

**Minutes of Meeting  
Lea County Board of Commissioners  
February 18, 2021**

**Chair Long called the meeting to order at 9:02 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.**

**Vice Chair Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.**

**ITEM 01: COMMISSION**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-FEB-041R Approving the February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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-FEB-041R Approving the February 4, 2021 Regular 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 Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments

- Commissioners and Manger Comments

Commissioner Sims made comments in regards to the energy decisions from Santa Fe. He also made comments in regards to Lea County seceding from New Mexico.

Commissioner Sena made comments in regards to memorials for veterans.

Chair Long made comments in regards to traveling to Santa Fe for a board meeting.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-FEB-042 Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. (*Rebecca Long, Commission Chair*)

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-FEB-042R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. 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.

**ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS**

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-FEB-043R 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 concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-FEB-043R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. 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-FEB-044R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Honeywell International to Replace Six HVAC Units at the Lea County Detention Center. (*Edmundo Lara, Interim Facilities Director*)

Director Lara asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-FEB-044R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Honeywell International to Replace Six HVAC Units at the Lea County Detention Center. 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-FEB-045R Approving Lifting the Hiring Freeze of Seven Positions (Three Dispatchers; One Maintenance Technician; One Facilities Custodian; One Airport Firefighter; One Environmental Technician) for Lea County. (*Craig Bova, Human Resources Director*)

Director Bova 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-FEB-045R Approving Lifting the Hiring Freeze of Seven Positions (Three Dispatchers; One Maintenance Technician; One Facilities Custodian; One Airport Firefighter; One Environmental Technician)

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-FEB-046R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way Being 25<sup>th</sup> Street, South of Elm Street in the Five-O Subdivision in Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M Lea County, New Mexico. (*Bruce Reid, County Planner*)

Planner Reid 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-FEB-046R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Right of Way Being 25<sup>th</sup> Street, South of Elm Street in the Five-O Subdivision in Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M Lea County, New Mexico. 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.

**ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Presentation of Region VI Drug Task – Lea County Drug Task Force 2020 End of Year Activity Report. (*Commander Sean Roach & Deputy Commander John Barrientes*)

Commander Roach and Deputy Commander Barrientes presented a discussion of Region VI Drug Task – Lea County Drug Task Force 2020 End of Year Activity Report.

- Discussion of Traffic Calming Strategies. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant Manager Needham presented of Traffic Calming Strategies.

- Discussion of Lea County's Budget for FY 2021 – 2022: Projected Expenses. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Budget for FY 2021 – 2022.

- Discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (January 2021). (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial Report (January 2021).

- Discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (January 2021). (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

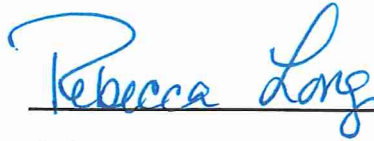
Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable (January 2021).

**ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.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

