



**Lea County Board of County
Commissioners Regular Meeting**
Thursday, February 26, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
Lea County Courthouse - Commission Chambers
100 North Main, Lovington, New Mexico

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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)*

FIRST AMENDED AGENDA

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

ITEM 1: COMMISSION

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-047R Approving the February 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b: Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*).
- c: Commissioners and Manager Comments.
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-048R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Board.
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-049R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee.
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-050R Dissolving the Lea County Roads Advisory Committee.

- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-051R Approving a \$10,000 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Discretionary Funding to the Town of Tatum for Improvements at the Tatum Senior Center. *(Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1, Commissioner)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-052R Approving a \$100,000 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Discretionary Funding to the Town of Tatum for Improvements at the Tatum Baseball Fields. *(Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1, Commissioner)*
- i: Discussion of Reissuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Contract Counsel to Assist the 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office. *(John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-053R Approving the Authorization and Execution of an Application for the Law Enforcement Protection Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. *(Corey Helton, Sheriff)*
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-054R Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Financial Assistance from the New Mexico Colonias Infrastructure Board. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-055R Amending and Restating Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUN-165R Relating to the Proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds Entitled Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Louisiana Energy Services Expansion Project), Series 2026; Declaring the Intent of Lea County to Consider the Issuance of Such Industrial Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Up to \$3,800,000,000 in Connection with a Proposed Project Located within the Boundaries of Lea County for the Purpose of Inducing Louisiana Energy Services, LLC to Develop and Expand its Operations in the County and to Construct, Equip, and Install the Project; and Ratify and Approve the Mailing and Delivery of Notice of the Proposed Project to the County Assessor and Each Taxing Jurisdiction within the County as Required by Law. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-056R Declaring the Intent of Lea County, New Mexico to Provide Local Economic Development Act ("LEDA") Assistance in Connection with a Proposed Project Located within Lea County, New Mexico, for the Purpose of Inducing the Development of the Louisiana Energy Services Expansion Project by Louisiana Energy Services, LLC. (The "Company"), Which Project Would Include the Development and Expansion of the Company's Operations in the County and Related Infrastructure and Facilities, in the Manner Set Forth in the Project Plan. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-057R Approving Data Center Project Requirements in Lea County and Legislative Priorities Related to Data Centers and Artificial Intelligence. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-058R Approving an Engineering Task Order with Pettigrew and Associates for the Design of Multiple Intersections on NM 18. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-059R Approving an Engineering Task Order with Square Root Services for the Realignment and Redesign of NM 128 and Brininstool Intersection. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-060R Approving Brand West Biogas, LLC. to Construct a New Covered Lagoon Manure Digester at Brand West Dairy, Located at 133 Longview Road, Lovington, New Mexico 88260. *(Cassie Corely, Environmental Assistant Director)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-061R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and SolarWinds IT for the Purchase of an Infrastructure Monitoring Platform. *(Robert Francis, Information Technology Director)*
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-062R Approving Change Order No. 4 with Bradbury Stamm Construction Inc. Regarding the Lea County Event Center Renovation. *(Jim Kemp, Event Center Director)*
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-063R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel April 12-15, 2026 for Detention Center Staff to Attend the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Investigator Certification Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. *(Johel Maldonado, Detention Center Assistant Director)*
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-064R Supporting Responsible Produced Water Reuse, Regional Engagement, and Participation in the WATR Alliance Petition. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of Funding for the Town of Tatum Sewer System Evaluation. *(Isabella Salazar, Mayor, Town of Tatum)*
- b: Discussion of the City of Hobbs' Lovington Highway Trail. *(Todd Randall, Assistant City Manager, City of Hobbs)*
- c: Discussion of Ark Strategic School Safety Mapping Initiative. *(Gene Strickland, Superintendent, Hobbs Municipal Schools)*

- d: Discussion of Lovington Municipal Schools' H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Parents through Empowerment) Autism Parent Support Group. *(Amanda De La Cruz, LCSW, Lovington Municipal Schools)*
- e: Discussion of 2025 Lea County Extension Services. *(Chelsey Wilson and Jessie Barber, Lea County Extension Office)*
- f: Discussion of the January 2026 Finance Report. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- g: Discussion of the January 2026 Accounts Payable. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss the Appointment of the Detention Center Director and to Discuss Pending Litigation, namely Joe Qunitana v. Lea County Board of County Commissioners and others as authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (2) and (7).

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

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-FEB-065R Approving the Appointment of the Detention Center Director. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

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