

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
July 23, 2020**

**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, Commissioner Gary G. Eidson, District 3, Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4 By Phone, 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-JUN-152R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ June 11, 2020 Special Meeting
- ❖ June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
- ❖ June 26, 2020 Special Meeting
- ❖ July 2, 2020 Special Meeting

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-JUN-152R Approving the June 11, 2020 Special 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.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-JUN-152R Approving the June 11, 2020 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.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-JUN-152R Approving the June 26, 2020 Special 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.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-JUN-152R Approving the July 2, 2020 Special 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 Eidson thanked everyone for all that they are doing to help solve our current problems. He also commented on an email he received.

Commissioner Sena thanked the Hobbs Schools and the terrific job they did on graduation. He also commented on the opening of small businesses.

Vice Chair Jackson made comments in regards to COVID-19.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-JUL-153R 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-JUL-153R 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-JUL-154R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Epicenter Productions, LLC., for Professional Sound and Production Services for the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (*Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager*)

General Manager Kemp 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-JUL-154R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Epicenter Productions,

LLC., for Professional Sound and Production Services for the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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-JUL-155R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown & Associates as the Entertainment Booking Agency for Concerts During the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (*Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager*)

General Manager Kemp 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-JUL-155R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown & Associates as the Entertainment Booking Agency for Concerts During the 2021 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. 20-JUL-156R Approving the 2019 – 2020 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2020. (*Susan Marinovich, County Treasurer*)

County Treasurer Marinovich 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-JUL-156R Approving the 2019 – 2020 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 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. 20-JUL-157R Approving 1<sup>st</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for Banking and P-Card Services. (*Susan Marinovich, County Treasurer*)

No. 20-JUL-157R Approving 1<sup>st</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for Banking and P-Card Services was Postponed until August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-JUL-158R to Support an Application by Nor-Lea Hospital to the 2020 New Mexico Department of

Transportation's "Rail & Transport Grants for Seniors & People with Disabilities, Section 5310 and 5311 Programs" to Address the Need for Rural Health Transit Services for the Community. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher 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-JUL-158R to Support an Application by Nor-Lea Hospital to the 2020 New Mexico Department of Transportation's "Rail & Transport Grants for Seniors & People with Disabilities, Section 5310 and 5311 Programs" to Address the Need for Rural Health Transit Services for the Community. 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. 20-JUL-159R Approving the Purchase Back of Property Identified as a Vacant Lot Located at 1923 North Dal Paso, Hobbs, New Mexico from Covenant Health Systems. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher 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-JUL-159R Approving the Purchase Back of Property Identified as a Vacant Lot Located at 1923 North Dal Paso, Hobbs, New Mexico from Covenant Health Systems. 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. 20-JUL-160R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership into the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments (SNMEDD/COG) for FY 2020 – 2021. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher 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-JUL-160R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership into the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments (SNMEDD/COG) for FY 2020 – 2021. 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. 20-JUL-161R Approving Government Agency Funding to New Mexico State University (NMSU) Extension

Office; Lea Soil & Water Conservation District; and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHI-WS) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

County Manager Gallagher 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-JUL-161R Approving Government Agency Funding to New Mexico State University (NMSU) Extension Office; Lea Soil & Water Conservation District; and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHI-WS) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021. 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-JUL-162R Approving Liability, Property, and Other Insurance Proposals for FY 2020 – 2021. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

County Attorney Caldwell 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-JUL-162R Approving Liability, Property, and Other Insurance Proposals for FY 2020 – 2021. 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-JUL-163R Approving Return Transfer of Real Property to the New Mexico Junior College. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

County 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-JUL-163R Approving Return Transfer of Real Property to the New Mexico Junior College. 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. 20-JUL-164R Authorizing Out of State Travel July 23 - 24, 2020 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training for the Lea County Regional Airport ARFF Fire Department. (*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-JUL-164R Authorizing Out of State Travel July 23 - 24, 2020 to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training for the Lea County Regional Airport ARFF Fire 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-JUL-165R Approving the Award of Bid No. 10 2019 -2020 Asphalt Emulsions – Indefinite Quantity for Lea County Road Department to Multiple Vendors. (*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-JUL-165R Approving the Award of Bid No. 10 2019 -2020 Asphalt Emulsions – Indefinite Quantity for Lea County Road Department to Multiple Vendors. 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-JUL-166R Approving Recommendations from a Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way (Peach Tree Lane) in the Imperial Subdivision Adjacent to Tract 2 and Tract 3. (*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-JUL-166R Approving Recommendations from a Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way (Peach Tree Lane) in the Imperial Subdivision Adjacent to Tract 2 and Tract 3. 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. 20-JUL-167R Approving a Contract between Lea County and Honeywell International for Annual HVAC Maintenance. (*Edmundo Lara, Interim Facilities Director*)

Director Lara 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-JUL-167R Approving a Contract between Lea County and Honeywell International for Annual HVAC Maintenance. 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-JUL-168R Final Budget Adjustments 2019 – 2020. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low 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-JUL-168R Final Budget Adjustments 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. 20-JUL-169R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Final Budget. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

County Manager Gallagher 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-JUL-169R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Final Budget. 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 Detention Center Restricted Housing Quarterly Report (April – June 2020). (*Ruben Quintana, Warden, Detention Center*)

Warden Quintana presented a discussion of Lea County Detention Center Restricted Housing Quarterly Report (April – June 2020).

- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (June 2020). (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (June 2020).

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (May – June 2020). (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (May – June 2020).

**ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in which the County May Become a Participant Involving the COVID-19 Pandemic, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

- At 10:05 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in which the County May Become a Participant Involving the COVID-19 Pandemic, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

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

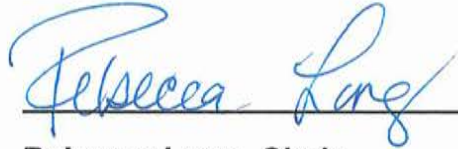
**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

  
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