

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
September 4, 2018**

**Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Lea County Courthouse**

**Commissioners present were, to wit: 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 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.**

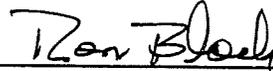
**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- **Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-177R Declaring Opposition to Straight-Party Voting and Encouraging the Lea County Clerk Not to Allow Straight-Party Voting in the 2018 General Election**

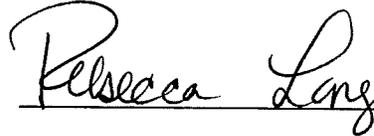
Chair Black made comments opposition of straight-party voting. Commissioner Jackson moved to amend the original resolution to read: Be it Further Resolved that the Commission Chair provide a statement or affidavit in support of the positions stated by the Petitioners in their Emergency Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed on August 30, 2018, before the New Mexico Supreme Court in Unite New Mexico et al. versus Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State of New Mexico, and to change language associated with the Lea County Clerk to: to do all within his power. The motion to amend was seconded by Vice Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed. Manager Gallagher read a letter to the Commission written by Mary McClure in opposition of straight-party voting. Clerk Manes made comments in opposition of straight-party voting, and his willingness to do whatever is possible. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-177R Declaring Opposition to Straight Party Voting and Encouraging the Lea County Clerk Not to Allow Straight Party Voting in the 2018 General Election. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.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



Kelli Williams

