



Lea County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
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-MAR-081R Approving the March 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b: Public Comments (*Non-Agenda Items*).
- c: Commissioners and Manager Comments.
- d: Discussion of the State of New Mexico 2026 Legislative Session. (*Randall Pettigrew, District 61 Representative*)

ITEM 2: PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing to Consider the Proposed Ordinance Approving a LEDA Project for the Benefit of Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (the "Company"), pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act and the Lea County Local Economic Development Act Plan.

- a: Consideration of Lea County Ordinance No. 108 - Approving a LEDA Project for the Benefit of Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (the "Company"), Pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act and the Lea County Economic Development Plan; Approving Economic Assistance to the Company for a Portion of the Costs of the Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement of the Expansion of the Company's Existing Operations within Lea County, New Mexico (the "County"), and Related Infrastructure and Facilities in the County (the "Project") Using Certain Public Support Identified by the County and the State of New Mexico (the "State"), Including a Portion of the Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Generated by the Construction of the Project; Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement, a Project Participation Agreement Among the Company, the State, and the County (the "Agreement"), and Such Other Agreements as Are Necessary or Convenient to Provide the Approved Economic Assistance to the Company; Authorizing the Execution of All Other Necessary Documents; Making Certain Determinations and Findings Relating to 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-082R Approving the Release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a General Contractor for the Construction of the Lea County Public Safety Training Center Commercial Street Campus. *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-083R Approving the Release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a General Contractor for the Construction of the Lea County Public Safety Training Center Reed Road Campus. *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-084R Approving a Statewide Price Agreement Between Lea County and Chalmers Ford for the Purchase of an Alpine Armoring Armored Vehicle. *(Corey Helton, County Sheriff)*
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-085R Approving the 2026 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-086R Awarding Bid No. 5-(25-26) for Portable Horse Stalls to Tarter Gate Company, LLC. *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*

- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-087R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholder Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of a Dedicated 60-foot Right-of-Way in the Oakridge Park Unit 2 Subdivision, Being Armijo Avenue, South of Lot 20, Located in Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-088R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholder Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of a Dedicated 12-foot Alley in the Townsite of Bennettville Subdivision, Between Lots 32, 33, and 40-41, Located in Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-089R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel April 27 - May 1, 2026, for the Buyer to Attend the 2026 OpenGov Conference in Chicago, Illinois. *(Chip Low, Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAR-090R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel May 12–15, 2026, for the Payroll Administrator to Attend the 44th Payroll Congress Convention & Expo Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of the Lea County Compensation Study. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- b: Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Departmental Operating Budgets. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- c: Discussion of February 2026 Finance Report. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- d: Discussion of February 2026 Accounts Payable. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 5: EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Pending Litigation, Namely Tello v. Lea County and Others, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H. (7).

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

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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