

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 4, 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 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-OCT-191R Approving the September 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-191R Approving the September 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Manager Gallagher recognized his mom, Debbie Gallagher.

Commissioner Jones commended the City of Jal for being the busiest small town in New Mexico right now and still keeping the crime rate low.

Commissioner Sena stated there is a lot of movement in the oil & energy industry at the moment. He commended the City of Hobbs for their efforts on approving new housing. He stated it is important we support energy at every level. He commended Sheriff Helton, and the Sheriff's Department for their hard work.

Chair Black welcomed Mrs. Gallagher.

- Recognition of County Employee for the Implementation of NOVA time
 - Finance Department

- Suzanne Norris – Payroll Administrator

Director Low and Manager Gallagher presented Suzanne Norris with a Plaque for her hard work with the implementation of Nova Time, the time clock system.

- Consideration of Lea County Proclamation of Safety on New Mexico State Highway 176

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Proclamation of Safety on New Mexico State Highway 176. 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

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-192R Authorizing in State Travel November 1-2, 2018 to Taos, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – County Manager’s Affiliate Retreat (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-192R Authorizing in State Travel November 1-2, 2018 to Taos, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – County Managers’ Affiliate Retreat. 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-OCT-193R Authorizing Grant Agreement No. 18-C2521 between Lea County and State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for the Plan, Design, Construction, Renovation, Expansion, Equipment, and Furnishing of the Lea County Courthouse (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-OCT-193R Authorizing Grant Agreement No. 18-C2521 between Lea County and State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for the Plan Design, Construction, Renovation, Expansion, Equipment, and Furnishing of the Lea County Courthouse (Capital Appropriation Project). 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 Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-194R Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and the City of Lovington Regarding Road Maintenance (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-194R Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and the City of Lovington Regarding Road Maintenance. 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-OCT-195R Authorizing Disbursement of Materials for Damaged Fencing on Sartin Road Due to the 2018 Highway 206 Sartin Road 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-OCT-195R Authorizing Disbursement of Materials for Damaged Fencing on Sartin Road Due to the 2018 Highway 206 Sartin Road Fire. 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-OCT-196R Approving the 2019 Lea County Employee Calendar (Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)

Director Bova requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-196R Approving the 2019 Lea County Employee Calendar. 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-OCT-197R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding 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-OCT-197R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding 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-OCT-198R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Midway Road Right of Way in Lea County, New Mexico (Bruce Reid, County Planner)

County Planner Reid suggested this item be post poned until the next meeting. Commissioner Jackson moved to post pone Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-198R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Midway Road Right of Way in Lea County, New Mexico. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black, yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Lea County Board of Commissioners**
 - Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation Involving Recovery of Public Funds, Water Rights Applications in Lea County, and Contracts Involving County Buildings and Joint Powers Agreements, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 9:27 a.m. Vice 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 Threatened Litigation Involving Recovery of Public Funds, Water Rights Applications in Lea County, and Contracts Involving County Buildings and Joint Powers Agreements, 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 11:27 a.m.

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

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 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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