:21 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, 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 10:12 a.m.

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

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-046R Authorizing Action Regarding Lea County's Water Applications L-12652-L-12694

Commissioner Jackson moved that Lea County terminate its contract with the Law Firm of Stein & Brockman, issue a request for proposals for representation on water law matters, and in the interim enter into a professional services contract for a water law attorney or firm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

Chair Black called a break at 10:14 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena stated he was contacted by a constituent concerning the road more specifically Bender in Hobbs NM. He would like to possibly discuss what might be able to be done in the future.

Commissioner Jackson stated he is proud of what he witnessed this morning, the people and the government working as one to achieve a compromise.

Vice Chair Long stated I attended the New Mexico Association of Counties Board meeting on Friday and Saturday in Santa Fe. We went over all of the legislative priority bills that will either negatively or positively affect Lea County.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-042R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments

Steve Vierck was appointed as the representative from the public sector to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-042R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-043R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report (Sherry Ann Baggio, Indigent Claims Specialist)

Indigent Claim Specialist Baggio requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-043R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No 18-FEB-044R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2019 (Kelly Ford, DWI/Probation Director)

Director Ford requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-044R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-045R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Community DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2019 (Kelly Ford, DWI/Probation Director)

Director Ford requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-FEB-045R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Community DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 04: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of the Lea County Drug Task Force 2017 End of Years Stats (Sean Roach, Commander)

Commander Roach presented a discussion of the Lea County Drug Task Force 2017 End of Year Stats. No action taken.

- Discussion and Update of Lea County's Centennial and Proposal of Sponsorship (Sharla Kennedy, County Assessor)

Assessor Kennedy, and Field Appraiser Capps presented a discussion and update of the Lea County's Centennial and Proposal of Sponsorship. No action taken.

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

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

- Discussion of Lea County's FY 2019 Preliminary Budget Revenue (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's FY 2019 Preliminary Budget Revenue. No action taken.

ITEM 05: 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 Threatened Litigation Concerning a Contract for Construction Services; and the Acquisition of Real Property in Southern Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 11:57 a.m. Vice 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 Threatened Litigation Concerning a Contract for Construction Services; 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 1:16 p.m.

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ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 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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