

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
April 23, 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.

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-APR-074R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ March 12, 2020 Special Meeting
- ❖ March 12, 2020 Regular Meeting

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 20-APR-074R Approving the March 12, 2020 Special 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.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 20-APR-074R Approving the March 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones congratulated the schools of Lea County on how they have handled the effects of the Coronavirus.

Commissioner Sena thanked Chair Long and Vice Chair Jackson for their leadership. He also thanked small businesses churches, teachers and students for their efforts.

Commissioner Eidson thanked all educators and those above that are involved in the school systems. He also thanked all those in the medical profession.

Vice Chair Jackson thanked the people of Lea County.

Chair Long also expressed thanks to all those who were mentioned by the other commissioners. She stated that you cannot treat rural areas the same as urban areas and there is no reason small businesses cannot be open operating with the same regulations as the larger stores.

Manager Gallagher made comments in regards to how the meeting will operated in order to comply with the regulations currently in place.

- Consideration of Lea County Proclamation Recognizing Hobbs Lady Eagles.
(*Jonathan Sena, Commissioner – District 4*)

Commissioner Sena requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item Coach Carpenter thanked the commission. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Proclamation Recognizing Hobbs Lady Eagles. 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-APR-075R Requesting the Governor to Reopen Businesses, Including Non-Profits Closed by Executive and Public Health Orders. (*Vice Chair Dean Jackson, Commissioner – District 2*)

Vice Chair Jackson requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Brad Tate thanked the commission and Sheriff Helton. DeeAnn Kimbro thanked the commission and Sheriff Helton. Sheriff Helton made comments in regards to non-essential businesses not being allowed to be open. Kelsy Abel thanked the commission. Pat Sims thanked the commission and asked that this just be the first step in solving this issue and hopes they can do more. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-APR-075R Requesting the Governor to Reopen Businesses, Including Non-Profits Closed by Executive and Public Health Orders. 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-APR-076R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-APR-076R 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. 20-APR-077R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Lemond Rodeo Company to Produce the Local Team Roping Event on Sunday, August 2, 2020 During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Fair & Rodeo Board Chair)*

Fair & Rodeo Board Chair Wheeler 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-APR-077R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Lemond Rodeo Company to Produce the Local Team Roping Event on Sunday, August 2, 2020 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. 20-APR-078R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Rafter R Veterinary Services, LLC for Veterinary Services During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Fair & Rodeo Board Chair)*

Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo Board Chair Wheeler 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-APR-078R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Rafter R Veterinary Services, LLC for Veterinary Services 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. 20-APR-079R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Michelle Williams as Social Media Marketing Director During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (*Larry Wheeler, Fair & Rodeo Board Chair*)

Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo Board Chair Wheeler 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-APR-079R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving an Agreement between Lea County and Michelle Williams as Social Media Marketing Director During the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, no; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, no; Commissioner Sena, no; Commissioner Jones, no. The motion failed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-APR-080R Ratifying Application SF-424, Certification Regarding Lobbying, and Grant Agreement No. G20SN0017A between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Drug Task Force Issued for 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2021. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low 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-APR-080R Ratifying Application SF-424, Certification Regarding Lobbying, and Grant Agreement No. G20SN0017A between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Drug Task Force Issued for 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2021. 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-APR-081R Grant Agreement No. G19SN0017A Modification No. 3 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. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low 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-APR-081R Grant Agreement No.

G19SN0017A Modification No. 3 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 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-APR-082R Approving Change Order No. 03 Between Lea County and Lasco Construction Related to the Airport Terminal Expansion Project. *(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-APR-082R Approving Change Order No. 03 Between Lea County and Lasco Construction Related to the Airport Terminal Expansion Project. The motion was seconded by Chair Long. 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-APR-083R Approving Award of Bid No. 07 (2019 – 2020) Aggregate for Surface Treatment for Region 1 to Constructors Inc. and Regions 2 & 3 to J&H Services. *(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-APR-083R Approving Award of Bid No. 07 (2019 – 2020) Aggregate for Surface Treatment for Region 1 to Constructors Inc. and Regions 2 & 3 to J&H Services. 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-APR-084R Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Protection Fund Application/Distribution from the New Mexico State Fire Marshal Division to the Knowles, Maljamar, and Monument Volunteer Fire Departments and to the Lea County Fire Administration. *(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 Jones moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-APR-084R Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Protection Fund

Application/Distribution from the New Mexico State Fire Marshal Division to the Knowles, Maljamar, and Monument Volunteer Fire Departments and to the Lea County Fire Administration. 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-APR-085R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County, United States Department of Energy (USDOE), and Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). (*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-APR-085R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County, United States Department of Energy (USDOE), and Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). 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-APR-086R Approving Award of Bid No. 08 2019 – 2020 for One (1) Portable Dual Shaft (Tire) Shredder for the Lea County Convenience Center. (*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-APR-086R Approving Award of Bid No. 08 2019 – 2020 for One (1) Portable Dual Shaft (Tire) Shredder for the Lea County Convenience Center. The motion was seconded by 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-APR-087R Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board to Approve the Preliminary Plat of Sweet Home on Alabama Subdivision. (*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. Brenda Gomez made comments in regards to the subdivision. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-APR-087R for Unit 1 and Unit 2 Approving Recommendations from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board to

Approve the Preliminary Plat of Sweet Home on Alabama Subdivision. 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-APR-088R Approving the Final Plat of Sweet Home on Alabama Subdivision, Unit 1. *(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. 20-APR-088R Approving the Final Plat of Sweet Home on Alabama Subdivision, Unit 1. 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-APR-089R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 02 for FY 2019 – 2020. *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Director Low 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-APR-089R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 02 for FY 2019 – 2020. 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: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center Restricted Housing Quarterly Report. *(Ruben Quintana, Warden, Detention Center)*

Warden Quintana presented a discussion of Lea County Detention Center Restricted Housing Quarterly Report.

- Discussion of 2020 U.S. Census. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of 2020 U.S. Census.

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

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

- 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: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO




Rebecca Long, Chair



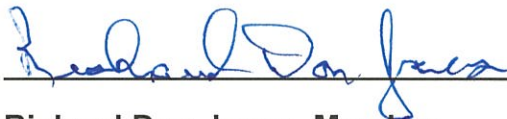
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Jonathan Sena, Member



Richard Don Jones, Member

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