

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
May 7, 2020**

**Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse**

**Commissioners present were, to wit: Vice Chair Dean Jackson, District 1, Chair Rebecca Long, District 2, Commissioner Gary G. Eidson, District 3, 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. 20-MAY-090R Approving the April 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 20-MAY-090R Approving the April 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with clarification to No. 20-APR-087R that the motion at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting that approved 20-APR-087R was for Unit 1 and Unit 2 for the Sweet Home On Alabama Subdivision. 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

David Snider made comments in regards to him running for House of Representatives District 61.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Eidson asked for everyone to continue to keep frontline workers in their prayers.

Vice Chair Jackson stated to open up New Mexico.

Commissioner Sena made comments in regards to small businesses.

Chair Long made comments in regards to masks and gloves.

Manager Gallagher made comments in regards to the information they have received about COVID-19 cases in Lea County.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-091R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-091R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. 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 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-092R Amending the 2019 Polling Place Resolution for the 2020 – 2021 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-092R Amending the 2019 Polling Place Resolution for the 2020 – 2021 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election. 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. 20-MAY-093R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-093R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department. 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. 20-MAY-094R Approving the Nonprohibitive License Tax for Lea County. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-094R Approving the Nonprohibitive

License Tax 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. 20-MAY-095R Approving the 2020 – 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement Between Lea County and Utton & Kery, P. A., for As-Needed Legal Counsel Regarding Water Law. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-095R Approving the 2020 – 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement Between Lea County and Utton & Kery, P. A., for As-Needed Legal Counsel Regarding Water Law. 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. 20-MAY-096R Approving Ratification of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Agreements Associated with CARES Act for Airports. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations*)

Assistant County Manager Needham requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-096R Approving Ratification of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Agreements Associated with CARES Act for Airports. 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. 20-MAY-097R Approving a Survey and Design Task Order for Kansas Roadway. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations*)

Assistant County Manager Needham requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-097R Approving a Survey and Design Task Order for Kansas Roadway. 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. 20-MAY-098R Approving an Inmate Housing Agreement between Lea County and Curry County for the Lea County Detention Center. (*Warden Ruben Quintana, Detention Center*)

Warden Quintana requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-098R Approving an Inmate Housing Agreement between Lea County and Curry County for the Lea County Detention Center. 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. 20-MAY-099R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Community DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2021. (*Kelly Livingston, DWI/Probation Director*)

Director Livingston requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-099R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Community DWI Grant and Distribution Program for Fiscal Year 2021. 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. 20-MAY-100R Approving Change Order No. 07 Between Lea County and CDR Construction for the Lea County General Services Building Located at the Lea County Fairgrounds. (*Erich Francke, Facilities Director*)

Director Francke requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-MAY-100R Approving Change Order No. 07 Between Lea County and CDR Construction for the Lea County General Services Building Located at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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 FY 2020 – 2021 Budget. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

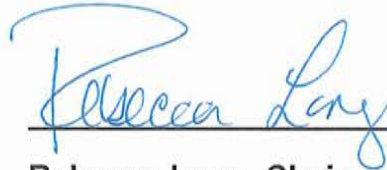
Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Budget.

**ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.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



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