



## Minutes of Special Meeting Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Fair Board Meeting Room – 101 S. Commercial Street, Lovington, New Mexico

Notice of this Meeting has been given to the Public in Compliance with Section 10-15-4 NMSA 1978

Chairman, Larry Wheeler, called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. at the Lea County Fair Board Meeting Room.

Members Present to Wit: Trey Kerby, Larry Wheeler, Kris Allen, Pat Sims, Vivian Flemens, Brian Pointer, Terry Criswell, Tyson Pierce, Marcy Butts and Rick Schaap.

Also Present: Commissioner Dean Jackson, Commissioner Don Jones, County Manager Mike Gallagher, EC Brandy Campbell, BM Cristina Wilhoit, GM Jim Kemp

### ITEM 01: FAIR AND RODEO BOARD

- Consideration of Approval 2020 Fair & PRCA Rodeo

Chairman Wheeler spoke about the circumstances not being ideal, but that he would like to get each Fair Board members view on having or not having the 2020 Fair & PRCA Rodeo. Chairman Wheeler did make the Fair Board members aware of a meeting with himself, Trey Kerby, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Jones and County Manager Mike Gallagher regarding COVID-19 and determining a “cutoff” date because of contracts; that date being June 26, 2020. Also discussed in that meeting were the consequences should the County go against the Public Health Orders (PHO). All Fair Board present at the meeting voiced their recommendation that if the 2020 Fair & PRCA Rodeo can not be held due to the PHO, they voiced a desire to move forward with Livestock shows and sale for the kids. The discussion of changing the date to later was met with resistance due to exhibitors not being able to hold their animals any longer. GM Jim Kemp spoke about Phase 3 not to happen until end of July, which includes mass gatherings. Chairman Wheeler spoke to the Fair Board regarding the Rabbit Show regarding the RHD. He asked the Fair Board to think about their ideas and they will visit again at the resumed meeting.

### RECESS MEETING

**Trey Kerby made a motion at 7:12 P.M. to recess until June 25 at 6:00 P.M. Kris Allen seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting resumed on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:06 pm. Chairman Wheeler spoke in regards to the PHO and no changes in favor of mass gatherings. Vice Chair Kerby mentioned that a decision must be made or the County loses money on contracts. All other Fair Board members agreed it doesn't seem possible to have the 2020 Fair & PRCA Rodeo with current PHO, but in whatever capacity they would like to proceed if Commissioners see that as a possibility and within PHO guidelines. Pat Sims made a motion to have the 2020 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. Brian Pointer seconded that motion. Votes as follows:

Trey Kerby-No; Kris Allen-Yes; Brian Pointer-Yes; Marcy Butts-Yes; Tyson Pierce-Yes; Rick Schaap-Yes; Pat Sims-Yes; Vivian Flemens-Yes.

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Chairman Wheeler asked the Fair Board if the recommendation to the Commission gets voted down then there should be a recommendation to have Livestock Shows, Sale & Junior Exhibits. All Fair Board members agreed the exhibitors, their animals and projects should be first priority. Pat Sims made a motion to have all FFA & 4H Livestock shows, exhibits and sale. Kris Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows:

Trey Kerby-Yes; Kris Allen-Yes; Brian Pointer-Yes; Marcy Butts-Yes; Tyson Pierce-Yes; Rick Schaap-Yes; Pat Sims-Yes; Vivian Flemens-Yes.

## **ITEM 02: OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Wheeler expressed that the “85<sup>th</sup> Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo” be postponed and not cancelled.

## **ADJOURN**

**Pat Sims made a motion at 6:30 P.M. to adjourn this meeting. Brian Pointer seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.**

**Next Scheduled Meeting: July 13, 2020 at 6pm**

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