

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-080R Approving the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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-APR-080R Approving the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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.

- Public Comments

There were no public comments

- Commissioners and Manger Comments

Commissioner Sims made comments in regards to the trash in Lea County.

Commissioner Sena thanked Lorenzo Velasquez and his team for their efforts towards the trash problem in Lea County.

Vice Chair Jackson stated he attended Donuts with Deputies this morning and he would like to encourage people to attend.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-081R Requesting the State of New Mexico to Join a Lawsuit with other Western States Against the Federal Government Regarding a Moratorium on Oil & Gas Leasing. (*Chair Rebecca Long, Commissioner – District 2*)
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ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-082R Approving a Lease Agreement, Contingent Upon the Approval of the State Board of Finance, Between Lea County and Nor-Lea Hospital District for County Owned Property Located at 1923 North Dal Paso Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 for the Purpose of Expanding Medical Services. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-APR-082R Approving a Lease Agreement, Contingent Upon the Approval of the State Board of Finance, Between Lea County and Nor-Lea Hospital District for County Owned Property Located at 1923 North Dal Paso Hobbs, New Mexico 88240, for the Purpose of Expanding Medical Services. 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-APR-083R Authorizing Lea County as a Fiscal Agent for a State Capital Appropriation of \$90,000.00 to Lovington MainStreet for the Gateway and Wayfinding Project. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-APR-083R Authorizing Lea County as a Fiscal Agent for a State Capital Appropriation of \$90,000.00 to Lovington MainStreet for the Gateway and Wayfinding Project. 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-APR-084R Approving an Aviation Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Project No. HOB-21-03 for an Emergency Generator for

Airfield Lighting at the Lea County Regional Airport. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)*

Director Velasquez 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-APR-084R Approving an Aviation Grant Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Project No. HOB-21-03 for an Emergency Generator for Airfield Lighting at the Lea County Regional Airport. 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-APR-085R Approving Change Order No. 06 (Project No. 04 2018 – 2019) Lea County and Lasco Construction Related to the Airport Terminal Expansion Project for the Lea County Regional Airport. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)*

Director Velasquez requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-085R Approving Change Order No. 06 (Project No. 04 2018 – 2019) Lea County and Lasco Construction Related to the Airport Terminal Expansion Project for the Lea County Regional Airport. 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-APR-086R Approving a Land Acquisition for the Lea County Maljamar Volunteer Fire Substation from Branch Ranch, LLC. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-087R Approving the 2021 – 2022 1st Option to Renew Agreement Aggregate for Surface Treatment to Constructors, Inc. (Region 1) and the J&H Services (Region 2 & 3). *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Director of Emergency Management)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-088R Approving Lea County's Participation in the Buyboard National Purchasing Cooperative. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Chip Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-APR-088R Approving Lea County's Participation in the Buyboard National Purchasing Cooperative. 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-APR-089R Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Chip 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-APR-089R Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory. 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.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County Detention Center Restricted Housing January – March 2021 Quarterly Report. (*Ruben Quintana, Warden, Detention Center*)

Warden Quintana presented a discussion of Lea County Detention Center Restricted Housing January – March 2021 Quarterly Report.

- Discussion of Lea County's Environmental Operations and Community Cleanup. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director*)

Director Velasquez presented a discussion of Lea County's Environmental Operations and Community Cleanup.

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

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

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

Director Low and Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's Financial March 2021 Report.

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

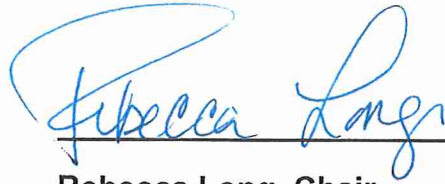
Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Accounts Payable March 2021 Report.

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41a.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

