

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
September 20, 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 Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.**

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-179R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes
  - August 23, 2018 Regular Minutes
  - September 4, 2018 Special Meeting
  - September 14, 2018 Special Meeting (Certification of the State of New Mexico Property Tax Rates for Lea County)

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-179R approving the August 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, September 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, and the September 14, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

- **Commissioners and Manager Comments**

Commissioner Sena stated the City Park in Hobbs opened officially. He expressed his gratitude for the partnership efforts.

Vice Chair Long recognized and thanked Craig Bova for the artwork he gave her to bring to the State Fair representing Lea County.

- **Recognition of County Employees – Service Awards**

Sheriff Helton recognized Deputy Cathy Carnes for 1 year of service.

Assessor Kennedy recognized Heather Adams and Jenessa Rios for 1 year of service, they also received their Appraiser 1 Certificates.

Director Bova in lieu of Director Ford recognized Denise Cerna for 1 year of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham recognized Carlos Lerma for 1 year of service.

Director Francke recognized Herculano Salmon for 5 years of service.

Warden Quintana recognized Eric Bland for 5 years of service and Sharon Waller for 10 years of service.

Commissioner Jackson recognized Royce Smith for 30 years of service.

- Discussion of General Obligation Bond (Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President, New Mexico Junior College)

Dr. Sharp President, New Mexico Junior College presented a discussion of the General Obligation Bond. No action taken.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-180R Approving Appointments and or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy – Lea Energy Alliance

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-180R Approving Appointments and or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy – Lea Energy Alliance. Commissioner Sena to replace Vice Chair Long, and to confirm the appointment of Chair Black. 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.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-181R Authorizing a Contribution of \$25,000.00 to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC (Ron R. Black, Chair)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-181R Authorizing a Contribution of \$25,000.00 to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, no; Commissioner Jackson, no; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, no. The motion did not pass.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-182R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the Town of Tatum for Funding of Infrastructures and Facilities Improvements (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-182R Approving an Agreement between Lea County and the Town of Tatum for Funding of Infrastructures and Facilities Improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Mayor Burns thanked the Commission. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-183R Authorizing Grant Agreement No. 16-A2444 Amendment No. 01 between Lea County and State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for the Plan Design and Construction Expansion of the Lea County Regional Airport (Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project) (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-183R Authorizing Grant Agreement No. 16-A2444 Amendment No. 01 between Lea County and State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for the Plan Design and Construction Expansion of the Lea County Regional Airport (Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project). 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 motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-184R Authorizing Grant Agreement No. 18-C2524 between Lea County and State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for the Plan, Design and Construction Expansion of the Lea County Regional Airport (Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project) (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-184R authorizing Grant Agreement No. 18-C2524 between Lea County and State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for the Plan, Design and Construction Expansion of the Lea County Regional Airport (Fund

89200 Capital Appropriation Project). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-185R Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for the Lea County Regional Airport Terminal Expansion – Phase 1 Parking Area (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-185R Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division for the Lea County Regional Airport Terminal Expansion – Phase 1 Parking Area. 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 motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-186R Authorizing Disbursement of Materials for Damaged Fencing on Bilbrey and Crossroads Roadways Due to the 2018 NM 206 Fire (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-186R Authorizing Disbursement of Materials for Damaged Fencing on Bilbrey and Crossroads Roadways Due to the 2018 NM 206 Fire. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-187R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Alley in Block 4, of the Monument Heights Addition in Monument, New Mexico. (Bruce Reid, County Planner)

County Planner Reid requested approval. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-187R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Alley in Block 4, of the Monument Heights Addition in Monument, New Mexico. 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 motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-188R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Midway Road Right of Way in Lea County, New Mexico. (Bruce Reid, County Planner)

County Planner Reid requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-188R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Midway Road Right of Way in Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-189R Authorizing Out of State Travel October 9-11, 2018 to San Francisco, California to Attend the OpenGov Executive Customer Advisory Board Meeting (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-189R authorizing out of state travel October 9-11, 2018 to San Francisco, California to attend the OpenGov Executive Customer Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was seconded Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-190R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-SEP-190R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, no; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

**ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion of Historic Courthouse Remodel (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke, Manager Gallagher, and Brad Nesser, Architect with NPSR, presented a discussion of the Historic Courthouse remodel. No action taken.

- Discussion of Multipurpose Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke Manager Gallagher, and Brad Nesser, Architect with NPSR, presented a discussion of the Multipurpose Building at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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.

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low presented Lea County's Accounts Payable.

**ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.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*

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*Don Jones*

Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

*Kelli Williams*

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