

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
June 10, 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 By Phone.

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-JUN-117R Approving the May 20, 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-JUN-117R Approving the May 20, 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Public Comments

Talia Storch from NM Counties announced that Lea County was selected to host the 2021 NM Counties Summer Conference.

- Commissioners and Manger Comments

Commissioner Eidson made comments in regards to graduation being successful.

Commissioner Sena thanked Manager Gallagher and his employees for all the work they do.

Vice Chair Jackson made comments in regards to the Jr High and High School Rodeo Finals that were hosted in Lovington.

Chair Long invited everyone to the Flag Day Rally at Green Meadows this Saturday, June 12th.

Some agenda items were readjusted.

ITEM 02: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-119R Approving the Creation of New Precincts and Adjusting Precinct Boundaries. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes 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-JUN-119R Approving the Creation of New Precincts and Adjusting Precinct Boundaries. 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-JUN-120R Approving Precincts and Polling Places for the 2022 – 2023 Elections. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes 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-JUN-120R Approving Precincts and Polling Places for the 2022 – 2023 Elections. 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-JUN-121R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes 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-JUN-121R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department. 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-JUN-118R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board.

Chair Long requested postponement. Chair Long asked if there were any public comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sena moved to postpone Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-118R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning 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. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-122R Approving the Submittal of an Agreement to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. (*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-JUN-122R Approving the Submittal of an Agreement to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. 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-JUN-123R Authorizing in State Travel to Attend the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association 2021 Annual Meeting/Conference, October 2 – 5, 2021 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. (*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-JUN-123R Authorizing in State Travel to Attend the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association 2021 Annual Meeting/Conference, October 2 – 5, 2021 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. 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.

Commissioner Sims Absent.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-124R Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving the Entertainment Concert Line Up for the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. (*Larry Wheeler, Fair & Rodeo Board, Chair*)

Chair Wheeler 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-JUN-124R Approving a Recommendation

from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Approving the Entertainment Concert Line Up for the 2021 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-125R Approving Change Order No. 01 with Bixby Electric, Inc. for Electrical Service Upgrades to Install a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) at the Lea County Jal Airport. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant County 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-JUN-125R Approving Change Order No. 01 with Bixby Electric, Inc. for Electrical Service Upgrades to Install a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) at the Lea County Jal 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-126R Approving Award of Board No. 06 (2020 – 2021) Kansas Street Reconstruction to Constructors, Inc. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

Assistant County 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-JUN-126R Approving Award of Board No. 06 (2020 – 2021) Kansas Street Reconstruction to Constructors, Inc. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-127R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Task Order with Pettigrew & Associates for the Survey and Design of the Reconstruction of Alabama Street from NM 18/Lovington Highway to NM 132/Denver City Highway – Approximately 5.3 Miles. (*Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

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from NM 18/Lovington Highway to NM 132/Denver City Highway – Approximately 5.3 Miles. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-128R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Alley in Air Base City Subdivision, Block 2 in Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. in 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. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-128R Appointing a Freeholders Committee to Evaluate the Vacation of Dedicated Alley in Air Base City Subdivision, Block 2 in Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. in Lea County, New Mexico. 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, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-129R 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. Commissioner Sena moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-JUN-129R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. 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, absent. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Environmental Operation and Litter Control. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director*)

Director Velasquez presented a discussion of Environmental Operation and Litter Control.

- Discussion of Lea Judicial Complex. (*Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director*)

Director Lara presented a discussion of Lea Judicial Complex.

- Discussion of Lea Historic Courthouse Remodel. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)

Manager Gallagher presented a discussion of Lea Historic Courthouse Remodel.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (2) and (7) Respectively of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Involving the County Manager's Evaluation; and Pending Litigation *HB Construction V. Lea County et al.*, D-202-CV-2019-03467, and Threatened Litigation Involving a Contract in North Central Lea County, as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (2) and (7) Respectively.

- At 10:08 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 H (2) and (7) Respectively, of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Involving the County Manager's Evaluation; and Pending Litigation *HB Construction v. Lea County et al.*, D-202-CV-2019-03467, and Threatened Litigation Involving a Contract in North Central Lea County; as Authorized by the NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (2) and (7) Respectively.** 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.

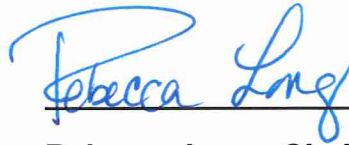
The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Rebecca Long, Chair



Dean Jackson, Vice Chair



Gary G. Eidson, Member



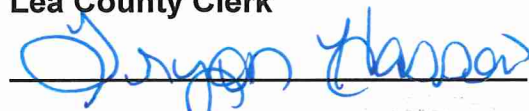
Jonathan Sena, Member



Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Keith Manes

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