



Lea County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 9:00 AM
Lea County Courthouse - Commission Chambers
100 North Main, Lovington, New Mexico

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NMSA 1978

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AGENDA

Call to Order ~ Roll Call ~ Pledge of Allegiance ~ Invocation

ITEM 1: ELECTION

- a: Election of Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)
- b: Election of Vice Chair for the Lea County Board of County Commissioners. (*Newly Elected Chair, Board of County Commissioners*)

ITEM 2: COMMISSION

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-001R Designating the Chair and Vice Chair for the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County for 2026.
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-002R Approving the December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-003R Approving the Open Meetings Act Requirements and Procedures for Lea County. (*John W. Caldwell, County Attorney*)
- d: Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*).
- e: Commissioners and Manager Comments.
- f: Recognition of Montana Hagler's Receipt of the National Milken Educator Award. (*Pamela Quiñones, Superintendent, Lovington Municipal Schools*)

- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-004R Accepting and Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit for Lea County.
(Armando Sanchez, CPA, CFE, Managing Principal of SJT Group, LLC)
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-005R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Eddy-Lea Energy (ELEA) Alliance.
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-006R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board.
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-007R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council.
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-008R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Board.
- l: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-009R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board.
- m: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-010R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee.
- n: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-011R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board.
- o: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-012R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Roads Advisory Committee.
- p: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-013R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority.
- q: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-014R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington - Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority.
- r: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-015R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lovington - Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

- s: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-016R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments.
- t: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-017R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Southeastern Regional Transportation Planning Organization.
- u: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-018R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority (NMCIA) Pool.

ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-019R Awarding Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 6 (25-26) Lea County Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal System (CAMA) to Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc. *(Ava Benge, County Assessor)*
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-020R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Constructors Inc. for Miscellaneous Striping at Lea County Regional Airport. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-021R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and D&D Automation & Electric, LLC, for the Purchase and Installation of a Perimeter Camera System at the Lea County Detention Center. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Assistant Director)*
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-022R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Honeywell for the Purchase and Installation of an Air Quality Enhancement System at the Lea County Detention Center. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Assistant Director)*
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-023R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and D&D Automation & Electric, LLC, for Electrical Upgrades to the Emergency Management and Environmental Services Complex. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-024R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Anissa Construction for the Building Remodel and Improvements, Engineering Services, Architectural Services, and General Construction at the Lea County Emergency Management and Environmental Services Complex. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*

- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-025R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of a Dedicated Alley in the Humble City Subdivision, Between Lot 18 and Lots 19 Through 23, Located in Block 27, Lot 13-A in the Northwest Quarter (NE/4) of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 37 East in N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-026R Approving a 40-foot Right-of-Way Dedication of E. Marland Street and a 30-foot Right-of-Way Dedication of S. 14th Street in the Selman Subdivision Caamano - Zavala Tract 1, Located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-027R Authorizing the 2nd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-028R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-029R Approving the Certification of Lea County Fixed Assets for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. *(Paige Ellis, Budget & Reporting Analyst)*

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of Outside Entities and Indigent Services Request for Proposals. *(Kelly Livingston Dunford, Assistant County Manager for Justice & Human Services)*
- b: Discussion of Outside Entities and Economic Development Services Request for Proposals. *(Kelly Livingston Dunford, Assistant County Manager for Justice & Human Services)*
- c: Discussion of the 2025 Third and Fourth Quarter Lea County Detention Center Restrictive Housing Reports. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Assistant Director)*
- d: Discussion of the Adoption of Lea County Fair and Rodeo Policies. *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*
- e: Discussion of the December 2025 Finance Report. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- f: Discussion of the November and December 2025 Accounts Payable. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 5: EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters, Namely the County Attorney, to Discuss Pending Litigation of *Tello v. Lea County et al.*, and to Discuss the Disposition of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (2), (7), and (8).

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

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JAN-030R Approving the County Attorney Employment Agreement. (*Corey Needham, County Manager*)

ADJOURN

Please Join Us at Our Next Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.