

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 21, 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 via telephone, 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 Jones.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-089R, Approving the March 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-089R Approving the March 7, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones stated I would like the public to know that we are working on the trash problem. We have crews working on county roads and state roads but we are unable to go on private lands.

Commissioner Sena thanked everyone for the prayers and support on the birth of his little girl. He thanked Manager Gallagher and Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham for their hard work.

Commissioner Eidson congratulated Commissioner Sena and his wife on the birth of their little girl. He congratulated the Lady Coyotes for winning the State Championship in basketball.

Vice Chair Jackson congratulated Commissioner Sena and his wife for the birth of their little girl. He congratulated the Lady Coyotes for winning the State Championship in basketball. He stated the trash issue is on our minds and we will do something about it.

Chair Long stated the 60-day session is over and I am thankful. She stated I will bring a more detailed report of what passed and what didn't at the next commission meeting.

Manager Gallagher stated we will be bringing a more detailed presentation before the commission for the next meeting, explaining how we are dealing with the trash.

- Recognition of County Employees – Service Awards:

Sheriff Helton recognized Deputy Dylan Holley for 1 year of service

Warden Quintana recognized Catrina Pando, Eva Clayton, and Randy Veerkamp for 1 year of service.

Clerk Manes recognized Cheri Long for 5 years of service.

Assessor Kennedy recognized Samantha Capps for 5 years of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham recognized Clarence Fite for 5 years of service.

Warden Quintana recognized Elsie Carreon for 10 years of service.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-090R, Approving Appointments and/or Confirming Appointments to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee

There were no appointments made.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-091R, Designating a Subcommittee to Visit and Inspect the Lea County Detention Center

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Chair Long nominated Commissioner Jones and Vice Chair Jackson as a subcommittee to visit the Lea County Detention Center. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-091R, Designating a Subcommittee to Visit and Inspect the Lea County Detention Center. 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-MAR-092R, Authorizing In State Travel to Attend the 2019 New Mexico Broad Summit “Connecting New Mexico – the Future of Broadband in our State”, March 22, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-092R, Authorizing In State Travel to Attend the 2019 New Mexico Broad Summit “Connecting New Mexico – the Future of Broadband in our State”, March 22, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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-MAR-093R, Authorizing In State Travel to Attend the 2019 New Mexico Counties 83rd Annual Conference, June 17-21, 2019 in Curry County, New Mexico (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-093R, Authorizing In State Travel to Attend the 2019 New Mexico Counties 83rd Annual Conference, June 17-21, 2019 in Curry County, New Mexico. 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.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-094R, Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 4 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2019 (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. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-094R, Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 4 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2019. 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-MAR-095R, Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 5 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2019. (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. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-095R, Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 5 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2019. 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-MAR-096R, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding – Air Traffic Control Tower Operations Agreement between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-096R, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding – Air Traffic Control Tower Operations Agreement between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Lea County Regional Airport. 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-MAR-097R, Approving the 2nd Option to Renew (Proposal No. 02 2015-2016) Agreement between Lea County and Securus Technologies, Inc. for Inmate Telephone Equipment and Service Agreement for the Lea County Detention Center (Ruben Quintana, Detention Center Warden)

Warden Quintana requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-097R, Approving the 2nd Option to Renew (Proposal No. 02 2015-2016) Agreement between Lea County and Securus Technologies, Inc. for Inmate Telephone Equipment and Service Agreement for the Lea County Detention

Center. 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-MAR-098R, Approving Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Reporting for Knowles, Maljamar and Monument (Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-098R, Approving Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Reporting for Knowles, Maljamar and Monument. 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-MAR-099R, Approving a Change Order between Lea County and Lasco Construction for the North Parking Lot Gates (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-099R, Approving a Change Order between Lea County and Lasco Construction for the North Parking Lot Gates. 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-MAR-100R, Approving a Water Supply Equipment Replacement for the Lea County Detention Center (Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Director Francke requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-100R, Approving a Water Supply Equipment Replacement for the Lea County Detention Center. 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-MAR-101R, Approving Recommendation from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation Dedicated Right of Way (ROW) of Arizona Avenue between Blocks One and Three in Camino Del Norte Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico (Bruce Reid, County Planner)

County Planner Reid requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-101R, Approving Recommendation from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation Dedicated Right of Way (ROW) of Arizona Avenue between Blocks One and Three in Camino Del Norte Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico. The Freeholders Committee's Recommendation was not to vacate. 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-MAR-102R, Approving Budget Adjustment No. 02 for Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-102R, Approving Budget Adjustment No. 02 for Lea County's Fiscal Year 2018-2019. 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-MAR-103R, Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2019, 3rd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Car Pool Fund (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-MAR-103R, Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2019, 3rd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Sena hung up at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's 2019-2020 FY Budget (Chip Low, Finance Director)

All of the elected officials and department heads presented a discussion of their 2019-2020 FY Budget.

- 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 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant Regarding a Breach of Contract, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- At 11:02 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson 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 in Which the County May Become a Participant Regarding a Breach of Contract, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. 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 meeting reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

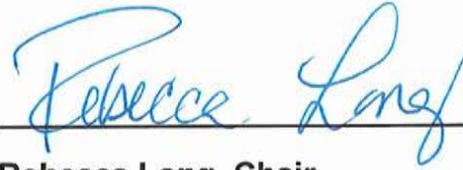
Let the record reflect that only those matters announced in the motion to go into closed session were discussed

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Gary G. Eidson, Member



Jonathan Sena, Member



Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

