

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
August 20, 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, 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-AUG-170R Approving the July 23, 2020 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. 20-AUG-170R Approving the July 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena thanked Commissioner Eidson, the school board, and everyone who is involved in making school work under these conditions.

Vice Chair Jackson and Chair Long thanked everyone who took part in making the stock show happen.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-AUG-172R 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. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-AUG-172R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. 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. 20-AUG-171R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. (*Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager*)

General Manager Kemp 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-AUG-171R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. 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. 20-AUG-173R Amending Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUN-147R Approving Precincts and Polling Places for the 2020 – 2021 Elections. (*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-AUG-173R Amending Lea County Resolution No. 19-JUN-147R Approving Precincts and Polling Places for the 2020 – 2021 Elections. 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-AUG-174R 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*)

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-AUG-174R Approving 1<sup>st</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for Banking and P-Card Services. 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-AUG-175R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation into the New Mexico Counties (NMC) for FY 2020 – 2021. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

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-AUG-175R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation into the New Mexico Counties (NMC) 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-AUG-176R Approving a Grant Agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Airline Marketing at the Lea County Regional Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations)*

Assistant Manager - Operations 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-AUG-176R Approving a Grant Agreement between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Airline Marketing at the Lea County Regional Airport. 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-AUG-177R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Hobbs Regarding Commercial Air Service/Airline Subsidy at the Lea County Regional Airport for FY 2020 – 2021. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations)*

Assistant Manager - Operations Needham requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-AUG-177R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and the City of Hobbs Regarding Commercial Air Service/Airline Subsidy at the Lea County Regional Airport 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-AUG-178R Approving Change Order No. 04 between Lea County and Lasco Construction Related to the Airport Terminal Expansion Project at the Lea County Regional Airport. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations)*

Assistant Manager - Operations 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-AUG-178R Approving Change Order No. 04 between Lea County and Lasco Construction Related to the Airport Terminal Expansion Project 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 Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-AUG-179R Approving the 2020 – 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Pavement Sealants & Supply, Inc. for High Performance Asphalt Patch Material. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations)*

Assistant Manager - Operations 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-AUG-179R Approving the 2020 – 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Pavement Sealants & Supply, Inc. for High Performance Asphalt Patch Material. 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-AUG-180R Approving the 2020 – 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and San Bar Construction Corporation for Reflectorized High Durable Traffic Striping. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations)*

Assistant Manager - Operations 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-AUG-180R Approving the 2020 – 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and San Bar Construction Corporation for Reflectorized High Durable Traffic Striping. 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-AUG-181R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the Design and Rehabilitation between Lea County and Eddy County for Campbell and Red Road. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations*)

Assistant Manager - Operations Needham 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-AUG-181R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the Design and Rehabilitation between Lea County and Eddy County for Campbell and Red Road. 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. 20-AUG-182R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Proposal from Lasco Construction for the Purchase and Installation of Limestone Cladding for the Lea County Judicial Complex. (*Edmundo Lara, Interim Facilities Director*)

Interim 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-AUG-182R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Proposal from Lasco Construction for the Purchase and Installation of Limestone Cladding for the Lea County Judicial Complex. 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-AUG-183R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Proposal from Lasco Construction for the Rooftop Fall Protection System for the Lea County Judicial Complex. (*Edmundo Lara, Interim Facilities Director*)

Interim 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-AUG-183R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Proposal from Lasco Construction for the Rooftop Fall Protection System for the Lea County Judicial Complex. 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-AUG-184R Approving Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Worker's Compensation Pool Contribution to the New

Mexico County Insurance Authority (NMCIA). *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

Director Bova 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-AUG-184R Approving Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Worker's Compensation Pool Contribution to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority (NMCIA). 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**

- Update on the 2020 U.S. Census. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher presented an Update on the 2020 U.S. Census

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

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

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (July 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 Lea County Judicial Complex, Threatened Litigation Involving the Detention Center, Litigation Involving the COVID-19 Pandemic; Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7) and (8).

- At 9:42 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 Lea County Judicial**

**Complex, Threatened Litigation Involving the Detention Center, Litigation Involving the COVID-19 Pandemic; Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, 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 11:37 a.m.

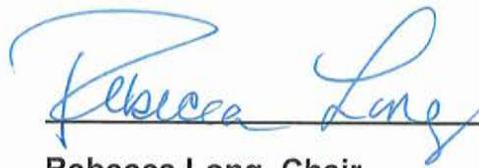
Let the record reflect that only those matters announced in the motion to go into closed session were discussed.

**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

  
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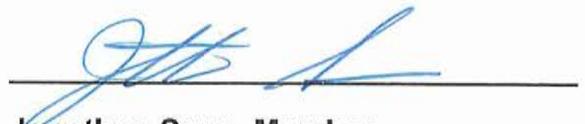
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Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

  
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