

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 8, 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.

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-MAR-054R Approving the February 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-054R Approving the February 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena congratulated the Lady Eagles on making it to the Semi-Finals for the State Championship today. He expressed his gratitude for the experience of being on the Commission. He expressed his opinion that Undersheriff Dunford should be appointed to fulfill the vacancy of the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Jackson commended the Volunteer Fire Departments, they do an excellent job.

Vice Chair Long stated last Friday and Saturday she represented Lea County and New Mexico at the National Association of Counties in Washington D.C.

Chair Black congratulated the NMJC Lady T-Birds Track Team for winning the second straight National Track Meet.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-055R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report (Sherry Ann Baggio, Indigent Claims Specialist)

Indigent Claims Specialist Baggio requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-055R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-056R Approving Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10, 2017-2018 for As-Needed Legal Counsel Regarding Water Law for Lea County (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-056R Approving Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10, 2017-2018 for As-Needed Legal Counsel Regarding Water Law for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-057R Approving Amendment of Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Corrections for the Operation of Lea County Correctional Facility (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-057R Approving Amendment of Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Corrections for the Operation of Lea County Correctional Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-058R Approving Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract for Reconstruction of 9th Street Near Lovington New Mexico (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-058R Approving Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract for Reconstruction of 9th Street Near Lovington New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-059R Approving Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract with IPR for Slurry/Micro Seal on Various County Roads (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-059R Approving Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract with IPR for Slurry/Micro Seal on Various County Roads. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-060R Authorizing Out of State Travel March 22-23, 2018 and March 29-30, 2018 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Burns (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)

Assistant County Manager of Operation Needham in lieu of Director Velasquez requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-MAR-060R Authorizing Out of State Travel March 22-23, 2018 and March 29-30, 2018 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Burns. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Wide P25 Radio MOA Proposed Revisions (Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director)

Director Martinez presented a discussion of the Lea County Wide P25 Radio MOU Proposed Revisions. No action taken.

- Discussion of Recent County Fires & Fire Prevention (Jeff Broom, Deputy Fire Marshal)

Deputy Fire Marshal Broom presented a discussion of Recent County Fires & Fire Prevention. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentations (Department Heads)

Assessor Kennedy presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentations for the Assessor's office. No action taken.

Clerk Manes presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the Clerk's office. No action taken.

Undersheriff Dunford presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the Sheriff's Department. No action taken.

Treasurer Marinovich presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the Treasurer's office. No action taken.

Director Ford presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the DWI program. No action taken.

Director Low presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the Finance Department. No action taken.

Administrator Lathrop presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the IT Department. No action taken.

Attorney Caldwell presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the Legal Department. No action taken.

Director Bova presented the Lea County's FY 2018-2019 Budget Presentation for the HR Department. No action taken.

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 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

Kelli Williams

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