

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 2, 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.

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-SEP-183R Approving the August 19, 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. Lea County Resolution No. 21-SEP-183R Approving the August 19, 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

No comments

- Commissioners and Manager Comments

Commissioner Eidson thanked everyone who came out to vote on the Mill Levys.

Commissioner Sena mentioned how great things are going in the County including children and teachers returning to school.

Commissioner Sims thanked everyone who traveled to Albuquerque to attend the Arbitration concerning the new Judicial Complex.

Chair Long gave an update for the upcoming New Mexico Counties Conference on September 22, 2021.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-SEP-184R Opposing the State of New Mexico Executive Order No. 2021-052 Setting 30 x 30 Goal

Vice Chair Jackson requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item.

Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-SEP-184R Opposing the State of New Mexico Executive Order No. 2021-052 Setting 30 x 30 Goal. 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-SEP-185R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and The City of Hobbs for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-SEP-185R Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Lea County and The City of Hobbs for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). 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-SEP-186R Approving a Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Lea County and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Taser 7 Products for the Lea County Sheriff's Office. *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*

Sheriff Helton requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-SEP-186R Approving a Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Lea County and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Taser 7 Products for the Lea County Sheriff's Office. 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-SEP-187R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) for Fiscal year 2023 – 2027. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

Manager Gallagher requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item.

Commissioner Sena commented that he would like to be included in any future conversations concerning this matter.

Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-SEP-187R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) for Fiscal year 2023 – 2027. 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-SEP-188R Approving a Recommendation from a Freeholders Regarding the Request to Vacate a Dedicated Street Between Block 5 and Block 6 in the Chula Vista Subdivision North of Ponderosa Street and West of Grimes Street in Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 38 East N. M. P. M. in Lea county, New Mexico. (*Bruce Reid, County Planner*)

Planner Reid requested to postpone. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve postponing Lea County Resolution. No. 21-SEP-188R Approving a Recommendation from a Freeholders Regarding the Request to Vacate a Dedicated Street Between Block 5 and Block 6 in the Chula Vista Subdivision North of Ponderosa Street and West of Grimes Street in Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 38 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, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-SEP-189R Approving the 2021-2022 3rd Final Option to Renew Agreement between Lea county and Keefe Commissary Network LLC/Trinity Services Group for Detainee Commissary and Food Cart Services at the Lea County Detention Center. (*Ruben Quintana, Warden*)

Warden Quintana requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. No. 21-SEP-189R Approving the 2021-2022 3rd Final Option to Renew Agreement between Lea county and Keefe Commissary Network LLC/Trinity Services Group for Detainee Commissary and Food Cart Services at the Lea County Detention Center. 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-Aug-190R Approving the Lea County Procurement Policy. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Finance Director 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-Aug-190R Approving the Lea County Procurement Policy. 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-SEP-191R Approving budget adjustment No. 01 Fiscal year 2021-2022. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Finance Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-SEP-191R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 01 Fiscal year 2021-2022. 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-SEP-192R Approving the Lea County Indigent Claims Burial/Cremation Report. (*Chip Low, Finance Director*)

Finance Director Low requested approval. Chair Long asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution No. 21-SEP-192R 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, yes. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of the 2021 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo (*Jim Kemp, General Manager*)

- Discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding. (*Michael Gallagher, County Manager*)
- Discussion of Increasing the Number of fire Hydrants in Lea County Outside of Municipalities. (*Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Manager, Corey Needham, Assistant County Manager*)

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

• **Board of County Commissioners**

- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (7) Respectively of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Pending Litigation Involving County Records, Pending Litigation Involving a Construction Contract in Central Lea County as Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).

• At 10:08 a.m. Vice Chair Jackson moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to **Section 10-15-1 H (7) Respectively of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978; to Discuss Pending Litigation Involving County Records, Pending Litigation Involving a Construction Contract in Central Lea County as Authorized by NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (7).**

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.


The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

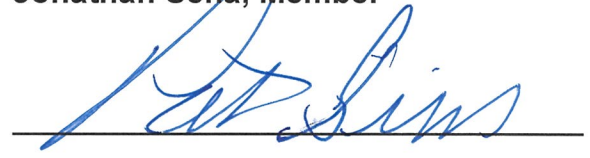
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