

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 20, 2021**

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, 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-MAY-097R Approving the May 6, 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-MAY-097R Approving the May 6, 2021 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

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Eidson made comments in regards to the graduating classes of 2021.

Commissioner Sena made comments in regards to a Hobbs High graduate that received a full ride to Norte Dame last year has now received a summer internship.

Vice Chair Jackson made comments in regards to the Jr High School and High School Rodeo Finals and invited people to come out and watch.

Chair Long made comments in regards to the NM Counties conference being pushed back to September and that Lea County will be putting in a bid to try to host the conference this year.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-098R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board.

Chair Long requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to Postpone Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-098R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning 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.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-099R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Eunice in the Amount of \$125,000.00. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-099R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Eunice in the Amount of \$125,000.00. 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-MAY-100R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs in the Amount of \$625,000.00. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-100R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs in the Amount of \$625,000.00. 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-101R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Jal in the Amount of \$112,500.00. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-101R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Jal in the Amount of \$112,500.00. 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-MAY-102R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Lovington in the Amount of \$300,000.00. *(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-102R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Lovington in the Amount of \$300,000.00. 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-103R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the Town of Tatum in the Amount of \$87,500.00. *(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-103R Approving a Joint Service Agreement Between Lea County and the Town of Tatum in the Amount of \$87,500.00. 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-104R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Eunice in the Amount of \$72,000.00. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-104R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Eunice in the Amount of \$72,000.00. 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-105R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Jal in the Amount of \$72,000.00. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher 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-105R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Jal in the Amount of \$72,000.00. 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-MAY-106R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Lovington in the Amount of \$72,000.00. (*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-106R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Lovington in the Amount of \$72,000.00. 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-107R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the Town of Tatum in the Amount of \$72,000.00. (*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-107R Approving an Environmental Services Agreement Between Lea County and the Town of Tatum in the Amount of \$72,000.00. 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-108R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and Nor-Lea Hospital District in the Amount of \$840,000.00 for Medical/Mental Health Care at the Lea County Detention Center. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to postpone Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-108R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and Nor-Lea Hospital District in the Amount of \$840,000.00 for Medical/Mental Health Care 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-MAY-109R Approving an Operational Reserve Equal to 12 Months of General Fund Operations. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-109R Approving an Operational Reserve Equal to 12 Months of General Fund Operations. 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-MAY-110R Approving an Operational Reserve Equal to 12 Months of Transfers for Operations. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-110R Approving an Operational Reserve Equal to 12 Months of Transfers for Operations. 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-MAY-111R Approving a Capital Reserve Equal to No Less Than 15% of Budgeted Capital. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher 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-111R Approving a Capital Reserve Equal to No Less Than 15% of Budgeted Capital. 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-112R Approving \$25,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance for Membership Contribution. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher 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-112R Approving \$25,000.00 Appropriation from the General Fund to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance for Membership Contribution. 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-MAY-113R Adopting Lea County's Preliminary Budget 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 Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-113R Adopting Lea County's Preliminary Budget 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, yes; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-114R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for a Veterans Memorial. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher 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-114R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for a Veterans Memorial. 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-MAY-115R Approving Lea County's Proposal to New Mexico Counties to Host the 2021 Annual Conference. (*Monica Russell, Event Center General Manager*)

General Manager Russell requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Amended Lea County Resolution No. 21-MAY-115R Approving Lea County's Proposal to New Mexico Counties to Host the 2021 Annual Conference. 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-116R Approving Lea County's Proposal for the Lea County Fairgrounds to Host the 2021 Turquoise Circuit Rodeo Finals. (*Jim Kemp, Fairgrounds General Manager*)

General Manager Kemp 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-116R Approving Lea County's Proposal for the Lea County Fairgrounds to Host the 2021 Turquoise Circuit Rodeo Finals. 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 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Director Low presented a discussion of Lea County's April 2021 Financial Report.

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


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

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Gary G. Eidson, Member




Jonathan Sena, Member

Not Present

Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

Lea County Clerk



Hollye Shearer

