

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
April 19, 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-APR-077R Approving the April 05, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-077R Approving the April 05, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- **Public Comments**

There were no public comments

- **Commissioners and Manager Comments**

Commissioner Sena thanked Missy Belz and Josh Gandy for attending and representing Autism Awareness. He stated he discovered there is an Equestrian Center being built in his district by the private sector.

Commissioner Jackson thanked the Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Management.

- **Public Hearing:** Hearing to Consider Amendment to 2004 Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance or Louisiana Energy Services (LES) Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes

At 9:03 a.m. Chairman Black called the Public Hearing to Consider Amendment to 2004 Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance or Louisiana Energy Services (LES) Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes to order. Vice Chair Long moved to recess this public hearing until 9:00 a.m. Thursday May 3, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission: Commissioner Jones, yes,

Commissioner Sena, yes, Commissioner Jackson, yes, Vice Chair Long, yes, Chair Black, yes.

- **Public Hearing:** Hearing to Consider Amendment to 2015 Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance of Louisiana Energy Services (LES) Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Black called the Public Hearing to Consider Amendment to 2015 Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance of Louisiana Energy Services (LES) Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes to order. Vice Chair Long moved to recess this public hearing until 9:00 a.m. Thursday May 3, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission: Commissioner Jones, yes, Commissioner Sena, yes, Commissioner Jackson, yes, Vice Chair Long, yes, Chair Black, yes.

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

Fairgrounds General Manager Kemp recognized Marshall Connel for 1 year of service.

Assistant County Manager – Operations Needham recognized Michael Anthony for 1 year of service, and Gary Szaloy for 5 years of service.

Warden Quintana recognized Alexa Stitt for 1 year of service, Victor Murillo for 10 years of service, Diana Winters for 15 years of service, and Jeff Fountain for 20 years of service.

Director Low recognized Deanna Gomez for 1 year of service, and Kathy McLaughlin for 20 years of service.

- Consideration of Approval of Proclamation Recognizing April 8-14, 2018 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Manager Gallagher read the Proclamation for the Commission. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Proclamation Recognizing April 8-14, 2018 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month

Commissioner Sena read the Proclamation for the Commission. Josh Gandy and Missy Belz made comments concerning Autism Awareness. Vice Chair Long

moved to approve Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Vice Chair Long read the Proclamation for the Commission. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-078R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-078R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena and passed unanimously.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-079R Approving Government Agency Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-079R Approving Government Agency Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-080R Approving FY 2018-2019 Merit Increase for Lea County Employees (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-080R Approving FY 2018-2019 Merit Increase for Lea County Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-081R Approving Change Orders for the Lea County Judicial Complex Construction (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-APR-081R Approving Change Orders for the Lea County Judicial Complex Construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of FY 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget for Lea County (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of FY 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget for Lea County. 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 the Matter of Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Revision of its Retail Rates, Case Number 17-00255-UT and Threatened Litigation in Which the County May become a Party Concerning Land in Central Lea County; and the Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 10:12 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 the Matter of Southwestern Public Service Company's Application for Revision of its Retail rates, Case Number 17-00255-UT and Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Party Concerning Land in Central Lea County; and the Disposal of Real Property in Central 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 1:35 p.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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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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