

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 21, 2026**

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

Commissioners present were, to wit: Chair Tyson Pierce, District 4, Vice Chair Brad Weber, District 2, Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1, Commissioner Gary Eidson, District 3, Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Commissioner Kimbro led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Invocation by Vice Chair Weber.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-134R Approving the April 23, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

- **Public Comments:** *(Non-Agenda Items)*

➤ No Public Comments

- **Commissioners and County Manager Comments:**

- Commissioner Eidson - Congratulated all graduating seniors and their families during this celebratory time of year. He expressed hope that everyone enjoys the celebrations and does so responsibly. He also encouraged all residents to get out and vote.
- Commissioner Kimbro - Reported that Steve Pearce has been confirmed as the new Director for the BLM. A recent BLM sale set records, generating approximately \$4 billion. Notably, 90% of the purchases were in Lea County. One tract in Lea County reached \$357,357.129 per acre, with a total of 64,000 acres offered for sale.
- Corey Needham County Manager- Gave a reminder that Lea County is still accepting applications for the comprehensive plan committee. He noted that several strong applications have already been received and that appointments to the committee are expected to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He also thanked Mrs. Holton for helping spread awareness about the upcoming Orla Intersection project, which is expected to begin soon.

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-135R Authorizing Lea County to Open a Savings Account at Estacado Federal Credit Union for Receiving Interest on Investments.

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

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-136R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel August 17-19, 2026, for Environmental Staff to Attend the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) Animal Control Officer III Advanced Training Program at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

This item was postponed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-137R Awarding Bid No. 9(25-26) to BCA Industries for a Portable Tire Shredder for the Lovington Convenience Center.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-138R Approving Change Order No. 1 with D&D Automation and Electric for the Purchase and Installation of a Perimeter Camera System at the Lea County Detention Center.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-139R Approving a Change Order No. 1 with APIC Solutions Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Fire Alarm System at the Lea County Detention Center.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-140R Approving a Request for Lea County to Budget and Host a Mexican Rodeo/Charrería at the Lea County Event Center.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Pierce, no; Vice Chair Weber, no; Commissioner Kimbro, no; Commissioner Eidson, no; Commissioner Sims, no. Resolution did not pass.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-MAY-141R Approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget.

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

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of the April 2026 Finance Report .

Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director, presented the April 2026 Finance Report, outlining monthly revenues and expenditures, year-to-date budget performance, and variances from projected figures. He reviewed key financial trends and provided updates on departmental spending, highlighting areas of note and overall fiscal status.

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- Discussion of the April 2026 Accounts Payable.

Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director, presented the April 2026 Accounts Payable Report, stating that the total amount of \$34,136,161.14 reflected combined check disbursements and purchase card expenditures for the reporting period.

- Discussion of the Lea County Permanent Fund.

Corey Needham, Lea County Manager, provided a detailed overview of the 2026 budget allocations, including the exact funding levels assigned to the Lea County Permanent Fund and financial contributions to other public sector partners. He also highlighted the intended use of these funds, emphasizing their role in sustaining essential services, supporting infrastructure projects, and strengthening the county's long-term fiscal health.

ITEM 4: OTHER BUSINESS

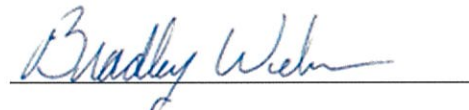
- No Other Business

ADJOURN: 10:00 a.m.

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