

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
January 14, 2021**

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Pat Sims, District 5.

Also present were Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II, and Lea County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

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

ITEM 01: ELECTION

- Election of Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners. *(John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

Attorney John Caldwell requested for nominations. Commissioner Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jackson nominated Commissioner Long. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Commissioner Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Election of Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners. *(Newly Elected Chair, Board of County Commissioners)*

Chair Long requested for nominations. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena nominated Commissioner Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Commissioner Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-001R Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners for 2021.

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. 21-JAN-001R Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners for 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-002R Approving the December 10, 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. 21-JAN-002R Approving the December 10, 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments

- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Chair Long, Commissioner Eidson, Commissioner Sena, Vice Chair Jackson and Manager Gallagher all welcomed Commissioner Sims to the Commission Board.

Commissioner Sims thanked everyone for making him feel welcomed and the people that have supported him. He in addition also made comments in regards to his recent travels.

Commissioner Eidson also made comments in regards to the idiots in this country especially those in Washington.

Commissioner Sena also made comments about the Hobbs Apartments.

Vice Chair Jackson also made comments in regards to what has happened during this last election and what has happened since the election.

Manager Gallagher also congratulated everyone who was reelected.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-003R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Eddy – Lea Energy Alliance.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-003R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Eddy – Lea Energy Alliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-004R 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. 21-JAN-004R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-005R 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 Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-005R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-006R 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. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-006R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Sena. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-007R 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. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-007R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-008R 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 postpone Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-008R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee. 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 Sims, yes. The motion was passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-009R 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. 21-JAN-009R 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-010R 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. 21-JAN-010R 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-011R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority.

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. 21-JAN-011R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-012R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Water Users Association.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to postpone Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-012R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Water Users Association. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-013R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority.

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. 21-JAN-013R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-014R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-014R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-015R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments.

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. 21-JAN-015R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-016R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-016R Approving Appointment(s) and/or Confirming Appointment(s) to the Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization. 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: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-017R Accepting and Approving the FY 2019 – 2020 Financial Audit for Lea County. (*Chris Garner, CPA/Partner of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP*)

Garner 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. 21-JAN-017R Accepting and Approving the FY 2019 – 2020 Financial Audit for Lea County. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-018R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget Development and Timeline. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

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. 21-JAN-018R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget Development and Timeline. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-019R Approving the Open Meetings Act Requirements and Procedures for Lea County. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)

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. 21-JAN-019R Approving the Open Meetings Act Requirements and Procedures for 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-020R Amending Lea County Resolution No. 20-NOV-242R Awarding Bid No. 03 2020-2021 for Five (5) Non-Potable Water Storage Tanks for the Knowles and Monument Fire Stations to Watson Truck and Supply. (*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. 21-JAN-020R Amending Lea County Resolution No. 20-NOV-242R Awarding Bid No. 03 2020-2021 for Five (5) Non-Potable Water Storage Tanks for the Knowles and Monument Fire Stations to Watson Truck and Supply. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-021R Approving Task Order with Pettigrew & Associates for the Survey and Design of the Widening and Overlay of Marathon Road. *(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 Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-021R Approving Task Order with Pettigrew & Associates for the Survey and Design of the Widening and Overlay of Marathon Road. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-022R Approving the Maintenance of Blue Skies Street in Sweet Home on Alabama Subdivision, Unit 2, Located in Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JAN-022R Approving the Maintenance of Blue Skies Street in Sweet Home on Alabama Subdivision, Unit 2, Located in Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M. 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 04: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion/Update on CARES Grant. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion on CARES Grant.

- Discussion/Update on County Road Projects. *(Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager)*

Assistant Manager Needham presented a discussion on County Road Projects.

- Discussion of Proposed Amendment(s) to the Lea County's Personnel Ordinance – Ordinance No. 89. *(Craig Bova, Human Resource Director)*

Director Bova presented a discussion of Proposed Amendment(s) to the Lea County's Personnel Ordinance – Ordinance No. 89.

- Discussion of Employee Compensation Options. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager and Craig Bova, Human Resource Director)*

Manager Gallagher and Director Bova presented a discussion of Employee Compensation Options.

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

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

- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (December 2020). *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (December 2020)

- Discussion of Lea County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager and Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Manager Gallagher and Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR).

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable Report(s) (November – December 2020) *(Chip Low, Finance Director)*

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable Report(s) (November – December 2020).

ITEM 05: 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 in Which the County May Become a Participant Involving the Lea County Judicial Complex, Threatened Litigation Involving Law Enforcement Arrests, Threatened Litigation Regarding Sign Maintenance, Threatened Litigation Involving the Detention Center, and Litigation HB Construction v. Lea County, Bland v. Lea County; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

• At 11:14 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 in Which the County May Become a Participant Involving the Lea County Judicial Complex, Threatened Litigation Involving Law Enforcement Arrests, Threatened Litigation Regarding Sign Maintenance, Threatened Litigation Involving the Detention Center, and Litigation HB Construction v. Lea County, Bland v. Lea County; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).** 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

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

ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Gary G. Eidson, Member



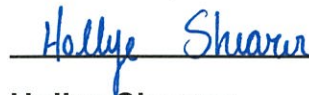
Jonathan Sena, Member



Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Hollye Shearer

