

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 18, 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-199R Approving the October 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-199R Approving the October 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena stated, last week he attended the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conference. He stated it was one of the best conferences he has attended.

Commissioner Jackson agreed the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conference was one of the best conferences he has attended. He stated thank God for the rain.

Vice Chair Long stated, I attended the New Mexico Board of Directors Meeting, and I was invited to participate in a phone call with several White House officials concerning the US, Mexico, and Canada trade agreement.

Chair Black, commended Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham for the excellent job at the Lea County Fly In.

- Recognition of County Employee – Service Awards

Sheriff Helton recognized Aileen Vizcerra and Jeanette Sandoval for 1 year of service, and Chris Rider for 10 years of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham recognized Scott Taylor for 1 year of service.

Director Francke recognized Edmundo Lara for 1 year of Service.

Cassie Corley in Lieu of Director Velasquez recognized Stephanie Dowell for 5 years of service.

Warden Quintana recognized Maria Valenzuela for 1 year of service, Sonya Terrell for 5 years of services and Rita Carrillo for 15 years of service.

- Consideration of Lea County Proclamation Recognizing Friday, October 19, 2018 as Paint the County Pink Day

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Proclamation Recognizing Friday, October 19, 2018 as Paint the County Pink Day. 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 Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-200R Approving the Lea County Indigent Burial/Cremation Report (Elizabeth White, Interim Indigent Claims Specialist)

Interim Indigent Claims Specialist White requested approval. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-200R Approving the Lea County Indigent Burial/Cremation Report. 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.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-201R Approving the Lea County Employee Wellness Program (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-201R Approving the Lea County Employee Wellness Program. 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-202R Approving a Partnership Agreement Between the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, the New Mexico State Fire Marshals Division and Lea County (Jeff Broom, Deputy Fire Marshal)

Deputy Fire Marshal Broom requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-202R Approving a Partnership Agreement Between the New Mexico State Fire Marshals Division and Lea County. 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.

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

Manager Gallagher, Director Francke, and Brad Nesser with NPSR Architects presented a discussion of the Lea County Historic Courthouse Remodel. No action taken.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-203R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal or to Solicit Bids for a General Services Building to be Located at the Lea County Fairgrounds (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-203R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal or to Solicit Bids for a General Service Building to be Located at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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-204R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal or to Solicit Bids for Electrical Improvements at the Lea County Fairgrounds (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-204R Authorizing the Staff to Solicit Bids for Electrical Improvements at the Lea County Fairgrounds by CES. 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-OCT-205R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal or to Solicit Bids for Parking Lot Improvements at the Lea County Fairgrounds (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-205R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal for Parking Lot Improvements at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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-206R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal or to Solicit Bids for Building Improvements at the Lea County Sheriff's Office (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-206R Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal for Building Improvements at the Lea County Sheriff's Office. 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-207R Authorizing Change Order for Improvements on the Lea County Employee North Parking Lot Located on Washington Street (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-207R Authorizing Change Order for Improvements on the Lea County Employee North Parking Lot Located on Washington Street. 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-208R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Midway Road Right of Way in Lea County, New Mexico (Bruce Reid, County Planner)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham suggested this item be postponed for a later meeting. Vice Chair Long moved to postpone Lea County Resolution No. 18-OCT-208R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding 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.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report. No action taken.

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable. No action taken.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Lea County Board of Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7), (H8) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Threatened Litigation Involving County Property in Northern Lea County; the Disposal of Real Property in the City of Hobbs and the Acquisition of Real Property in Southwest Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 10:46 a.m. Vice Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation Involving County Property in Northern Lea County; Disposal of Real Property Located in the City of Hobbs, and the Acquisition of Real Property Located in Southwest 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 12:05 p.m.

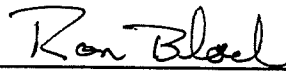
Let the record reflect that only those matters announced in the motion to go into closed session were discussed.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

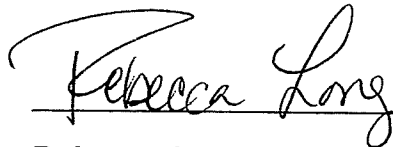
There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

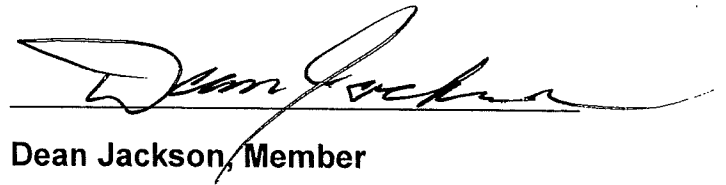
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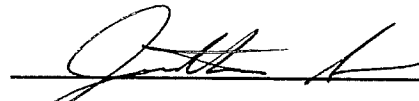
Ron Black, Chair



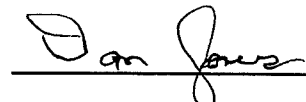
Rebecca Long, Vice Chair



Dean Jackson, Member



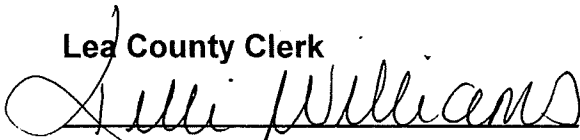
Jonathan Sena, Member



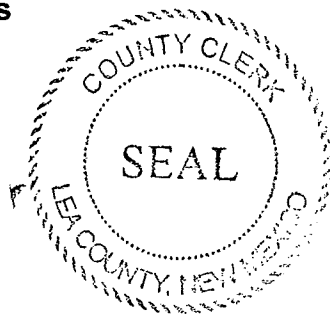
Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams



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Have a great weekend

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