

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
April 18, 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.

Vice Chair Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-114R Approving the April 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Nick Maxwell had questions concerning an agenda item on the minutes. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-114R, Approving the April 4, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena recognized Phillip Roybal, the Executive Director of Leaders.

Commissioner Eidson congratulated the Tatum Cheerleaders for their State Championship.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-115R Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Hobbs Municipal Schools for Career Technical Education (CTE) Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 (Chair Rebecca Long, District 2)

T.J. Parks Superintendent of Hobbs Municipal Schools, requested approval. Chair Long thanked Senator Kernan, Governor Grisham, and T.J. Parks for their help on this agenda item. Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Eidson made comments.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-115R approving an agreement between Lea County and Hobbs Municipal Schools for Career Technical Education (CTE) Not to Exceed \$200,000.00. The motion was seconded by 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.

- Recognition of County Employees – Service Awards

Captain Hernandez recognized Jeff Dyer, for 15 years of service, and Zane Brown, for 5 years of service.

Warden Quintana recognized Stephen Lemley, Benjamin Cook, Christian Utajara, Jason Hutchins, and Donovan Murillo for 1 year of service.

- Recognition of County Employees – Professional Achievement Award:
 - Society for Human Resource Management – Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) (Mike Gallagher, County Manager)
 - Craig Bova – Human Resources Department

Manager Gallagher recognized Director Bova for receiving the Society for Human Resource Management – Certified Professional award.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-117R Accepting the FY 2017-2018 Financial Audit for Lea County (Chris Garner, CPA/Partner of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP)

Chris Garner, CPA/Partner of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP presented the 2017-2018 Financial Audit for Lea County. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-117R Accepting the FY 2017-2018 Financial Audit for Lea County. 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-APR-116R Authorizing In State Travel to Attend the New Mexico Counties 2019 Legislative Meeting, April 25, 2019 in Roswell, New Mexico

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-116R Authorizing In State Travel to Attend the New Mexico Counties 2019 Legislative Meeting, April 25, 2019 in Roswell, New Mexico. 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 Proclamation Recognizing April 14-20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director)

Director Martinez requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve the Proclamation Recognizing April 14-20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. 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 Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month (Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Phillip Roybal, Executive director of Leaders made comments. Commissioner Sena moved to approve the Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month. 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.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-118R Approving Government Agency Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Nick Maxwell made comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-118R Approving Government Agency Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. 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-APR-119R Approving Added County Positions for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-119R Approving Added County Positions for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. 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-APR-120R Approving Merit/Cost of Living Increase for Lea County Employees for Fiscal year 2019-2020 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena made comments. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-120R Approving Merit/Cost of Living Increase for Lea County Employees for Fiscal year 2019-2020. 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-APR-121R Approving Lea County Road Projects List for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-121R Approving Lea County Road Projects List for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. 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-APR-122R Authorizing Out of State Travel to Attend the Wisenet Professional Certification Program (Camera & NVR Training), June 10-13, 2019 in Dallas, Texas (Ruben Quintana, Detention Center)

Warden Quintana 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-APR-122R Authorizing Out of State Travel to Attend the Wisenet Professional Certification Program (Camera & NVR Training), June 10-13, 2019 in Dallas, Texas. 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-APR-123R Approving Change Order with WWRC, Inc. for the Lea County Sheriff's Office – Exterior Improvement (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-APR-123R Approving Change Order with WWRC, Inc for the Lea County Sheriff's Office – Exterior Improvement. 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.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Email Security (Robert Lathrop, Information Technology Director)

Director Lathrop presented a discussion of Lea County's Email Security.

- Discussion of Lea County's Community Clean-Up Services (Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)

Director Velasquez presented a discussion of Lea County's Community Clean-Up Services

- Discussion of Lea County's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

- 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 and Discussion Related to Land In or Near Lovington, New Mexico, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 11:42 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, and Discussion Related to Land In or Near Lovington, New Mexico, 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 12:25 p.m.

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

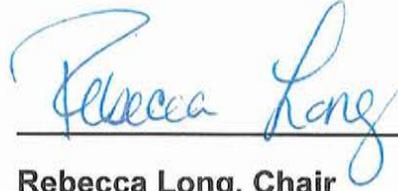
ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-APR-124R Recognizing Reorganization of Lea County Sheriff's Posse (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell 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-APR-124R Recognizing Reorganization of Lea County Sheriff's Posse. 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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

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Rebecca Long, Chair



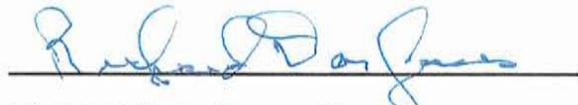
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Gary G. Eidson, Member

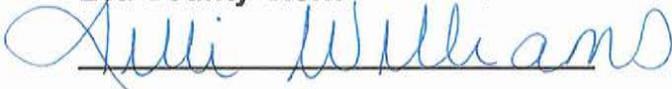


Jonathan Sena, Member



Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

