

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
December 10, 2020**

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:01 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-DEC-247R Approving the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-DEC-247R Approving the November 19, 2020 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 are no public comments.

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioner Eidson asked for everyone to keep the Davis family in their prayers.

Commissioner Jones thanked Manager Gallagher, the employees of Lea County and the County commissioners.

Commissioner Sena thanked Commissioner Jones and expressed his condolences for Kooper Davis.

Vice Chair Jackson made comments in regards to working with Commissioner Jones. He also stated that all these suicides rest solely on the shoulders of our governor.

Chair Long thanked Commissioner Jones.

Manager Gallagher made comments in regards to working with Commissioner Jones.

ITEM 02: PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- **Public Hearing:** Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendments of the Lea County Personnel Ordinance, Number 89. The Amendments Will Affect the Employment Status, Hiring, and Retention of Department Directors.
 - ❖ Consideration to Adopt Amendments to the Lea County Ordinance No. 89 – Personnel Ordinance.

At 9:12 a.m. Chair Long called the Public Hearing into order. Director Craig Bova was sworn in. Director Bova presented a discussion concerning Lea County Ordinance No. 89, and requested approval. He also made comments in regards to the ordinance amendments in question. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Nicolas Maxwell was sworn in. He made comments in regards to the unclear language used in amending the ordinance. County Manager Gallagher made comments in regards to the intentions of the amendments and acknowledged the miswording in the amendments. Attorney John Caldwell made comments in regards to the wording of the amendments to the ordinance. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Consideration to Adopt Amended Lea County Ordinance No. 89 – Personnel Ordinance. 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.

ITEM 03: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 20-DEC-248R Directing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals for Multi-Term Insurance Broker Services. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

County Attorney Caldwell 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-DEC-248R Directing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals for Multi-Term Insurance Broker Services. 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-DEC-249R Approving the Salaries of Elected Officials Effective January 1, 2021. (*Craig Bova, Human Resources Director*)

Director Bova 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-DEC-249R Approving the Salaries of Elected Officials Effective January 1, 2021. 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-DEC-250R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and Eddy County to House Detainees at the Lea County Detention Center and the Lea County Juvenile Detention Center. (*Ruben Quintana, Warden*)

Warden Quintana 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-DEC-250R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and Eddy County to House Detainees at the Lea County Detention Center and the Lea County Juvenile Detention Center. 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-DEC-251R Approving an Amendment to an Agreement Between Lea County and Johnson Controls for Improvement in the Lea County Regional Airport Terminal. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager - Operations*)

Assistant 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-DEC-251R Approving an Amendment to an Agreement Between Lea County and Johnson Controls for Improvement in the Lea County Regional Airport Terminal. 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-DEC-252R Approving an Amendment to an Agreement Between Lea County and General Service Administration (GSA) for Lease Space for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in the Lea County Regional Airport Terminal. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant 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-DEC-252R Approving

an Amendment to an Agreement Between Lea County and General Service Administration (GSA) for Lease Space for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in the Lea County Regional Airport Terminal. 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-DEC-253R Approving Award of Bid No. 02 (2020 – 2021) CR 27A Marathon Road Reconstruction to Constructors, Inc. to Widen and Rehabilitate Marathon Roadway. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant 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. 20-DEC-253R Approving Award of Bid No. 02 (2020 – 2021) CR 27A Marathon Road Reconstruction to Constructors, Inc. to Widen and Rehabilitate Marathon Roadway. 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-DEC-254R Approving the Purchase of 2 Acres of Land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 37 East NMPM Along Alabama Road (Tract A-2 of the Runnels Claim of Exemption Tract A) for an Additional Fire Station for the Knowles Volunteer Fire Department. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant 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-DEC-254R Approving the Purchase of 2 Acres of Land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 37 East NMPM Along Alabama Road (Tract A-2 of the Runnels Claim of Exemption Tract A) for an Additional Fire Station for the Knowles Volunteer Fire Department. 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-DEC-255R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract between Lea County and NCA Architects P.A. for the Design of Knowles Fire Station No. 32. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant 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-DEC-255R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract between Lea County and NCA Architects P.A. for the Design of Knowles Fire Station No. 32. 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-DEC-256R Approving the 2nd Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Waste Management of New Mexico Inc. for Hauling Solid Waste for Lea County Convenience Centers. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director*)

Assistant Manager Needham requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-DEC-256R Approving the 2nd Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Waste Management of New Mexico Inc. for Hauling Solid Waste for Lea County Convenience Centers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner. 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-DEC-257R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-DEC-257R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner. 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-DEC-258R Approving CARES Act Funding Reimbursement for Lea County Businesses. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-DEC-258R Approving CARES Act Funding Reimbursement for Lea County Businesses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner. 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-DEC-259R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 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. moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 20-DEC-259R Authorizing Lea County's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 2nd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner. 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 Employee Compensation Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)/Merit. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County Employee Compensation Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)/Merit.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



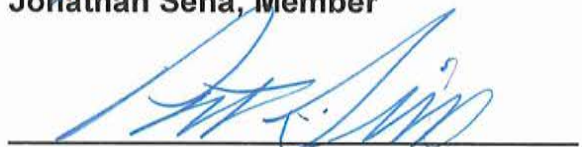
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