

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
April 24, 2025**

Vice Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Vice Chair Brad Weber, District 2, Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1. Commissioner Tyson Pierce, District 4, Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Chair absent were, to wit: Chair Gary G. Eidson, District 3

Commissioner Peirce led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Kimbro.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-111R Approving the April 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-112R Approving a \$200,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding to Hobbs Municipal Schools for a Hawk Crosswalk Signal on Grimes Street.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-113R Approving a \$200,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding for the Operation, Equipping, and Improving the City of Lovington's Animal Shelter.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-114R Approving a \$150,000.00 Appropriation from District 2 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding for Improvements at the City of Lovington's Baseball and Softball Fields.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-115R Approving a \$150,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Discretionary Funding for Improvements at the City of Lovington's Baseball and Softball Fields.

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

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-127R Approving Government Agency Funding to the Fifth Judicial District Court for Transportation Services for Lea County Justice-Involved Defendants for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-116R Approving Appropriation No. 22-ZG1016-15 the State of New Mexico to be Utilized Following the Provisions of HB68: Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Stipend.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-117R Approving the Donation of Two Vehicles to the Town of Tatum.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-118R Authorizing the Purchase of a 2026 Spartan ERV- International HV507 SFA 6x6 Pumper for Monument Volunteer, Fire Department.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-119R Approving Aviation Grant Agreement E26-25-01 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for the RWY 01-19 MIRL Construction.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-120R Approving Superior Security Services to Provide Security Services During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo, August 1 – 9, 2025.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, absent; 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-APR-121R Approving HD Veterinary Services to Provide Veterinarian Services During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo, July 27 – August 9, 2025. S

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-122R Approving Joy of Catering to Provide Entertainment Catering Services During the 2025 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo, August 1 – 9, 2025.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-123R Approving Out-Of-State Travel July 13 – 22, 2025, to Reno, Nevada, for Lea County Historian to Attend the Wild West History Association's 18th Annual Roundup.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-124R Approving Government Agency Funding to New Mexico State University (NMSU) Extension Office, Lea Soil & Water Conservation District, and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA APHIS-WS) for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-125R Awarding Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 7 (24 – 25) County-Wide Care and Maintenance of Sick and Indigent for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-APR-126R Awarding Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 8 (24 – 25) County-Wide Economic Development Services for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.

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

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ITEM 3: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of Fire Suppression Water Storage Projects.

The County Fire Departments have a substantial need for water storage, especially in our rural areas where the nearest municipal water hydrants are miles away. Structures in the County continue to get larger with less fire-resistant construction materials and contain larger fire loads due to materials used in furniture. We are moving into a construction phase of these projects that will soon provide Lea County Fire Departments with over 330 thousand gallons of water available at 50 psi of pressure with an average of 1,500 gallons per minute flow.

- Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Capital Projects Budget.

Capital expenditures include the construction and maintenance of buildings, roads, and various types of equipment that support county operations. Capital assets are defined by their extended useful life, typically exceeding one year, and their significant cost.

- Discussion of March 2025 Finance Report.

Finance Director Vanessa Flanigan reviewed the Revenue vs Expenses Year to Date March 31, 2025, ending with Net Revenue of \$173,586,626.

- Discussion of March 2025 Accounts Payable.

Finance Director Vanessa Flanigan reviewed the March 2025 Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Register with a total of \$10,459,280.22.

ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

At 11:09 a.m. I Commissioner Kimbro move that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding Tello v. Lea County, Brown v. Lea County, Estrada v. Lea County, Blanchard v. Lea County, Villanueva v. Lea County, Burke v. Lea County, Murillo v. Lea County, Sanchez v. Lea County to discuss threatened litigation concerning law enforcement in northern Lea County, and to discuss the disposal of real property in central Lea County, as authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7) and (8). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims.

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

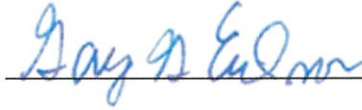
The meeting was reconvened at 12:04 p.m.

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS

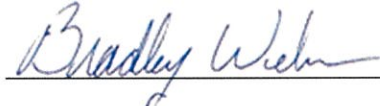
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Gary Eidson, Chair



Brad Weber, Vice Chair



Dee Ann Kimbro, Member

ABSENT

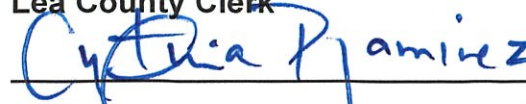
Tyson Pierce, Member



Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Carrie Sandoval

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

