

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
October 22, 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, Commissioner 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 Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-222R Approving the October 8, 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-OCT-222R Approving the October 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There are no public comments.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Jones stated for everyone to get out and vote.

Commissioner Eidson commented to keep our leaders and educators in our thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Sena made comments in regards to the hard times educators and workers are going through right now.

Vice Chair Jackson asked that everyone pray for our County and this election.

Chair Long made comments in regards to former Chair Ron Black.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-223R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Authorization of Out of State Travel November 29 – December 4, 2020 to Attend the 2020 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas and the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Arlington, Texas. (*Larry Wheeler, Chair, on behalf of Fair & Rodeo Board*)

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-OCT-223R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for Authorization of Out of State Travel November 29 – December 4, 2020 to Attend the 2020 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas and the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Arlington, Texas. 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-OCT-224R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Approval of a Variance to Lea County Subdivision Regulations 16.4.5B2B for Minimum Average Lot Size for a Subdivision with Individual Liquid Waste Systems in the Reyna Subdivision, Section 19 and 30, Township 18 South, Range 39 East, N.M.P.M. in Lea County, New Mexico. (*Bruce Reid, County Planner on Behalf of the Planning & Zoning Board*)

County Planner Reid requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Robert Fierro made comments in regards to supporting the resolution. Ruby Norton made comments in regards to the tract that was already sold. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-224R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Approval of a Variance to Lea County Subdivision Regulations 16.4.5B2B for Minimum Average Lot Size for a Subdivision with Individual Liquid Waste Systems in the Reyna Subdivision, Section 19 and 30, Township 18 South, Range 39 East, N.M.P.M. in Lea County, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, no; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, no; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, no. The motion failed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-225R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Approval of a Variance for Lea County Subdivision Regulations 16.2.1F Magnum Subdivision, Unit 1. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner on Behalf of the Planning & Zoning Board)*

County Planner Reid 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-OCT-225R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Approval of a Variance for Lea County Subdivision Regulations 16.2.1F Magnum Subdivision, Unit 1. The motion was seconded by Chair Long. 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-OCT-226R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Approval of a Variance for Lea County Subdivision Regulations 16.2.1F High Lonesome Subdivision, Unit 1. *(Bruce Reid, County Planner on Behalf of the Planning & Zoning Board)*

County Planner Reid 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-OCT-226R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board for the Approval of a Variance for Lea County Subdivision Regulations 16.2.1F High Lonesome Subdivision, Unit 1. The motion was seconded by Chair Long. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, no; Vice Chair Jackson, no; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-227R Approving Grant No. G19SN0017A Modification No. 6 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2020. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

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. 20-OCT-227R Approving Grant No. G19SN0017A Modification No. 6 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Increasing Funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Awarded 01/01/2019 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. 20-OCT-228R Approving an Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County (EDCLC) to Increase Funding by \$400,000.00 to Assist in Providing Internet Services Throughout Areas of Lea County. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Missi Currier made comments in regards to supporting the resolution. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-228R Approving an Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County (EDCLC) to Increase Funding by \$400,000.00 to Assist in Providing Internet Services Throughout Areas of Lea County. 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-OCT-229R Approving Lea County's Participation in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Cost Share Air Traffic Control Tower Program. *(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-OCT-229R Approving Lea County's Participation in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Cost Share Air Traffic Control Tower 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. 20-OCT-230R Approving the 2020 – 2023 Option to Renew Agreement Between Lea County and Molzen Corbin for Airport Engineering 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. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-230R Approving the 2020 – 2023 Option to Renew Agreement Between Lea County and Molzen Corbin for Airport Engineering Services. 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-OCT-231R Approving a Quote from Coss & Sons Fence Company to Install Fencing and Gates at the Lea County Annex Facility. (*Edmundo Lara, Interim Facilities Director*)

Interim Facilities Director 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-OCT-231R Approving a Quote from Coss & Sons Fence Company to Install Fencing and Gates at the Lea County Annex Facility. 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.

#### ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (September 2020). (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report.

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (September 2020). (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable.

#### ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### CLOSED SESSION

##### • Board of County Commissioners

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss the Disposal of Real Property in Southern Lea County and of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (8).

• At 10:17 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 (H7), (H8), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss the Disposal of Real Property in Southern Lea County and of Real Property in Central Lea County as Authorized by the Open Meetings Act.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eidson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice

Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 11:54 a.m.

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

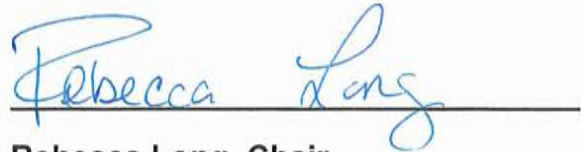
**ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-OCT-232R Approving an Amendment to the Lease Between Lea County and Nor-Lea Hospital District for the Dal Paso Building and Addition Thereto. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher 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-OCT-232R Approving an Amendment to the Lease Between Lea County and Nor-Lea Hospital District for the Dal Paso Building and Addition Thereto. 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 was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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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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