

Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
August 17, 2017

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse

Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dean Jackson District 1, Vice Chair Rebecca Long District 2, Chair Ron Black District 3, 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 Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Jones.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Board of County Commissioners

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-169R Approving the July 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-169R Approving the July 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Public Comments

Sandra Baxter, with Oil Patch Accounting, made comments about her concerns involving the proposed audit of industry assets in Lea County.

Nancy Riley and Casey Abel made comments concerning the Junior Rodeo and their concerns involving the payouts.

Jerry Wisdom, Oil & Gas Appraisal Manager for Total Assessment Solutions Corporation responded to Sandra Baxter's concerns regarding the proposed audit of industry assets in Lea County.

- Recognition of County Employees

Sheriff Wester recognized: Captain Rodney Porter, Brandon Ellis, and Samantha Ramirez for one year service. Chan Kim, and Veronica Gomez for five years of service, and John Martinez for 20 years of service. Chair Black recognized Byron Wester for five years of service. Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham recognized Monty Wittman for 25 years of service. Director Bova recognized Mary Lamb for five years of service.

◦ Commissioners and Manager Comments

Manager Gallagher congratulated the Lea County Fair Board, volunteers, and employees who help. I believe the Fair was very successful this year.

Commissioner Jones recognized the clean-up crew at the Lea County Fair and Rodeo as they did an excellent job.

Commissioner Jackson stated we appreciate everyone involved in the fair. Everyone did such a good job.

Vice Chair Long recognized Jim Kemp, she stated we are so glad you stepped up to this position, you are doing a great job.

Chair Black agreed with everyone else's comments on the fair, everyone did a great job. He stated the healthcare study that the county had performed was a valuable asset. It put into perspective how Lea County is hurting for primary care physicians.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-170R Award or Reject Request for Proposal 08 2016-2017 Oil & Gas Personal Property Audit for Lea County (Sharla Kennedy, County Assessor)

Assessor Kennedy requested approval. The Resolution died for lack of a motion.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-171R Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and City of Hobbs for the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (Byron Wester, County Sheriff)

Sheriff Wester requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-171R Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and City of Hobbs for the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-172R Approving an Extension of an Agreement between Lea County and City of Eunice for Improvements to Marshall Park (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-172R Approving an Extension of an Agreement

between Lea County and City of Eunice for Improvements to Marshall Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-173R Approving a Renewal of an Agreement between Lea County and the National Group, LLP, for Federal Lobbying Services (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-173R approving a Renewal of an Agreement between Lea County and the National Group, LLP, for Federal Lobbying Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-174R Authorizing In State Travel on August 27-29, 2017 to Gallup, New Mexico for Professional Standards Council Meeting (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-174R Authorizing In State Travel on August 27-29, 2017 to Gallup, New Mexico for Professional Standards Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-175R Approving Grant HOB-18-01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Maintenance Items at Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-175R Approving Grant HOB-18-01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Maintenance Items at Lea County Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-176R Approving Grant E06-18-01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Maintenance Items at Zip Franklin Memorial Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-176R Approving Grant E06-18-01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Maintenance Items at Zip Franklin Memorial Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-177R Approving Grant E26-18-01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of

Transportation for Maintenance Items at Jal Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-177R Approving Grant E26-18-01 between Lea County and New Mexico Department of Transportation for Maintenance Items at Jal Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-178R Approving RSA Design Grant Application between Lea County and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Lea County Regional Airport (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-178R Approving RSA Design Grant Application between Lea County and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Lea County Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-179R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Cochran Roadway between Kara and Jason) in North Hobbs, New Mexico Area (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-179R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Cochran Roadway between Kara and Jason) in North Hobbs New Mexico Area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-180R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Llewellyn Roadway (South of Morales) in North Hobbs, New Mexico Area (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-180R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Llewellyn Roadway (South of Morales) In North Hobbs, New Mexico Area. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Long and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-181R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Llewellyn Roadway (South of Morales) in North Hobbs, New Mexico Area (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-181R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Llewellyn Roadway (South of Morales) in North Hobbs, New Mexico Area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-182R Approving Recommendation from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – Alley 7 Near Monument, New Mexico (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-182R Approving Recommendation from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – Alley 7 Near Monument, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-183R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – Dickerson Near Monument, New Mexico (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-183R Approving Recommendations From the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – Dickerson Near Monument, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-184R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – 9th Near Monument, New Mexico. (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-184R Approving Recommendations from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of

Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – 9th Near Monument New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-185R Approving Recommendation from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – Comanche Near Monument, New Mexico. (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-

185R Approving Recommendation from the Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way in the Payton Addition – Comanche Near Monument, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-186R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Armijo Road in North Hobbs, New Mexico (Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations)

Assistant Manager of Operations Needham requested approval. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-186R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way on Armijo Road in North Hobbs, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-JUL-187R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County DWI Advisory Council to fill the Vacant Law Enforcement Official Membership Seat (Kelly Burkley, Office/Accreditation Manager.)

Office Accreditation Manager Burkley requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-187R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County DWI Advisory Council to fill the Vacant Law Enforcement Official Membership Seat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-188R Approving Addendum No. 02 for Agreements between Lea County and Cooperative Educational Services (CES) and Honeywell Building Solutions for HVAC Service and Preventative Maintenance for Lea County Facilities (Michael Gallagher, County Manager in lieu of Erich Francke, Facilities Director)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-AUG-188R Approving Addendum No. 02 for Agreements between Lea County and Cooperative Educational Services (CES) and Honeywell Building Solutions for HVAC Service and Preventative Maintenance for Lea County Facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Downtown Lovington Improvements (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of the downtown Lovington improvements. No action taken.

- Discussion of Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan FY 2019-2023 (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan FY 2019-2023. No action taken.

- Financial Report (Chip Low, Finance Director)

Director Low presented the Financial Report. No action taken.

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

Director Low presented the Lea County's Accounts Payable. No action taken.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Board of County Commissioners
 - Pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H7), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant, Involving Land Contracts, Detention Center, Water Rights and Traffic Accidents and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Party, Sanchez v. Surratt, Johnson v. Lea County et al., TexasFile v Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 10:25 a.m. Vice Chair Long moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1, (H7), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation in Which the County May Become a Participant, Involving Land Contracts, Detention Center, Water Rights, and Traffic Accidents and Pending Litigation in Which the County is a Party,

Sanchez v Surratt, Johnson V. Lea County et al., TexasFile v. Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Black yes; Vice Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long, Vice Chair

Dean Jackson

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Jonathan Sena, Member

Don Jones

Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

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