



Lea County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 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)

AGENDA

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

ITEM 1: COMMISSION

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUN-161R Approving the June 11, 2026, Special and Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b: Public Comments *(Non-Agenda Items)*.
- c: Commissioner and Manager Comments.
- d: Discussion of Proposed 2nd Amendment Defense Fund Ballot Question *(Randall Pettigrew, House Representative, District 61)*
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-162R Approving a \$10,000 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Discretionary Funding to the Lovington Municipal School District's Creative Media Department for the Acquisition of Media Equipment and Materials. *(Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1, Commissioner)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-163R Approving a \$35,000 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Discretionary Funding to the Town of Tatum to Support Local Beautification Projects. *(Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1, Commissioner)*

- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-164R Approving a \$45,000 Appropriation from District 5 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Discretionary Funding to Lovington Schools to Support the HOPE Autism Parent Support Group Program. *(Pat Sims, District 5, Commissioner)*

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-165R Approving Grant No. HID3025G0623-02 Modification No. 2 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Policy for the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Drug Task Force Awarded 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2026. *(Wm. Robert Sullivan, Region VI Drug Task Force Coordinator)*
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-166R Approving Grant No. HID3026G0774-00 Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Policy for the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Drug Task Force issued for 01/01/2026 TO 12/31/2027. *(Wm. Robert Sullivan, Region VI Drug Task Force Coordinator)*
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-167R Declaring the Intent of Lea County to Issue an Industrial Revenue Bond Entitled Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (AC Ranch Bess, LLC Project), Series 2026, in an Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$95,000,000 in Connection with the Construction of Energy Storage Facilities to be Located in the Unincorporated Portion of Lea County, New Mexico, for the Purpose of Inducing AC Ranch Bess, LLC or its Successors or Assigns, to Acquire and Construct the Project and to Reimburse Temporary Advances Made for Capital Expenditures from Proceeds of the Bonds; and Concerning Related Matters. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-168R 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 Eden Radioisotopes, LCC Together with its Subsidiaries, Assigns, and Affiliates (The “Company”), Which Project Would Include the Acquisition, Redevelopment, Renovation, Rehabilitation, Equipping and Improvement of the Company's Medical Isotope Facility 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-JUL-169R Approving an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Lea County and the Town of Tatum for Housing Projects (Lea County Resolution No. 24-MAY-129R). *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-170R Approving a One-Time Maintenance and Infrastructure Grant to Municipalities. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-171R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for Shared Revenue from the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP). *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-172R Amending a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Lea County and the City of Hobbs for a Sewer Lift Station Located near the Lea County Regional Airport. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-173R Approving Lea County Airports to Utilize Molzen-Corbin for Construction Observation Services for a New Lift Station. *(Allan Mantle, Airport Manager)*
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-174R Approving Lea County Airports to Utilize Molzen-Corbin for Construction Phasing Services for a New Lift Station. *(Allan Mantle, Airport Manager)*
- k: Consideration of Resolution 26-JUL-175R to Approve a Road Rededication of Hollywood Drive, a 60' Rights-of-Way, and the Vacation of Lots 1-23 in the Hughes Subdivision Located in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- l: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-176R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholder Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of a 60-foot Right of Way on Patterson Street, Two 40-foot Rights of Way Being Pinewood Drive and the Northern Portion of Hollywood Drive and Two 20-Foot Alleys of the Hughes Subdivision Located in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4), Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- m: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-177R Acknowledging the Freeholder Committee Recommendation Not To Vacate a Dedicated 15-foot by 190-Foot Alley in the Knowles Subdivision Unit 1 Block 6, in the Southwest Quarter (SW4), Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M. *(John Portulano, County Planner)*
- n: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-178R Approving the Request for Qualifications (RFP) No. 13 (25 – 26) Engineering Services: Roadway Alignment Study, Right-of-Way Acquisition Support, and Roadway Design. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

- o: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-179R Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Lovington for the Reconstruction of Chaves Road in Lovington, NM. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- p: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-180R Approving a Task Order with Ramirez and Sons for the Reconstruction of Chaves Road in Lovington, NM. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- q: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-181R Approving Change Order No. 22 Bid No. 4 (24-25) for the Lea County Lovington Convenience Center Pond Excavation to Increase the Depth of the East and West Ponds. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)*
- r: Consideration for Lea County Resolution No. 26- JUL-182R Amending Lea County Resolution No. 26-Jun-155R 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. *(Lorenzo Velasquez, Environmental Services Director)*
- s: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-183R Approving a Cooperative Program Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Local Government Road Fund Project No. 54388 Control No. L200719 (CAP Grant) for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- t: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-184R Approving a Cooperative Program Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Local Government Road Fund Project No. 54388 Control No. L200696 (CO-OP Grant) for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- u: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-185R Approving a Cooperative Program Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Local Government Road Fund Project No. 54388 Control No. L200723 (SB Grant) for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- v: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-186R Ratifying the Substitution of Chiquis with Keith Nieto & Conjunto Rio Grande for Hispanic Heritage Entertainment at the Lea County Fair and Rodeo *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*
- w: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26- JUL-187R Awarding Request for Proposal #12- (25-26) Stock Contractor - 2027 Lea County Fair & Rodeo to Pete Carr Pro Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*

- x: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No.26-JUL-188R Approving Change Order No. 07 with Bradbury Stamm Construction, Inc. Regarding the Lea County Event Center Renovation Project. *(Jim Kemp, Event Center Director)*
- y: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-189R Approving the 2027 Lea County Employee Calendar. *(Craig Bova, Human Resources Director)*
- z: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-190R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Workers' Compensation Pool Contribution to the New Mexico Counties' Insurance Authority (NMCIA). *(Chip Low, Assistant County Manager of Administrative Services)*
- aa: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-191R To Appoint Plan Administrators for the Lea County Money Purchase Plan with Nationwide Financial Services Company *(Chip Low, Assistant County Manager of Administrative Services)*
- bb: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-192R To Appoint Plan Administrators for the Lea County 401a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan with TCG, a Hub International Company *(Chip Low, Assistant County Manager of Administrative Services)*
- cc: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUN-193R Approving Lea County's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for 2028-2032. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- dd: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-194R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation in New Mexico Counties (NMC) for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- ee: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-195R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation in the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments (SNMEDD/COG) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- ff: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-196R Approving the Transfer of \$100,000,000 into the Lea County Permanent Fund. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- gg: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-197R Approving the 2024-2025 4th Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2026. *(LaJuan Hayes, County Treasurer)*
- hh: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-JUL-198R Adopting Lea County's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

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ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of New Horizons Energy Challenge. *(Dennis Holmberg, Executive Director, New Horizons Foundation; Toni Balzano, Vice President of Strategy & Communications, Q Station)*
- b: Discussion of Amending Noise Control Ordinance No. 96 *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- c: Discussion of Lea County Event Center Arena Sound and Lighting. *(Jim Kemp, Event Center Director)*
- d: Discussion of the June 2026 Finance Report. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- e: Discussion of the June 2026 Accounts Payable. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a: COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss the Acquisition of Real Property in Central and Southern Lea County and Threatened Litigation Against the Lea County Sheriff's Office, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7) and (8).

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-JUL-199R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Defined as Hangars E-1A, E-2B, and E-1D Located at the Lea County Regional Airport in Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 37 East in Lea County, New Mexico. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

ADJOURN

Please Join Us at Our Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.