

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
January 26, 2017**

**Chairman Black called the meeting to order 9:05 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, 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.**

**Chair Black requested a Moment of Silence in Honor of Lea County Sheriff Steve Ackerman.**

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

**ITEM 01: 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 the Sheriff's Office as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
- At 9:07 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 the Sheriff's Office 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 Sena; yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 a.m.

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

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Consideration of Approval of Lea County Resolution No. 17-JAN-025R Approving the Process to Fill the Lea County Sheriff's Vacancy (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Vice Chair Long moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 17-JAN-025R Approving the Process to Fill the Lea County Sheriff's Vacancy. The motion to approve was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson, Member

Jonathan Sena

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Don Jones

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ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk

Carrie Sandoval

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