

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
September 17, 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.**

**Commissioner Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.**

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-186R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - ❖ August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - ❖ September 8, 2020 Special Meeting

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-Sep-186R Approving the August 20, 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.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-Sep-186R Approving the September 8, 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.

• Public Comments

Pam Matthews made comments in regards to the approval of subdivisions by the Lea County Planning and Zoning Board.

Wanda Kelton made comments in the regards to the behavior of the Lea County Planning and Zoning Board during the duration of the Planning and Zoning Meeting that took place on September 8, 2020.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Eidson stated to keep educators in mind.

Commissioner Jones compared the opening of Texas schools to New Mexico Schools.

Commissioner Sena commented on the difficulty of the Covid-19 school situation on parents and teachers.

Vice Chair Jackson encouraged everyone to get out to vote.

Chair Long commented on wanting town hall meetings again.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-187R 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-SEP-187R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Sena. 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-SEP-188R Approving the Retirement of Lea County Drug Task Force's Canine Rocky. *(Sean Roach, Commander, Lea County Drug Task Force Commander)*

Commander Roach 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-SEP-188R Approving the Retirement of Lea County Drug Task Force's Canine Rocky. 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-SEP-189R Approving Grant No. G20SN0017A Modification No. 1 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2021. *(Wm Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Commander)*

Commander Sullivan 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-SEP-189R Approving Grant No. G20SN0017A Modification No. 1 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2021. 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-SEP-190R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Pete Carr Pro Rodeo as Stock Contractor for the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (*Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds*)

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-SEP-190R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Pete Carr Pro Rodeo as Stock Contractor 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-SEP-191R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing an Agreement between Lea County and Stilt Circus, Inc., as Strolling Entertainment During the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (*Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds*)

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-192R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-193R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for a \$3,000.00 Payout for the WPRA Women's Breakaway Roping During the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-194R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Reita Creek Scoreboard to Provide Video Screen and Production During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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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-SEP-195R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Wally Roberts to Provide the VIP Catering Services During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-196R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Ryan Killingsworth to Provide the Arena Rodeo Sound Production Services During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-197R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Andy Stewart as the Rodeo Announcer During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

General Manager Kemp 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-SEP-197R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Andy Stewart as the Rodeo Announcer During the

2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. 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-SEP-198R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Jacob King as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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-SEP-198R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Jacob King as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2021 Lea County and 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-SEP-199R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Clay Heger as a Rodeo Bullfighter During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-200R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander dba Cowboy Images as the Rodeo Photographer During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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between Lea County and Peggy Gander dba Cowboy Images as the Rodeo Photographer During the 2021 Lea County and 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-SEP-201R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Cody Sosebee as the Barrelman/Rodeo Act During the 2021 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Jim Kemp, General Manager, Fairgrounds)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-202R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) FY 2022 – 2026. *(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-SEP-202R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) FY 2022 – 2026. 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-SEP-203R Approving a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Local Government CARES Act Awards Funding. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County 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. 20-SEP-203R Approving a Grant Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Local Government CARES Act Awards Funding. 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-SEP-204R Approving the 2020 – 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Keefe Commissary Network LLC/Trinity Services Group for Detainee Commissary and Food Cart Services at the Lea County Detention Center. (*Ruben Quintana, Warden*)

Warden Quintana 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-SEP-204R Approving the 2020 – 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Keefe Commissary Network LLC/Trinity Services Group for Detainee Commissary and Food Cart Services at the Lea County Detention Center. 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-SEP-205R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and Lovington Municipal School District for Educational Services at the Lea County Detention Center. (*Ruben Quintana, Warden*)

Warden Quintana 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-SEP-205R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and Lovington Municipal School District for Educational Services at the Lea County Detention Center. 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-SEP-206R Ratifying an Emergency Purchase for a Water Tank for the Lea County Detention Center. (*Edmundo Lara, Interim Facilities Director*)

Interim Facilities 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-SEP-206R Ratifying an Emergency Purchase for a Water Tank for the Lea County Detention Center. 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-SEP-207R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-SEP-207R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, no; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

#### ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

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

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (August 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 Development, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7) and (8).

• At 10:22 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 Development 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 12:43 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 12:43 p.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



Hollye Shearer

