

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
November 7, 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 Gary G. Eidson, District 3, 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.**

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

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-279R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution 19-NOV-262R Approving the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

Nick Maxwell made comments in regards to ELEA and Holtec.

Missi Currier made comments in regards to the inaugural flight to Denver, Colorado.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Sena made comments in regards to speaking to the Rotary International group out of Eunice and thanked everyone he has been able to go to for questions as he continues to learn.

Commissioner Eidson thanked everyone who voted and especially those who voted for the school bonds.

Chair Long stated that she is thrilled that Hobbs is getting a CTE school.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-263R Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2020 Legislative Priorities. (*Chair Rebecca Long, Commissioner – District 2*)

Chair Long 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-NOV-263R Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2020 Legislative Priorities. 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.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-264R Approving \$60,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance. (*Jonathan Sena, Commissioner – District 4*)

Commissioner Sena requested to amend Resolution No. 19-NOV-264R to replace \$60,000 with \$25,000. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Nick Maxwell asked the Commission to vote no and made comments in regards to ELEA. Commissioner Sena moved to amend Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-264R to state \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, no. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-264R Approving \$25,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance. (*Jonathan Sena, Commissioner – District 4*)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Nick Maxwell stated he objects. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-264R Approving \$25,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, no. The motion passed.

### **ITEM 03: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-265R Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 7 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 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-NOV-265R Approving Grant No. G18SN0017A Modification No. 7 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 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. 19-NOV-266R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Stilt Circus, Inc. to Provide Strolling Entertainment During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-266R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Stilt Circus, Inc. to Provide Strolling Entertainment During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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. 19-NOV-267R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving and Agreement between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-267R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving and Agreement between Lea County and Ted Harbin as Rodeo Media Specialist During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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. 19-NOV-268R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving and

Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander, DBA Cowboy Images as Rodeo Photographer During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-268R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving and Agreement between Lea County and Peggy Gander, DBA Cowboy Images as Rodeo Photographer During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-269R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving Reita Creek Scoreboard to Provide Video Screen Production During the 2020 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-269R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving Reita Creek Scoreboard to Provide Video Screen Production During the 2020 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. 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. 19-NOV-270R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving Andy Stewart as Rodeo Announcer During the 2020 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-270R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving Andy Stewart as Rodeo Announcer During the 2020 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. 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. 19-NOV-271R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 as a "Free Admission" Day During the 2020 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-271R Approving Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving Wednesday, August 5, 2020 as a "Free Admission" Day During the 2020 Lea County and PRCA Rodeo. 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. 19-NOV-272R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing Out of State Travel November 30 – December 3, 2019 to Attend the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Convention in San Antonio, Texas. *(Chris Allen, Member, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Member Allen 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-NOV-272R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing Out of State Travel November 30 – December 3, 2019 to Attend the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Convention in San Antonio, Texas. 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. 19-NOV-273R Approving \$100,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Discretionary Funding to the Lovington Municipal School District. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Kristy Kostelich, Director of Curriculum and instruction as well as Director of Federal Programs/Bilingual Coordinator along with Bill Lewis were available for questions. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-273R Approving \$100,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Discretionary Funding to the Lovington Municipal School District. 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. 19-NOV-274R Approving \$100,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Discretionary Funding to the Tatum Municipal School District. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County 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-NOV-274R Approving \$100,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Discretionary Funding to the Tatum Municipal School District. 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. 19-NOV-275R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Budget Submittal to the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-NOV-275R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Budget Submittal to the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program. 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. 19-NOV-276R Authorizing In State Travel November 16 – 18, 2019 to Cloudcroft, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – County Managers' Affiliate Meeting. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County 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-NOV-276R Authorizing In State Travel November 16 – 18, 2019 to Cloudcroft, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – County Managers' Affiliate Meeting. 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. 19-NOV-277R Approving Recommendations from a Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of Dedicated Alley in Block 5 of the Knowles Subdivision. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager of Operations)*

Assistant County Manager of Operations Needham 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-NOV-277R Approving Recommendations from a Freeholders Committee Regarding the Vacation of

Dedicated Alley in Block 5 of the Knowles Subdivision. 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.

**ITEM 03: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

• **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H2), (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation with HB Construction Regarding the Lea County and Pending Litigation *In Re National Prescription Opioid Litigation* 1:17-MD-2804; and HB Construction v. Lea County 2019-03467, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

• At 10:07 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 (H2), (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Pending Litigation *In Re National Prescription Opioid Litigation* 1:17-MD-2804; and HB Construction v. Lea County 2019-03467, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).** 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.

The meeting reconvened at 12:04 p.m.

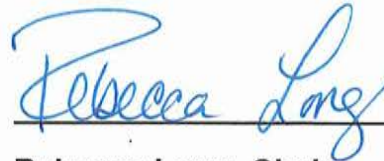
Let the record reflect that only those matters announced in the motion to go into closed session were discussed.

**ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



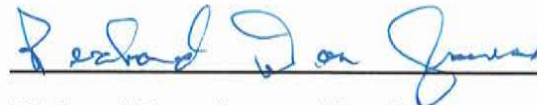
Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Gary G. Eidson, Member



Jonathan Sena, Member



Richard Don Jones, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



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