

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
December 17, 2014**

**Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse**

**Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dale Dunlap District 1, Commissioner Mike Whitehead District 2, Vice Chairman Ron Black District 3, James H. Britton District 4, and Chairman Gregory H. Fulfer District 5.**

**Also present were County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II and County Attorney John W. Caldwell.**

**Commissioner Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Vice Chairman Black.**

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of the November 20, 2014 Regular Minutes.

Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the November 20, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Committee Reports

Commissioner Whitehead stated it has been a pleasure working with everyone. Vice Chairman Black stated I attended a meeting with the people from Excel.

**Set/Confirm Next Meeting(s):**

- Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February, 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, March, 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, March, 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The next meetings will be on; **January 6, 2015 February 5, 2015, February 19, 2015, March 12, 2015, March 26, 2015** in the Lea County Commission Chambers.

- Consideration of Approval of Appointments to Lea County Active Boards:
  - Lea County Memorial Committee
    - District 4 No Appointment made
  - Lea County Fair Board
    - District 4 No appointment made

**ITEM 02: OUTSIDE ENTITIES**

- **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Drug Task Force – Wm. Robert Sullivan, Region Commander**
  - Consideration of Approval of Grant No. G14SN0017A Modification No.1 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program Increasing the Funds for Region VI

Region Commander Sullivan requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve grant No. G14SN0017A modification No. 1 between Lea County and the office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program increasing the funds for region VI. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 03: OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- **Treasurer – Donna Duncan**
  - Consideration of Approval Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-053R Authorizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Option to Renew of Financial Services with Wells Fargo Bank

Treasurer Duncan requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-053R authorizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final option to renew financial services with Wells Fargo Bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 04: MANAGER**

- **Lea County Manager – Michael P. Gallagher II**
  - Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-054R Awarding RFP No. #02- (14-15) for the Management of the Lea County Event Center and Fairgrounds

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. He recommended the RFP be awarded to Global Spectrum. Dr. Steve McCleery President, New Mexico Junior College made comments in approval of this RFP. Melinda Allen CEO of the EDC of Lea County, made comments concerning the positive experienced she was told about, when visting others that had dealt with Global Spectrum. Corey Helton Chairman of the Fair board made comments expressing his concern and the effect this will have on the Fair. Charlene Upton Chairman of the Lea County motorcycle toy run expressed her concern and the effect

this will have on the Fair. Chairman Fulfer stated this is to support the backbone of the fair, and year round. Lovington Mayor Gandy made comments concerning his support of moving forward. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-054R awarding RFP No. #02 – (14-15) for the Management of the Lea County Event Center and Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-055R Amending an Agreement between Nor-Lea Hospital District and Lea County for Detention Center Health Care Services

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-055R amending an agreement between Nor-Lea Hospital District and Lea County for Detention Center Health Care Services. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-056R Amending the Lease/Operating Agreement between Nor-Lea Hospital District and Lea County

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented the following two items together. David Shaw CEO with Nor Lea made comments concerning the repurposing of the Dal Paso building and the upcoming construction plans. Tim Thornell CEO, Lea Regional Hospital, made comments concerning the upcoming healthcare goals, and accomplishments of Lea Regional Hospital, and his concerns about the sale of the property located North of Dal Paso. After considerable discussion Vice Chairman Black moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-056R amending the lease/operating agreement between Nor-Lea Hospital District and Lea County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-057R Authorizing the Sale of Lea County Property Located South of 1923 North Dal Paso in Hobbs, New Mexico to Covenant Health Systems

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-057R Authorizing the Sale of Lea County property located south of 1923 North Dal Paso in Hobbs, New Mexico to Covenant Health Systems. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No 14-DEC-058R Approving A Memorandum of Understanding for the Construction, Operation and Joint Use of an Indoor Equestrian Center Between New Mexico Junior College and Lea County New Mexico

Manager Gallagher requested approval. He presented a power point presentation with this item. Dr. Steve McCleery made comments concerning the MOU between Lea County and NMJC. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-058R approving a memorandum of understanding for the construction, operation, and joint use of an indoor equestrian center between New Mexico Junior College and Lea County New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Black and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Travel

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the travel requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 05: LEGAL/RISK MANAGEMENT**

- **Attorney – John W. Caldwell**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-059R Extending Performance Deadlines in a Project Participation Agreement Between International Isotopes, Inc, and Lea County, New Mexico

Lea County Attorney Caldwell suggested tabling this item until the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Vice Chairman Black moved to table Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-059R extending performance deadlines in a project participation agreement between International Isotopes, Inc. and Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead. Steve Laflin President and CEO Isotopes, Inc. made comments concerning the agreement between Lea County and International Isotopes, Inc. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-060R Extending Performance Deadline in an Intergovernmental Agreement between the New Mexico Economic Development Department and Lea County, New Mexico

Lea County Attorney Caldwell suggested tabling this item until the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Vice Chairman Black moved to table Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-060R extending performance deadline in an intergovernmental agreement between the New Mexico Economic Development Department and Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-061R Extending Performance Deadlines in a Project Participation Agreement between

the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County and Lea County, New Mexico

Lea County Attorney Caldwell suggested tabling this item until the February 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting. Commissioner Whitehead moved to table Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-061R extending performance deadlines in a project participation agreement between the economic development corporation of Lea County and Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

Chairman Fulfer called a break at 10:55 a.m. and returned to regular session at 11:12 a.m.

**ITEM 06: COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

- **Communications Authority – Angela Martinez, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Communications Authority Activity Report

There was no presentation for this item

- **Detention Center – Ruben Quintana, Chief of Security**

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center Activity Report

Chief Quintana presented the Lea County Detention Center activity report. There was no action taken.

