

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 23, 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 Pat Sims, District 5

Commissioner Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Vice Chair Weber.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-246R Approving the September 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

- Public Comments.

➤ No Public Comments

- Commissioners and Manager Comments:

➤ Commissioner Kimbro – Is proud to be a Lea County resident.
➤ Chair Edson – Invited Lea County residents to attend and celebrate the Lea County Harvest Fall Festival.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-247R Directing Staff to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Contract Counsel to Assist 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

The proposal seeks to address attorney shortages in the District Attorney's Office by hiring contract attorneys as independent contractors, with potential benefits including health insurance and relocation support, aiming to enhance prosecution and public safety in the county.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-248R Supporting the Responsible Reuse of Treated Produced Water in Lea County.

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

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-249R Approving a \$50,000 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, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-250R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council.

Appointed: District 5 Tamra Gillespie (Term 10/23/2025 – 12/31/2028)

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

- Discussion of Municipal Housing Project Appropriation Updates.
 - City of Tatum Mayor Marilyn Burns stated that the funds were used to renovate two homes.
 - City of Lovington City Manager David Miranda, EDC Director Evelyn Holguin, and Procurement Officer Leslie Boldt currently have an RFP open seeking developers.
 - City of Hobbs City Manager Todd Randall stated that the funds were used to help offset the cost for 104 single-family homes and 56 new senior housing units.
 - City of Eunice Mayor Billy Hobbs and City Manager Shannon Cummins explained that Eunice is landlocked but has the potential to purchase 39 acres for the development of approximately 60 homes and 60 – 100 apartments.
 - City of Jal will give an update at the November Meeting.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing to Consider Proposed Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$85,215,000 Lea County Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (AC Ranch Solar LLC Project) Series 2025.

- Consideration to Adopt Lea County Ordinance No. 104 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (AC Ranch Solar LLC Project), in a Maximum Principal Amount of Up to \$85,215,000 in One or More Series to Provide Funds to Finance the Equipping of an Industrial Revenue Bond Project for Use by AC Ranch Solar LLC or its Successors or Assigns; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Indenture, a Lease, a Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds and Other Documents in Connection with the Issuance of the Bonds and the Project; and Making Certain Determinations and Findings Relating to the Bonds and the Project; Ratifying Certain Actions Taken Previously; and Repealing all Actions Inconsistent with this Ordinance.

John Caldwell, Lea County Attorney; Ed Cerian, Vice President for the Lydian Company; Carlos Coliano, Senior Project Manager; and Vance Nobe, CEO of Akari Energy LLC, were sworn in for the hearing on the adoption of Ordinance No. 104.

I Vice Chair Weber move that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Ordinance Number 104 with the agreed annual payment in lieu of taxes of no less than \$359,240.47 beginning in the third year. The motion was second by Commissioner Kimbro.

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

ITEM3: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-251R Approving a Sourcewell Purchasing Agreement with Kardex Remstar, LLC, for the Purchase of a Filing System for Voter Registration Cards in the Clerk's Office.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-252R Approving an Omnia Purchasing Agreement with Kofile, Inc. for the Purchase of Record Preservation, Imaging, Indexing, Redaction, and Shelving for Lea County's Historical Records.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-253R Approving Grant 25 Modification No. 1 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, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-254R Ratifying Grant Offer No.3-35-0022-047-2025 Between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Lea County for Medium Intensity Runway Lighting (MIRL) 13-31 at the Lea County Regional Airport.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-255R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Donner Plumbing and Lea County for the Design and Installation of Boiler Flue Access Doors at the Lea County Historic Courthouse.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-256R Approving Out-of-State Travel November 12, 2025, to Arlington, Texas, for Facilities Staff to Attend Limble Software Training.

