

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
November 19, 2020**

**Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 By Phone, 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-NOV-241R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - ❖ November 5, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - ❖ November 12, 2020 Special Meeting

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-NOV-241R Approving the November 5, 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 Jones to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-NOV-241R Approving the November 12, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There are no public comments.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones, Eidson, Sena and Chair Long made comments in regards to the problems our kids are having with education through the pandemic.

Commissioner Sena, Vice Chair Jackson, and Chair Long made comments in regards to the current shut down the governor has put into place.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-NOV-242R Awarding Bid No. 03 2020 – 2021 for Five (5) Non-Potable Water Storage Tanks for the Knowles and Monument Fire Stations to Watson Truck and Supply. *Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*

Assistant 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-NOV-242R Awarding Bid No. 03 2020 – 2021 for Five (5) Non-Potable Water Storage Tanks for the Knowles and Monument Fire Stations to Watson Truck and Supply. 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-NOV-243R Awarding Bid No. 04 2020 – 2021 for One (1) 2020 – 6,300 Gallon Tanker Trailer for the Knowles Volunteer Fire Department to VacQuip USA, LLC. *(Corey Needham, Assistant 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-NOV-243R Awarding Bid No. 04 2020 – 2021 for One (1) 2020 – 6,300 Gallon Tanker Trailer for the Knowles Volunteer Fire Department to VacQuip USA, LLC. 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-NOV-244R Approving Recommendations from a Freeholders Committee Declaring the Vacation and Abandonment of Dedicated Right of Way of Alley in Block 19 in Payton Addition in Monument, New Mexico Section 29, Township 19, Range 37 East. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant 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-NOV-244R Approving Recommendations from a Freeholders Committee Declaring the Vacation and Abandonment of Dedicated Right of Way of Alley in Block 19 in Payton Addition

in Monument, New Mexico Section 29, Township 19, Range 37 East. 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-NOV-245R Approving CARES Act Funding Reimbursement for Lea County Businesses. (*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-NOV-245R Approving CARES Act Funding Reimbursement for Lea County Businesses. 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-NOV-246R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 01 FY 2020-2021. (*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-NOV-246R Approving Budget Adjustments No. 01 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.

### **ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report.

- Discussion of Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Budget: Outside Agency Funding and Lea County Employee Compensation. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Budget: Outside Agency Funding and Lea County Employee Compensation.

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable.

**ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long, Chair

Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson, Vice Chair

Gary G. Eidson

Gary G. Eidson, Member

Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena, Member

Richard Don Jones

Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

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