

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
July 18, 2019**

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse

Commissioners present were, to wit: Vice Chair Dean Jackson, District 1, Chair Rebecca Long, District 2, Commissioner Jonathan Sena via telephone, District 4, and Commissioner Richard Don Jones, District 5.

Commissioners not present were, Commissioner Gary G. Eidson, District 3

Also present were Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II, and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

Commissioner Richard Don Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Jonathan Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Public Comments

Danny Lovell from Chevron presents the board with a check for \$35,000. He stated that Chevron also donated \$14,000 to two of the volunteer fire departments a few months ago.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena requested to keep praying for Commissioner Eidson.

Vice Chair Jackson asked that everyone come out to the fair and rodeo. He stated that they have a great line of entertainment and reminded everyone that it is the one event the county sponsors.

Chair Long stated that she was in Clark County, Nevada, from Friday until Tuesday night at the National Association of Counties. She made comments in regards to the legalization of marijuana.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-169R, Amending Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUN-145R Creating New Precincts and Adjusting Precinct Boundaries. (Keith Manes, County Clerk)

Clerk Manes 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-JUL-169R, Amending Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUN-145R Creating New Precincts and Adjusting Precinct Boundaries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes;

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-170R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3047 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan Design, Construct, Equip and Furnish a Fire Station for Knowles Fire Department in Lea County. (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-JUL-170R, Grant Agreement No. 19-D3047 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan Design, Construct, Equip and Furnish a Fire Station for Knowles Fire Department in Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-171R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3052 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan, Design, Construct, Renovate, furnish and Equip the Historic Lea Courthouse in Lovington in Lea County. (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-JUL-171R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3052 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan, Design, Construct, Renovate, furnish and Equip the Historic Lea Courthouse in Lovington in Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-172R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3053 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan, Design, Construct, Equip and Furnish an Addition to the County Detention Center in Lea County. (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-JUL-172R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3053 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for

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Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan, Design, Construct, Equip and Furnish an Addition to the County Detention Center in Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-173R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3054 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan, Design, Construct, Furnish and Equip Improvements to the Fairgrounds in Lea County. (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Chair Long made comments in regards to thanking the senators and representatives for bringing this money to Lea County. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-173R, Approving Grant Agreement No. 19-D3054 Between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project to Plan, Design, Construct, Furnish and Equip Improvements to the Fairgrounds in Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-174R, Award Request for Proposal No. 01 FY 2019 – 2020 for Airline Service at Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant County Manager Needham requested approval. Chair long asked if we were looking at any medium to large size airport. Assistant County Manager Needham stated they are looking at Houston and any other medium to large size airport. Commissioner Jones asked if anyone had ever suggested Las Vegas. Assistant County Manager Needham made comments in regards to Commissioner Jones' question. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-174R, Award Request for Proposal No. 01 FY 2019 – 2020 for Airline Service at Lea County Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-175R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Hobbs Regarding Commercial Air Service at the Lea County Regional Airport. (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

County 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-JUL-175R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Hobbs Regarding Commercial Air Service at the Lea County Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

•Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-176R Approving Liability, Property, and Other Insurance Proposals for FY 2019 – 2020. (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

County Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Insurance Broker Kesner acknowledged and thanked the employees who help assist him. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-176R Approving Liability, Property, and Other Insurance Proposals for FY 2019 – 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed

•Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-177R Approving Ratification of Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for Project No. 20-E-52 Enhanced 911 Act Grant Program for the Lea County Communication Authority. (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 Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-177R Approving Ratification of Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for Project No. 20-E-52 Enhanced 911 Act Grant Program for the Lea County Communication Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed

•Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-178R Approving Out of State Travel July 25 - 26, 2019 and July 30 – 31, 2019 to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training. (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations on behalf of Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)

Assistant County Manager Needham requested approval. Chair Long commented on seeing the fire training in person. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUL-178R Approving Out of State Travel July 25 - 26, 2019 and July 30 – 31, 2019 to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County FY 2019 – 2020 Final Budget. (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of the Lea County FY 2019 – 2020 Final Budget.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**
 - Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H2), (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation with HB Construction Regarding the Lea County Judicial Complex, Pending Litigation *In Re National Prescription Opioid Litigation 1:17-MD-2804*; and the Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

At 10:02 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 (H2), (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation with HB Construction Regarding the Lea County Judicial Complex, Pending Litigation *In Re National Prescription Opioid Litigation 1:17-MD-2804*; and the Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.**

The meeting reconvened at 11:42 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 11:43 p.m.



Rebecca Long, Chair



Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Gary G. Eidson, Member



Jonathan Sena, Member



Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Hollye Shearer

