



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

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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-MAR-066R Approving the February 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b: Public Comments *(Non-Agenda Items)*.
- c: Commissioners and Manager Comments.
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-067R Approving a \$17,000 Appropriation from District 5 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Discretionary Funding to the City of Eunice for Meals on Wheels Services for Monument Residents. *(Pat Sims, District 5, Commissioner)*
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-068R Directing Staff to Reissue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Contract Counsel to Assist the 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office. *(John W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

ITEM 2: PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing to Consider the Proposed Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$195,000,000 Lea County Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Tip Top Solar Energy Center LLC) Series 2026.

- a: Consideration to Adopt Lea County Ordinance No. 107 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Tip Top Solar Energy Center LLC Project), in a Maximum Principal Amount of Up to \$195,000,000 in One or More Series to Provide Funds to Finance the Equipping of an Industrial Revenue Bond Project for Use by Tip Top Solar Energy Center LLC or its Successors or Assigns; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Indenture, a Lease Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, Sublease, 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 W. Caldwell, County Attorney)*

ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-069R Approving a \$50,000 Capital Appropriation to the Town of Tatum for an Updated Sewer System Utility Assessment. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-070R Authorizing Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) Between Lea County and the School Districts Within Lea County for the Ark Strategic School Safety Mapping Initiative. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-071R Approving Lea County's Participation in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). *(Kelli Ferguson, Chief Procurement Officer)*
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-072R Authorizing In-State Travel March 16–17, 2026, for the County Manager to Attend the New Mexico State Board of Finance Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. *(Sarah Chanesman, Executive Administrative Coordinator)*
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-073R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Bradbury Stamm Construction for Countertop Improvements in the Elected Officials' Offices at the Lea County Historic Courthouse. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-074R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Design Roof Services for the Preservation and Waterproofing of the Exterior of the Lea County Historic Courthouse. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*
- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-075R Approval to Host the 2026 New Mexico Junior High & High School Rodeo Association State Finals. *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*

- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-076R Approving Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Volunteer Fire Departments' Annual Reporting. *(Charles Pruitt, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-077R Ratifying Out-of-State Travel March 10-11, 2026, for Lea County Regional Airport Firefighters to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. *(Charles Pruitt, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management)*
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-078R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel March 18-19, 2026, for Lea County Regional Airport Firefighters to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. *(Charles Pruitt, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management)*
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-079R Approving Change Order No. 6 to Bid No. 01 (23-24) to Lasco Construction, Inc. for Hobbs Convenience Center Improvements. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Director)*
- l: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-080R Approving the Lea County Health Council as the Official Health Council for Lea County for the Purposes Outlined in the County and Tribal Health Councils Act. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Director)*

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of the Lea County Film Office. *(Charlene Upton, Lea County Film Liaison)*
- b: Discussion of Housing Project Amendments. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- c: Discussion of Lea County's Operating Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS

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