

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
December 12, 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.

Vice Chair Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-293R Approving the November 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-293R Approving the November 21, 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

There were no public comments

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones congratulated the Eunice football team for another championship win.

Commissioner Sena asked for everyone to keep David Kline in their prayers.

Commissioner Eidson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Vice Chair Jackson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and congratulated the Texas Tech basketball team for another win.

Chair Long wished everyone a Merry Christmas and commented on how thankful she is for everyone and all that they do for the county.

Manager Gallagher wished everyone a Happy Hanukah and a Merry Christmas. He also stated he wished he could have been at the employee luncheon but he did hear it went well. Chip Low gave a finance update. Kelly Livingston announced that the Topsy Taxi is up and running.

- Recognition of County Employees – Service Awards:

Sheriff Corey Helton recognized Jason Guy for one year of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Corey Needham recognized Emory Land and Martin Rangel for one year of service.

Assistant County Manager of Operations Corey Needham recognized Robert Morales for five years of service.

IT Director Robert Lathrop recognized Lionel Fermin for one year of service.

Finance Director Chip Low recognized Zayra Jacobs for one year of service.

Manager Mike Gallagher recognized John Caldwell for five years of service.

Facilities Director Erich Francke recognized Rodney Pebsworth for fifteen years of service.

Warden Ruben Quintana recognized Christine Veasart for thirty years of service.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-294R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Labor Management Relations Board. *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-294R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Labor Management Relations Board. 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-DEC-295R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. *Alondra Bartlett, Staff Accountant)*

Accountant Bartlett 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-DEC-295R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims

Burial/Cremation Report. 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.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-296R Approving Grant No. G19SN0017A Modification No. 2 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2020. (*Sean Roach, Lea County Task Force Commander*)

Commander Roach requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution 19-DEC-296R Approving Grant No. G19SN0017A Modification No. 2 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Decreasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2020. 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-DEC-297R Approving \$50,000.00 Appropriation from District 4 Discretionary Funding to City of Hobbs for Construction of Fence at Everglade Cemetery. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Joe Cotton thanked the commission. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-297R Approving \$50,000.00 Appropriation from District 4 Discretionary Funding to City of Hobbs for Construction of Fence at Everglade Cemetery. 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-DEC-298R Approving the Sixth Modification to Amended Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Corrections Department to Increase the Per Diem Rate for Inmates at the Lea County Correctional Facility. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

Attorney Caldwell requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Warden Dwayne Santistevan made comments in regards to what the money would be going to. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-298R Approving the Sixth Modification to Amended Agreement between Lea County and New Mexico Corrections Department to Increase the Per Diem Rate for Inmates at the Lea County Correctional Facility. 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-DEC-299R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Task Order with Constructor's Inc. to Apply a Tom Overlay to County Road 1 Roadway (Orla Road) for 1.8 Miles (Mile Marker 12 to Mile Marker 13.8). (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations*)

Assistant County Manager 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-DEC-299R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Task Order with Constructor's Inc. to Apply a Tom Overlay to County Road 1 Roadway (Orla Road) for 1.8 Miles (Mile Marker 12 to Mile Marker 13.8). 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-DEC-300R Ratifying Out of State Travel December 9 – 10, 2019 to Chicago, Illinois for Meeting with United Airlines. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager – Operations*)

Assistant County Manager Needham requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-300R Ratifying Out of State Travel December 9 – 10, 2019 to Chicago, Illinois for Meeting with United Airlines. 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-DEC-301R Authorizing the Submittal of a request for Proposal to Host the New Mexico Junior High and High School Rodeo Association 2020 State Finals at the Lea County Fairgrounds. (*Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager*)

General Manager Kemp 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-DEC-301R Authorizing the Submittal of a request for Proposal to Host the New Mexico Junior High and High School Rodeo Association 2020 State Finals at the Lea County Fairgrounds. 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-DEC-302R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 2nd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 19-DEC-302R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 2nd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Projects. (*Erich Francke, Facilities Director*)

Director Francke presented a discussion of Lea County Projects.

- 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 (H2), (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Threatened Litigation Involving a Construction Contract in northern Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

- At 10:47 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 Litigation Involving Digital Records and Threatened Litigation Involving the Lea County Detention Center; and Disposal of Water Rights in Lea**

County; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7) and (8). 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 11:49 a.m.

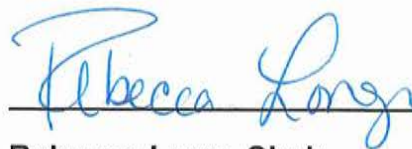
Let the record reflect that only those matters announced in the motion to go into closed session were discussed.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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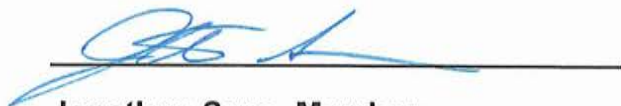
Rebecca Long, Chair



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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