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

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-257R Approving Out-of-State Travel November 30 - December 5, 2025, to Denver, Colorado, for Fair Board Member Amber Groves to Attend the 2025 Annual International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Convention.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-258R Approving Out-of-State Travel December 1-5, 2025, to Las Vegas, Nevada, for Fair Board Chair Kris Allen, Rodeo Committee Members, and Fairgrounds Staff to Attend the 2025 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Convention.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-259R Approving Out-of-State Travel January 8-10, 2026, to Fort Worth, Texas, for Fair Board Vice Chair Brian Pointer, Fair Board Member Rick Schaap, and Fairgrounds Staff to Attend the 2026 Texas Association of Fairs and Events (TAFE) Annual Convention.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-260R Approving an Agreement Between Andy Stewart and Lea County as the Rodeo Announcer for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-261R Approving an Agreement Between Benjamin Brian Patton (The Misfit Cowboy) and Lea County as the Rodeo Specialty Act for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-262R Approving an Agreement Between Clay Heger and Lea County as One of Two Bullfighters for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-263R Approving an Agreement Between Jacob King and Lea County as One of Two Bullfighters for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-264R Approving an Agreement Between Epicenter Productions, LLC and Lea County as the Sound and Production Provider for the Concert Series for the 2026 Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-265R Approving an Agreement Between Justin Rumford and Lea County as the Professional Barrel Man for the 2026 and 2027 PRCA Rodeos.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-266R Approving an Agreement Between Peggy Gander (Cowboy Images) and Lea County as the PRCA Photographer for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-267R Approving an Agreement Between Pete Carr Pro Rodeo and Lea County as the Professional Stock Contractor for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-268R Approving an Agreement Between Road Runner Productions, LLC and Lea County as the Professional Video Producer for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-269R Approving an Agreement Between Ryan Killingsworth and Lea County as the Sound Producer for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-270R Approving an Agreement Between Ted Harbin and Lea County as the Rodeo Media Specialist for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-271R Approving an Agreement Between Wally Roberts and Lea County as the VIP Caterer for PRCA Competitors for the 2026 PRCA Rodeo.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-272R Awarding Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2 (25-26) Lea County Fairgrounds Horse Barn to Lasco Construction, Inc.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-273R Accepting the Dedication of a Roadway Right-of-Way of East Chuska Street, a Roadway Right-of-Way of East Sandcrest Drive, and a Roadway Right-of-Way of Eunice Street Located in the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 35, Township 17 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, yes. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-274R Approving Change Order No. 3 to Bid No. 4 (24-25) to Anissa Construction, Inc. for the Lovington Convenience Center Improvements.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-275R Approving Change Order No. 2 with Bradbury Stamm Construction, Inc., Regarding the Lea County Event Center Renovation.

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

ITEM 04: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of County Funding Sources and the Impacts of HB 6.

The discussion covers HB6's impact on Lea County, its municipalities, and New Mexico, and provides an overview of the county's main revenue sources: oil and gas, property, gross receipts, and interest taxes.

- Discussion of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission's Rules to Address Chemical Disclosure and the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Oil and Gas Extraction.

In mid-2025, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission (Commission) adopted changes to Local governments that have a jurisdiction over a public water system within 5,280 feet of the well site. Lea County does not currently own or operate a public water system. Lea County would like to opt out of receiving these notifications.

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- Discussion of the September 2025 Finance Report.

Senior Accountant, Erin Smith reviewed the Revenue vs Expenses Year to Date September 30, 2025, ending with Net Revenue of \$11,865,507.

- Discussion of the September 2025 Accounts Payable.

Senior Accountant, Erin Smith reviewed the September 2025 Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Register with a total of \$16,106,018.82.

ITEM 05: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:21 a.m. Vice Chair Weber move that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property in central Lea County and northern Lea County, as authorized by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H (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 1:38 p.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 06: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-OCT-276R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Hobbs, Addressed at 3411 and 3423 North West County Road within the College Park Industrial Subdivision, in Lot 9 in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 20, 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, yes. The motion passed.

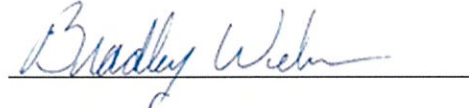
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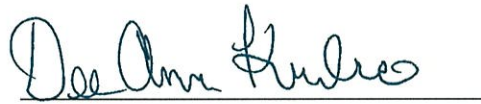
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Gary Eidson, Chair



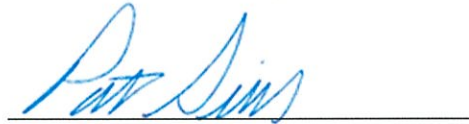
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Dee Ann Kimbro, Member



Tyson Pierce, Member



Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Carrie Sandoval

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