

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 6, 2021**

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, 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: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-090R Approving the April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long 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-MAY-090R Approving the April 22, 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 Eidson and Commissioner Sena acknowledged National Correctional Officers Week.

Commissioner Sims acknowledged that it is National Prayer Day.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-091R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 04 2020 – 2021 for County – Wide Care and Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-091R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 04

2020 – 2021 for County – Wide Care and Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Secretary polled the Commission. Chair Long, yes; Vice Chair Jackson, yes; Commissioner Eidson, yes; Commissioner Sena, abstain; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-092R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 05 2020 – 2021 for County – Wide Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2021 -2022. *(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-MAY-092R Awarding Request for Proposal No. 05 2020 – 2021 for County – Wide Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2021 -2022. 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-MAY-093R Approving Government Agency Funding to New Mexico State University (NMSU) Extension Office; Lea Soil & Water Conservation District; and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHIS-WS) for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-MAY-093R Approving Government Agency Funding to New Mexico State University (NMSU) Extension Office; Lea Soil & Water Conservation District; and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHIS-WS) for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. 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-MAY-094R Approving Merit/Cost of Living (COLA) Increase for Lea County Employees for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. *(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-MAY-094R Approving Merit/Cost of

Living (COLA) Increase for Lea County Employees for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. 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 Proclamation Recognizing May 2 – 8, 2021 as National Correctional Officers Week. (*Ruben Quintana, Detention Center Warden*)

Warden Quintana requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Proclamation Recognizing May 2 – 8, 2021 as National Correctional Officers Week. 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-MAY-095R Approving the Purchase of an Etnyre Chip Spreader from Cooper Equipment Using Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant Manager Needham 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-MAY-095R Approving the Purchase of an Etnyre Chip Spreader from Cooper Equipment Using Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing. 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-MAY-096R 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-MAY-096R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. 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's Quarterly Cash Report. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's Quarterly Cash Report.

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

Director Low and Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea County's Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Preliminary Budget.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (7) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Pending Litigation HB Construction v. Lea County et al., D-202-CV-2019-03467 Involving Construction in North Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

- At 9:42 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 H (7), of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Pending Litigation HB Construction v. Lea County et al., D-202-CV-2019-03467, threatened litigation involving law enforcement, and threatened litigation involving a contract in Lea County and a contract in north central Lea County; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).** 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.

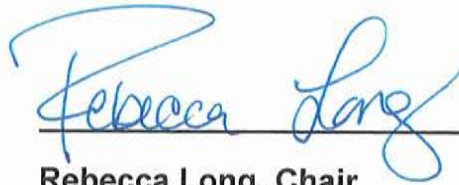
The meeting reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 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

