



**Lea County Board of County
Commissioners Regular Meeting**
Thursday, February 12, 2026, 9:00 AM
Lea County Courthouse - Commission Chambers
100 North Main, Lovington, New Mexico

Notice of this Meeting has been given to the Public in Compliance with Section 10-15-1
NMSA 1978

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*Chair: Tyson Pierce (District 4) ~ Vice Chair: Brad Weber (District 2)
Dee Ann Kimbro (District 1) ~ Gary G. Eidson (District 3) ~ Pat Sims (District 5)*

AGENDA

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

ITEM 1: COMMISSION

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-031R Approving the January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b: Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*).
- c: Commissioners and Manager Comments.
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-032R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Board.
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-033R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing to Consider the Proposed Ordinances Authorizing the Issuance of \$772,000,000 Lea County Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Gainer Solar, LLC Project) Series 2026A and \$505,000,000 Lea County Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Stellar Gainer BESS, LLC Project) Series 2026B.

- a: Consideration to Adopt Lea County Ordinance No. 105 — An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Gainer Solar, LLC Project), in a Maximum Principal Amount of Up to \$772,000,000 in One or More Series to Provide Funds to Finance the Equipping of an Industrial Revenue Bond Project for Use by Gainer Solar, LLC or its Successors or Assigns; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Indenture, a Lease Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds and Other Documents in Connection with the Issuance of the Bonds and the Project; Authorizing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to the County by the Company; 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 W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

- b: Consideration to Adopt Lea County Ordinance No. 106 — An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Stellar Gainer BESS, LLC Project), in a Maximum Principal Amount of Up to \$505,000,000 in One or More Series to Provide Funds to Finance the Equipping of an Industrial Revenue Bond Project for Use by Stellar Gainer BESS, LLC or its Successors or Assigns; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Indenture, a Lease Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds and Other Documents in Connection with the Issuance of the Bonds and the Project; Authorizing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to the County by the Company; 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 W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-034R Ratifying the Notice of Intent to Apply for the 2026 Colonias Infrastructure Board Funding. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-035R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Lynco Electric Co., Inc. for the Relocation of Electrical Lines at the Lea County Regional Airport. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-036R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Wagner Cat for the Purchase of a Stacking Conveyor Belt. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*

- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-037R Approving a Sourcewell Contract with South Plains Implement for the Purchase of Two Cab Tractors and Two Rotary Cutters. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*

- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-038R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel June 27-July 2, 2026, for the Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services, Interim Finance Director, and Budget and Reporting Analyst to Attend the 120th Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. *(Chip Low, Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-039R Ratifying Out-of-State Travel February 9-10, 2026, for Emergency Management Staff Members to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*
- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-040R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel February 15-16, 2026, for Emergency Management Staff Members to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Emergency Management Director)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-041R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel March 11-14, 2026, for the Event Center Assistant Director to Attend the 2026 Meeting Industry Council of Colorado (MIC) Conference in Denver, Colorado. *(Rosie Insilan-Munoz, Event Center Assistant Director)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-042R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and D&D Automation & Electric, LLC, for the Purchase and Installation of an Exterior Camera System Server Upgrade at the Lea County Detention Center. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Assistant Director)*
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-043R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, to Participate in the Local DWI Distribution & Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2027. *(Amie Baeza, Justice Services Director)*
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-044R Approving the Lea County Fair Board Policies & Guidelines. *(Kris Allen, Fair Board Chair)*
- l: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-045R Adopting the Freeholders Committee Recommendation to Vacate 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 Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 37 East in N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of Lea County Advisory Boards and Committees. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- b: Discussion of Fiscal Year 2027 Projected Revenues. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 5: EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Regarding the County Manager's Evaluation and to Discuss the Disposition of Real Property in Central Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (2) 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-FEB-046R Approving the Sale of Real Property, Namely Approximately 1,920 Acres of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Township 18 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M. to Excelsior Hobbs Power LLC. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

ADJOURN

Please Join Us at Our Next Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.