

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
August 22, 2019**

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 Jonathan Sena, District 3, Gary G. Eidson, 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 Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- On July 29 and July 30, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners Met in Closed Session that had been Noticed in Accordance with NMSA 1987 Section 10-15-1 I (2). Commissioners Long, Jackson, Sena, and Jones Attended. Commissioner Eidson was not Present. The Record Should Reflect that Only the Matters Announced in the Legal Notice to go into Closed Session Were Discussed.
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-204R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - ❖ July 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - ❖ August 5, 2019 Special Meeting

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-204R Approving July 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-204R Approving the August 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, abstained; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

• Public Comments

Missi Currier made comments in regards to an update on Fly Hobbs and the Denver Flights and to thank everyone for their hard work that went into the Fair and Rodeo.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones thanked the sheriff and newspaper for their article warning everybody about the wrecks. He also thanked Corey Needham and the road department for their work.

Commissioner Sena recognized his friend, David Enos, for being in attendance.

Vice Chair Jackson thanked everyone who was involved in the success of the Fair and Rodeo. The livestock show raised \$515,000, which is the most money that has been raised since 2013.

Chair Long thanked Jim Kemp for all his work on the fair and rodeo and commented on enjoying watching him drag the arena.

- Recognition of County Employees – Service Awards:

Director Eric Franke recognized Jose Cabello for 1 year of service.

Warden Ruben Quintana recognized Johel Maldonado and Joebundus Anyakwo for 5 years of service.

Warden Ruben Quintana recognized Elaida Navarette for 20 years of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Corey Needham recognized Robert Pellissier for 25 years of service.

Sheriff Corey Helton awarded Deputy Michael McKnight and Moises Sanchez Good Conduct Medals.

Sheriff Corey Helton promoted Deputy Michael Tovar to Sergeant Michael Tovar.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-205R Appropriating \$700,000.00 to the Hobbs Municipal Schools for Career Technical Education (CTE) Facility. (Jonathan Sena, Commissioner, District 3)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-205R Appropriating \$700,000.00 to the Hobbs Municipal Schools for Career Technical Education (CTE) Facility. The motion was seconded by Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, abstained; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Discussion of the Region VI Drug Task Force Accomplishments and 2018 Outputs. (Wm Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Commander)

Commander Wm Robert Sullivan presented a discussion of the Region VI Drug Task Force Accomplishments and 2018 Outputs. Chair Long made comments in regards to New Mexico no longer having the forfeiture law because of Daniel Ivey-Soto.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-206R Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 6 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2019. (Wm Robert Sullivan, HIDTA Region VI Drug Task Force Commander)

Commander Robert Sullivan requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-206R Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 6 between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-207R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) for FY 2021 – 2025. (Michael Gallagher, County Manager)

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. 19-AUG-207R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) for FY 2021 – 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-208R Approving GEO Performance Bond for Operation of the Lea County Correctional Facility (LCCF). (John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)

Attorney Caldwell 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. 19-AUG-208R Approving GEO Performance Bond for Operation of the Lea County Correctional Facility (LCCF). 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.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-209R Approving 2019 – 2020 1st Option to Renew Commissary Professional Services Agreement Between Lea County and Keefe Commissary Network/Trinity Services Group for the Lea County Detention Center. (Ruben Quintana, Warden)

Warden Ruben Quintana requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-AUG-209R Approving 2019 – 2020 1st Option to Renew Commissary Professional Services Agreement Between Lea County and Keefe Commissary Network/Trinity Services Group 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 Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

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

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

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

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 with HB Construction Related to Construction Contract of Lea County Judicial Complex, and the Sale/Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7) and (8) Respectively.

- At 10:03 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1, (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes**

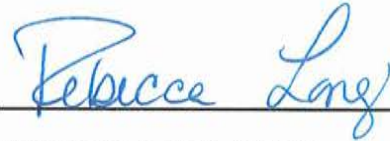
Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation with HB Construction Related to Construction Contract of Lea County Judicial Complex, and the Sale/Disposal of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Jonathan Sena, Member



Gary G. Eidson, Member



Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



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