

**Minutes of Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
November 4, 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, Commissioner Jonathan Sena, District 4 and Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Also present were Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II.

Commissioner Sims led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Sena.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-OCT-240R, Approving the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Lea County Resolution. No. 21-OCT-240R, Approving the October 21, 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 (Non Agenda Items)
 - There were no Public Comments
- Commissioner and Manager Comments

Commissioners Sims and Eidson had no comments.

Commissioner Sena introduced his guest, Luis, who is a 7th grader at Houston Middle School, who wants to go to college to get a law degree or start a business.

Vice Chair Jackson wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Halloween Carnival and stated how much he enjoyed it. He also commended the Lea County Voters for getting out to vote and hopes the number of voters will always increase. He also acknowledged Mayor Burns, Chief Jackson and Chief Miranda's presence at the meeting.

Chair Long noted that Lea County made national news on the Dan Bongeno podcast. She also commended Fairground Manager, Jim Kemp for the clean up after the Halloween Carnival.

County Manager Gallagher thanked everyone including the Elected Officials and the Commissioners for their support of the Halloween Carnival. He also acknowledged the Fairgrounds new Assistant General Manager, Wyatt Duncan.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-NOV-241R, Approving the Lea County Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-241R, Approving the Lea County Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 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-NOV-242R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-242R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Airports Advisory 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; Commissioner Sims, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-NOV-243R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-243R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County DWI Council. 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-NOV-244R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-244R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee. 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-NOV-245R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Sims moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-245R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board. 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-NOV-246R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Vice Chair Jackson moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-246R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Memorial Committee. 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-NOV-247R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Roads Advisory Committee.

Chair Long requested approval and asked if there were any public or Commissioner comments concerning this agenda item. Commissioner Eidson moved to approve Resolution No. 21-NOV-247R, Approving Appointments to the Lea County Roads Advisory Committee. 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-NOV-248R, Approving Commission Districts for Lea County. *(Keith Manes, County Clerk)*

Clerk Manes 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-NOV-248R, Approving Commission Districts for Lea County. 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-NOV-249R, Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for a \$7,000.00 Payout for the WPRA Women's Breakaway Roping During the 2022 Lea county Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-NOV-250R, Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board Authorizing the 3rd Option to Renew Agreement between Lea County and Linda Brown & Associates as the Entertainment Booking Agency for concerts During the 2022 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-NOV-251R, Approving a Recommendation from the Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board for an Agreement between Lea County and Andy Steward as the Rodeo Announcer During the 2022 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo. *(Larry Wheeler, Chair, Fair & Rodeo Board)*

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 21-NOV-252R, Authorizing Out of State Travel November 15 – 17 to Jefferson City, Missouri for Industry and Economic Development Meeting. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County 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-NOV-252R, Authorizing Out of State Travel November 15 – 17, to Jefferson City, Missouri for Industry and Economic Development Meeting. 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-NOV-253R, Approving the Submission of Lea County's Capital Outlay Requests for the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. *(Michael Gallagher, County Manager)*

County 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-NOV-253R, Approving the Submission of Lea County's Capital Outlay Requests for the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. 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-NOV-254R, Approving Budget Adjustment No. 02 fiscal year 2021-2022. *(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-NOV-254R, Approving Budget Adjustment No. 02 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.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Lea County's Employee Compensation and Benefits. *(Mike Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher discussed the options for varying pay scales for Detention Officers, Deputies, Dispatchers, Road Department and Airport personnel.

- Discussion of Lea County Communication Authority's Membership. *(Mike Gallagher, County Manager)*

County Manager Gallagher discussed adding Eunice, Jal, Lovington and Tatum to the calls answered by LCCA.

- Discussion of Cannabis in the State of New Mexico and Lea County. *(Mike Gallagher, County Manager)*

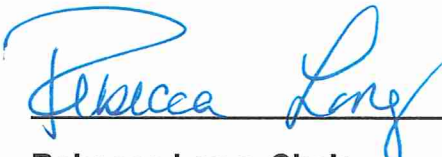
County Manager Gallagher discussed having new issues arise with the new Cannabis law when they go into effect.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

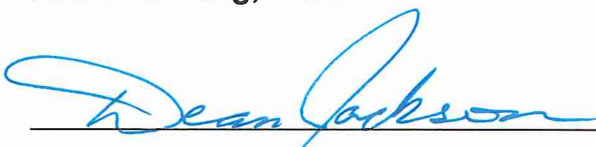
There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

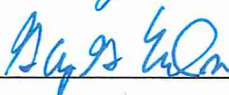
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