

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
September 25, 2025**

Chair Eidson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Chair Gary G. Eidson, District 3, Vice Chair Brad Weber, District 2, Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1, Commissioner Tyson Pierce, District 4.

Commissioner absent were, to wit: Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Commissioner Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Kimbro.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-221R Approving the Following Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ August 21, 2025, Regular Meeting
- ❖ September 16, 2025, Special Meeting

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Commissioners and Manager Comments:

Chair Eidson – Welcomed the audience to the Lea County Board meeting.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-222R Opposing the Adoption by the New Mexico Construction Industries Commission of the 2021 Residential Energy Conservation Code and 2021 Commercial Energy Conservation Code Regarding Their Mandates for Certain Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure for Residential and Commercial Development.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-223R Approving a \$100,000 Appropriation from District 5 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Discretionary Funding to the City of Eunice Water Infrastructure and Fire Hydrant Improvements.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

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- Discussion of the Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin's Turn the Page Program.

Many of the juveniles who enter the legal system are functionally illiterate. The Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin has created a program called Turn the Page to address the needs of juvenile offenders. Working with the courts, the coalition hopes to identify juveniles in need of literacy training and provide court ordered training to them. The goal of the coalition is to improve the life skills of juvenile offenders and reduce the recidivism rate.

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-224R Approving Grant 24 Modification No. 3 for Region VI Drug Task Force.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-225R Authorizing In-State Travel October 2-3, 2025, for County Commissioner Kimbro to Attend the 2025 New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association (NMCGA) Southeast Regional Meeting in Roswell, New Mexico.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-226R Relating to the Proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds Entitled Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Tip Top Energy Center, LLC Project), Series 2025; Declaring the Intent of Lea County to Issue Such Industrial Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Up to \$195,000,000 in Connection with the Proposed Solar Energy Generation System Project Located within the Boundaries of Lea County for the Purpose of Inducing Tip Top Energy Center, LLC to Construct and Install the Project.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-227R Authorizing Capital Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for Improvements Related to Two Middle School Facilities.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-228R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel December 8-13, 2025, to Denver, Colorado, for the Staff Accountant to Attend the Government Officers Association (GFOA) Accounting Academy In-Person Training.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-229R Authorizing the 1st Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-230R Approving the Lea County Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Stipend Program.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-231R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and MCT, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Self-Contained Waste Compactor at the Lea County Detention Center.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-232R Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Lea County and Lovington Municipal School District to Provide Quality Teachers for Students in the Lea County Juvenile Detention Center.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-233R Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Grant Funding to Purchase Books for the Lea County Juvenile Detention Center.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-234R Approval of Cooperative Educational Services Agreement (CES) Between Lea County and Design Roof Services, LLC for Roof Restoration on the Zia Building Upper Level.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-235R Approving Change Order No. 1 with Bradbury Stamm Construction Inc. for the Lea County Event Center Renovation Project.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-236R Ratifying Grant Offer No. 3-35-0027-019-2025 Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Runway Lighting at the Lea County Zip Franklin Airport.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-237R Ratifying Grant Offer No. 3-35-0023-19-2025 Between Lea County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Runway Lighting at the Lea County Jal Airport.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-238R Approving an Aviation Grant with New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for Airport Entry, Terminal Area, and Wayfinding Signage at Lea County Regional Airport.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25- SEP-239R Approving an Omnia Contract with Mountain West Golfscapes, Inc. (MWGS) for the Fabrication and Installation of Airport Entry, Terminal Area, and Wayfinding Signage at Lea County Regional Airport.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-240R Approving a Multi-Award of Bid No. 3 (25-26) Annual Road Construction Maintenance to Constructors, Inc. and Ramirez & Sons, Inc.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-241R Approving a Task Order with Constructors, Inc. for the Widening and Overlay of One Mile of Maljamar Road.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-242R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract with Watson Truck & Supply, Inc. for the Purchase of Two Dump Trucks.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-243R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to Provide Electrical Service and Maintenance of Roadway Lighting at Multiple Intersections on US 62/180.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-244R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to Provide Electrical Service and Maintenance of Roadway Lighting at Multiple Intersections on NM 128.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-SEP-245R Adopting the Freeholders Committee's Recommendation to Vacate a Dedicated Easement in Chaparral Subdivision, in Lot 5 in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, absent. The motion passed.

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of the 2025 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo.

The 89th Annual Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo was held on August 1st–9, 2025 at the Lea County Fairgrounds in Lovington, New Mexico. Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director, provided a review of the activities of the week including estimated expenses, revenue, attendance, rodeo highlights and entertainment events.

- Discussion of the Adoption of Fair and Rodeo Policies.

In August 2025, the Fair Book was presented to the Lea County Board of Commissioners. This recurring publication outlines the rules and regulations governing livestock, events, and activities at the fair. It serves as an essential guide for participants, providing detailed information on the policies and procedures for both the fair and rodeo. Moving forward, the Lea County Commission will review and approve the Fair Book to formally adopt all policies and procedures for the fairgrounds.

- Discussion of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Lea County and New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) for Lighting, Sound, and Curtain Improvements at the Lea County Event Center.

For many years, New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) and Lea County have worked together to enhance entertainment opportunities for the residents of Lea County. Based upon curriculum planning by NMJC's Entertainment and Technology Department, coupled with the Event Center's assessment of future arena sound and lighting needs, created the opportunity for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NMJC and the County for arena sound and lighting improvements.

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- Discussion of the August 2025 Finance Report.

Senior Accountant, Erin Smith reviewed the Revenue vs Expenses Year to Date August 31, 2025, ending with Net Revenue of \$8,878,982.

- Discussion of the August 2025 Accounts Payable.

Senior Accountant, Erin Smith reviewed the August 2025 Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Register with a total of \$13,111,957.08.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:36 a.m. I Vice Chair Weber move that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss pending litigation *Burke v. Lea County Board of County Commissioners* and threatened litigation concerning Lea County Fair Contracts, and to discuss of real property in central Lea County, as authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7) and (8). The motion was second by Commissioner Kimbro.

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION to Take Action, if any, on the Closed Session Item(s).

The meeting reconvened at 11:54 a.m.

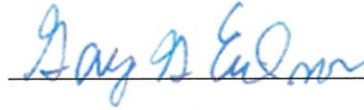
The Chair stated, let the record reflect that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

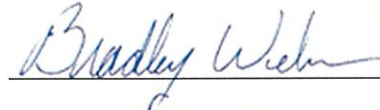
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Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Carrie Sandoval

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Recording Secretary

