

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
January 07, 2019**

**Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse**

**Commissioners present were, to wit: Vice Chair Dean Jackson, District 1, Chair Rebecca Long, District 2, Gary G. Eidson, 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 Eidson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.**

**ITEM 01: ELECTION**

• **Board of County Commissioners**

- Election of Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell requested nominations. Commissioner Sena nominated Commissioner Long as the Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Commissioner Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Election of Vice chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners (Chair Long, Board of County Commissioners)

Chair Long requested nominations. Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Jackson as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

**ITEM 02: COMMISSION**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-001R, Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners for 2019.

Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-001R Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners for 2019. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-001R, Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Commissioners for 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-002R, Approving the December 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-002R, Approving the December 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones thanked Ron Black for his service and thanked all of the volunteers who serve on all of the committees.

Commissioner Sena thanked Ron Black for his service, and welcomed Commissioner Eidson.

Commissioner Eidson thanked Ron Black for his service. He thanked everyone who has helped him with this transition.

Vice Chair Jackson thanked the volunteers on all of the committees. He welcomed Commissioner Eidson, and thanked Ron Black for his service.

Chair Long thanked Ron Black for his service and welcomed Commissioner Eidson.

- Recognition of County Employees – Service Awards

Sheriff Helton recognized William Jackson, and Clara Marques for 1 year of service.

Warden Quintana recognized Issac Reyes, and Diane Mackey for 5 years of service and Anthony Uranga for 10 years of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham recognized Billy Landes for 20 years of service. He recognized Monty Williams for his retirement after 26 years.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-003R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Eddy – Lea Energy Alliance

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-003R, Approving Appointments of Commissioner Sena, and Manager Gallagher to the Eddy – Lea Energy Alliance. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-004R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board

Vice Chair Jackson appointed Brad Woody. Commissioner Eidson appointed William F. Wright Jr, and Commissioner Sena appointed Kyle Armstrong to serve another term, to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-004R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-005R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council

Vice Chair Jackson appointed Dena Fleetwood to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-005R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-006R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

Vice Chair Jackson appointed Kallie Windsor, Chair Long appointed Pamela Beasley, Commissioner Eidson appointed David Porter, and Commissioner Jones appointed Todd Lord to serve another term to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-006R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-007R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board

Vice Chair Jackson appointed Larry Wheeler, Chair Long appointed Kris Allen, Commissioner Eidson appointed Terry Criswell, and Commissioner Sena appointed Tyson Pierce to serve another term to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-007R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-008R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee

Vice Chair Jackson confirmed David Minton, Chair Long confirmed Charles Beasley, Commissioner Eidson confirmed Carol Parish, and Commissioner Jones confirmed Charlie Ferbrache to the Lea County Memorial Committee. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-008R Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-009R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board

Chair Long appointed Michael Arnold, and Commissioner Eidson appointed Johnnie Hopper to serve another term to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-009R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-010R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee

Vice Chair Jackson appointed Randy Pettigrew, and Commissioner Jones appointed Cindy Shoobridge to serve another term to the Lea County Roads Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-010R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-011R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-011R Approving the Appointment of Chair Long and Confirm the Appointment of Assistant County Manager Needham to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-012R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Water Users Association

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-012R, Approving the Appointment of Vice Chair Jackson and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Water Users Association. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-013R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority

Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-013R, Approving Appointment of Gary G. Eidson and Confirming Appointments of Vice Chair Jackson and Chair Long to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-014R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission

Vice Chair Jackson appointed Zach Wieser, and Penny Kitchens to serve another term and confirmed the appointment of Sally Olivas to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-014R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-015R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments

Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-015R, Approving Appointments and Confirming the Appointments of Steve Vierck and Michael Gallagher to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-016R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-016R, Approving the Appointments of Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham, and Bruce Reid to serve another term to the Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-017R, Approving the Open Meetings Act Requirements and Procedures for Lea County (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any Public Comments concerning this agenda item. No comments were made. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-017R, Approving the Open Meetings Act Requirements and Procedures for Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long,

yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-018R, Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 07 2018-2019 Professional Production Services at the 2019 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)

Manager of the Fairgrounds Kemp in lieu of the Chair of the Fair & Rodeo Board Wheeler requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. No comments were made. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-018R, Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 07 2018-2019 Professional Production Services at the 2019 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-019R, Approving Grant No. G17SN0017A Modification No. 7 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018 (Wm Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Commander)

Commander Sullivan requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. No comments were made. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-019R, Approving Grant No. G17SN0017A Modification No. 7 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-020R, Approving Grant No. G17SN0017A Modification No. 8 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018 (Wm Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Commander)

Commander Sullivan requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. No comments were made. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JAN-020R, Approving Grant No. G17SN0017A Modification No. 8 between Lea County and the

Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

**ITEM 04: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report.

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

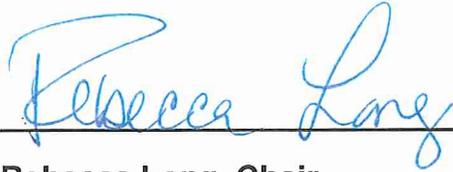
Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable.

**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

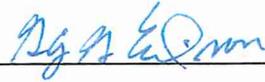
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