- **DWI/Probation – Kelly Ford, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County DWI/Probation Activity Report

Director Ford presented the Lea County DWI/Probation activity report. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Community Driving While Impaired (CDWI) Grant Agreement for Project Number 14-CD-05-051

Director Ford requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve community driving while impaired (CDWI) grant agreement for project number 14-CD-05-051. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Out of State Travel for the American Probation and Parole Association 2015 Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida on January 10-14, 2015

Director Ford requested approval. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve the out of state travel request for the American probation and parole association 2015 Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida on January 10-14, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- **Emergency Management/Environmental Services/Maintenance – Lorenzo Velasquez, Director**

- Discussion of the following Activity Reports:

- Lea County Emergency Management

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Emergency Management activity report. There was no action taken.

- Lea County Environmental Services

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Environmental Services activity report. There was no action taken

- Lea County Maintenance

Director Velasquez presented the Lea County Maintenance activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Event Center/Fairgrounds – Lyn Edwards, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Event Center and Lea County Fairgrounds Activity Report

Director Edwards presented the Lea County Event Center and Lea County Fairgrounds activity report. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-062R Awarding RFP No. #03 (14-15) for the Stock Contractor for the 2015 Lea County Fair and Rodeo

Director Edwards requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-062R awarding RFP No. #03 (14-15) for the stock contractor for the 2015 Lea County Fair and Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval to Submit a Request for Proposal to Host the New Mexico Junior High School Rodeo Association 2015 State Finals Event on May 30-June 1, 2015 at the Lea County Fairgrounds

Director Edwards requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve to submit a request for proposal to host the New Mexico Junior High School Rodeo Association 2015 State Finals Event on May 30-June 1, 2015 at the Lea County Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval to Submit a Request for Proposal to Host the New Mexico High School Rodeo Association 2015 State Finals Event on June 4-7, 2015 at the Lea County Fairgrounds

Director Edwards requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve a request for proposal to host the New Mexico High School Rodeo Association 2015 State Finals event on June 4-7, 2015 at the Lea County Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Grants Services/Planning – David Gasch, Grant Writer & County Planner**
  - Discussion of Lea County Grant Writer/Planning Activity Report

Grant Writer & County Planner Gasch presented the Lea County Grant Writer/Planning activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Human Resources – Jill Dennis, Director**
  - Discussion of Lea County Human Resources Activity Report

Director Dennis presented the Lea County Human Resources activity report. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-063R Establishing the Salaries of the Elected Officials in Lea County, New Mexico

Director Dennis requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-063R establishing the Salaries of the Elected Officials in Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Information Technology – Robert Lathrop, Administrator**
  - Discussion of Lea County Information Technology Activity Report

Administrator Lathrop presented the Lea County Information Technology activity report. There was no action taken.

- **Public Works (Airports/Engineering/Roads) – Corey Needham, Director**

- Discussion of Lea County Public Works Activity Report

Director Needham presented the Lea County Public Works activity report. There was no action taken.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-064R Regarding the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico Application to Lea County for Right of Way Access

Director Needham requested to table Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-064R regarding the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico application to Lea County for right of way access until the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Jerry Paz with Molzen and Corbin made comments concerning this resolution and the language issues that need to be changed before requesting approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to table Lea County Resolution No. 14-064R regarding the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico application to Lea County for Right of Way access. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehead and passed unanimously.

- **Administrative Services (Finance/Grant Administration) – Chip Lowe, Assistant Finance Director**

- Consideration of Refection of Responses to Bid #03 – (14-15) for As-Needed Electrical Repairs & Modifications at County Facilities

Assistant Finance Director Lowe requested approval. Commissioner Dunlap moved to reject bid #03 – (14-15) for as-needed electrical repairs & modifications at county facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britton and passed unanimously.

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 14-DEC-065R Approving a Lease of County Property at 115 W Dunnam Rd in Hobbs, New Mexico to Leaders Industries

Assistant Finance Director Lowe requested approval. Vice Chairman Black moved to approve a lease of County property at 115 W Dunnam Rd in Hobbs, New Mexico to Leaders Industries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Lea County Finance Department Activity Report

Assistant Finance Director Lowe presented the Lea County Finance Department activity report. There was no action taken.



- Consideration of Approval of Accounts Payable

Assistant Finance Director Lowe requested approval. Commissioner Whitehead moved to approve accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 08: PUBLIC**

- **Public**
  - Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

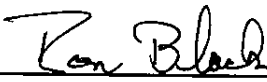
**ITEM 09 OTHER BUSSINESS**

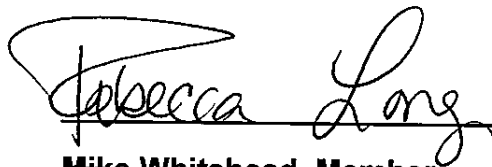
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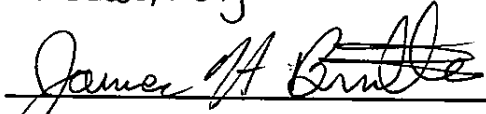
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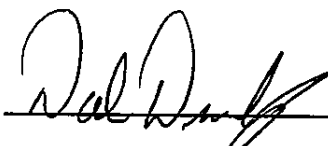
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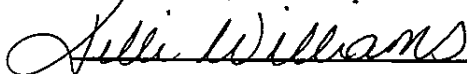
  
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