

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
February 6, 2020**

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. 20-FEB-030R Approving the January 16, 2020 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. 20-FEB-030R Approving the January 16, 2020 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 thanked the Road Department.

Mayor of Hobbs Sam Cobb thanked the Sheriff and the Commission.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones thanked the Road Department and Lorenzo Velasquez and his team.

Commissioner Sena thanked his fellow commissioners. He also thanked Hobbs Mayor Sam Cobb and Hobbs Commissioner Dwayne Penick.

Commissioner Eidson thanked everyone who was there for support.

Vice Chair Jackson stated that they stand behind Sheriff Corey Helton and the commission will do what they can.

Chair Long thanked everyone for being in attendance. She also made comments in regard to the 2020 Census.

Manager Gallagher thanked all of the county employees who had to work during the snow day to ensure the public stayed safe.

Chair Long requested for Resolution No. 20-FEB-039R to be moved up on the agenda to the first item.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-039R Expressing Opposition to Proposed Legislation Known as Red Flag Law During the 54th Legislature – State of New Mexico – 2020. *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Steve Townsend made comments in regards to not supporting the resolution. Nick Maxwell made comments in regards to supporting the resolution. Gary Stine made comments in regards to supporting the resolution. Rebekah McKnight made comments in regards to supporting the resolution. Floyd Frazier made comments in regards to supporting the resolution. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-039R Expressing Opposition to Proposed Legislation Known as Red Flag Law During the 54th Legislature – State of New Mexico – 2020. 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. 20-FEB-031R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board.

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. 20-FEB-031R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Airports Advisory 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. 20-FEB-032R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-032R Approving Appointment(s) and/or

Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. 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. 20-FEB-033R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-033R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. 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. 20-FEB-034R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board.

Chair Long 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. 20-FEB-034R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. 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. 20-FEB-035R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee.

Chair Long 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. 20-FEB-035R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee. 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. 20-FEB-036R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board.

Chair Long 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. 20-FEB-036R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board. 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. 20-FEB-037R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee.

Chair Long 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. 20-FEB-037R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee. 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. 20-FEB-038R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Valuation Protests Board. (*Sharla Kennedy, County Assessor*)

Assessor Kennedy requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-038R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Valuation Protests Board. 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. 20-FEB-40R Recognizing 911 Telecommunicators as First Responders. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager, Corey Helton, Sheriff, Angela Martinez, Communication Authority Director*)

Manager Gallagher, Sheriff Helton, and Director Martinez requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-40R Recognizing 911 Telecommunicators as First Responders. 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. 20-FEB-041R Approving \$100,000.00 Appropriation from District 5 Discretionary Funding to the City of Jal for Capital Purchases for Public Works, Infrastructure and Utilities. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-041R Approving \$100,000.00 Appropriation from District 5 Discretionary Funding to the City of Jal for Capital Purchases for Public Works, Infrastructure and Utilities. 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. 20-FEB-042R Approving Cooperation & Support Between Lea County and Eddy County for the Reconstructions and Improvement of Campbell Road. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-042R Approving Cooperation & Support Between Lea County and Eddy County for the Reconstructions and Improvement of Campbell Road. 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. 20-FEB-043R Ratifying In State Travel January 20 – 23, 2020 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – Legislative Conference. *(Sandrea Brito, Executive Coordinator)*

Coordinator Brito requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Steve Townsend asked for clarification on what the money was being used for. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-043R Ratifying In State Travel January 20 – 23, 2020 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – Legislative Conference. 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. 20-FEB-044R Authorizing In State Travel February 6 – 7, 2020 to Albuquerque, New Mexico to Attend the University of New Mexico's Economic Forecast Meeting. (*Sandrea Brito, Executive Coordinator*)

Coordinator Brito 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. 20-FEB-044R Authorizing In State Travel February 6 – 7, 2020 to Albuquerque, New Mexico to Attend the University of New Mexico's Economic Forecast Meeting. 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. 20-FEB-045R Authorizing In State Travel February 9 – 11, 2020 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for Legislative Meetings. (*Sandrea Brito, Executive Coordinator*)

Coordinator Brito 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. 20-FEB-045R Authorizing In State Travel February 9 – 11, 2020 to Santa Fe, New Mexico for Legislative Meetings. 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. 20-FEB-046R Authorizing Out of State Travel May 12 – 16, 2020 to Attend the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Gettysburg Leadership Institute in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. (*Sandrea Brito, Executive Coordinator*)

Coordinator Brito requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-046R Authorizing Out of State Travel May 12 – 16, 2020 to Attend the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Gettysburg Leadership Institute in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. 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. 20-FEB-047R Authorizing Out of State Travel May 15 – 20, 2020 to Attend the 114th Annual Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. (*Sandrea Brito, Executive Coordinator*)

Coordinator Brito 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. 20-FEB-047R Authorizing Out of State Travel May 15 – 20, 2020 to Attend the 114th Annual Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. 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. 20-FEB-048R Authorizing In State Travel June 21 – June 26, 2020 to Las Cruces, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – Annual Conference. (*Sandrea Brito, Executive Coordinator*)

Coordinator Brito requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-048R Authorizing In State Travel June 21 – June 26, 2020 to Las Cruces, New Mexico for the New Mexico Counties – Annual Conference. 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. 20-FEB-049R Approving the 2020 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report. (*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. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-049R Approving the 2020 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report. 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. 20-FEB-050R Approving Sub-Grant Agreement No. FEMA-PDMC-PL-06-NM-2018-004 Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the Lea County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director*)

Director Velasquez requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-FEB-050R Approving Sub-Grant Agreement No. FEMA-PDMC-PL-06-NM-2018-004 Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the Lea County Hazard Mitigation

Plan Update. 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. 20-FEB-051R Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and Mescalero Ridge Water Cooperative to Install and Maintain 30,000 Gallon Potable Water Tank. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director*)

Director Velasquez 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. 20-FEB-051R Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and Mescalero Ridge Water Cooperative to Install and Maintain 30,000 Gallon Potable Water Tank. 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. 20-FEB-052R Approving Proposal from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates. Inc. for Survey and Design of Water Tank for the Maljamar Water System. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director*)

Director Velasquez 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. 20-FEB-052R Approving Proposal from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates. Inc. for Survey and Design of Water Tank for the Maljamar Water System. 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.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Budget. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's FY 2020 – 2021 Budget.

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

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 Concerning the Construction Contract for the Lea County Judicial Complex and the Acquisition of Real Property West of the City of Hobbs; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (8).

• At 10:37 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 Threatened Litigation Concerning the Construction Contract for the Lea County Judicial Complex and the Acquisition of Real Property West of the City of Hobbs; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7) and (8).** 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.

The meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.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 12:02 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



Hollye Shearer

