



**Lea County Board of County
Commissioners Regular Meeting**
Thursday, August 20, 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-AUG-200R Approving the July 23, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b: Public Comments. *(Non-Agenda Items)*
- c: Commissioner and Manager Comments.
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-201R Approving a \$250,000 Appropriation from District 3 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Discretionary Funding to the City of Jal for the Construction of a Steel Building to Support Municipal Facility Improvements. *(Gary Eidson, District 3, Commissioner)*
- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-202R Approving a \$250,000 Appropriation from District 5 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Discretionary Funding to the City of Jal for the Construction of a Steel Building to Support Municipal Facility Improvements. *(Pat Sims, District 5, Commissioner)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution 26-AUG-203R Authorizing The Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance (ELEA) to Enter Into an Easement Right-of-Way Agreement Pending Approval of the New Mexico Department of Finance (

NM DFA). *(Brad Weber, Vice Chairman)*

- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-204R Establishing the Lea County Comprehensive Plan Committee. *(Sandrea Brito, Community Engagement Director)*
- h. Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-205R Creating a 2nd Amendment Defense Fund for a November 2026 Ballot Question. *(Randall Pettigrew, House Representative, District 61)*

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- a: Consideration of Lea County Resolution 26-AUG-206R Approving the Lea County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2027. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- b: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-207R Approving Multiple Services and Environmental Services Appropriations Between Lea County and County Municipalities. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- c: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-208R Adopting Lea County Ordinance No. 107 Approving A LEDA Project For The Benefit Of Eden Radioisotopes, LLC (Together With Its Subsidiaries, Assigns, And Affiliates, The “Company”) Pursuant To The Local Economic Development Act And The County Of Lea Local Economic Development Act Plan; Approving Economic Assistance To The Company For A Portion Of The Costs Of The Acquisition, Construction, Redevelopment, Renovation, Rehabilitation, Equipping, And Improvement Of The Company’s Medical Isotope Facility (The “Project”) To Be Located Within Lea County (The “County”) From Certain County Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Generated By The Construction Of The Project And Other Funds Available To The County, If Any; Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement, A Project Participation Agreement, And Other Cooperative Agreements Or Memoranda Among Or Between The State Of New Mexico (The “State”), The County, And Other Governmental Entities, If Any; Authorizing The Execution Of All Other Necessary Documents; Making Certain Determinations And Findings Relating To The Project; Amending The County Leda Plan; Ratifying Certain Actions Taken Previously; And Repealing All Actions Inconsistent With This Ordinance. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- d: Consideration of Lea County Resolution 26-AUG-209R Declaring The Intent of Lea County, New Mexico, Subject to the Satisfaction of Certain Conditions, to Issue Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds In One Or More Series in an Aggregate Amount Not To Exceed One Billion Four Hundred Million Dollars (\$1,400,000,000) In Connection With a Proposed Project Located Within Lea County, New Mexico, for the Purpose Of Inducing Eden Radioisotopes, LLC, to Acquire, Construct, Redevelop, Renovate,

Rehabilitate, Equip, and Improve a Medical Isotope Facility and Associated Facilities in the Manner Set Forth in the Project Plan. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*

- e: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-210 Adopting Lea County Ordinance No. 108 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Louisiana Energy Services Expansion Project), Series 2026 in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of Three Billion Eight Hundred Million Dollars (\$3,800,000,000) to Provide Funds to Finance the Development and Expansion of the Company's Operations in the County and to Construct, Equip and Install the Project; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Indenture, a Lease Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds, and Other Documents in Connection with the Issuance of the Bonds and the Project; Making Certain Determinations and Findings Relating to the Bonds and the Projects; Ratifying Certain Actions Taken Previously; and Repealing All Actions Inconsistent with this Ordinance. *(Corey Needham, County Manager)*
- f: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-211R Approving the Appointment of Plan Administrators for the Lea County 457 Deferred Compensation Plan with Corebridge Financial. *(Chip Low, Assistant County Manager of Administrative Services)*
- g: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-212R Approving 1st Option to Renew Annual Road Construction and Maintenance – Indefinite Quantity Contract with Ramirez & Sons, Inc. for Regions 2. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- h: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-213R Approving 1st Option to Renew Annual Road Construction and Maintenance – Indefinite Quantity Contract with Constructors, Inc. for Regions 1 & 3. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- i: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-Aug-214R Approving a Road Construction and Maintenance Task Order with Ramirez & Sons for the Widening and Overlay of 1.00 miles of W. Stiles Road from Knowles Road to N. Denver City Highway. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- j: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-Aug-215R Approving a Road Construction and Maintenance Task Order with Ramirez & Sons for the Widening and Overlay of 2.00 miles of W. Stiles Road from Bensing Road to Knowles Road. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- k: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-216R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract with Bruckner's Truck & Equipment for the Purchase of (1) 2026 Mack Heavy Haul Tractor and (1) 2027 Landoll Traveling Axle Trailer. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*

- l: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-217R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract with Wagner CAT for the Purchase of (1) 2026 Caterpillar 150 15 B Motor Grader. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- m: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-218R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Contract with Wagner CAT for the Purchase of (1) 2026 Caterpillar 275XE Compact Track Loader. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- n: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-219R Approving 1st Option to Renew to Supply High-Performance Asphalt Patch Material with Pavement Sealants & Supply, Inc. *(Marvin Sanchez, Road Superintendent)*
- o: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-220R Approving Lea County Airports to Utilize Molzen-Corbin for Construction Observation & Testing Phase Services for the Upgrade of Runway 13/31's Medium Intensity Runway Lighting System. *(Allan Mantle, Airport Manager)*
- p: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-221R Approving the Freeholder Committee Recommendation for the Vacation of a 60- Foot Right of Way on Patterson Street, Two 60-Foot Right of Ways 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)*
- q: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No.26-AUG-222R Approving a TIPS Contract from Design Roof Services to Provide Roof Maintenance on Approximately 480,000 Square Feet of Roof Surface on Lea County Buildings. *(Edmundo Lara, Facilities Director)*
- r: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-223R Authorizing the CES Purchase of a New E-One International Four Door Pumper for Maljamar Volunteer Fire Department from 411 Equipment, LLC. *(Charles Pruitt, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management)*
- s: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26-AUG-224R Approving the Purchase of a Bauer Verticus Plus Breathing Air Compressor System for Maljamar Fire Department from Artesia Fire Equipment. *(Charles Pruitt, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management)*
- t: Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 26 AUG-225R Approving the Recommendation from the Lea County Fair Board of \$1,100,000 for the Entertainment Artist Fees During the 2027 Lea County Fair & PRCA Rodeo. *(Wyatt Duncan, Fairgrounds Director)*

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a: Discussion of the July 2026 Finance Report. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- b: Discussion of the July 2026 Accounts Payable. *(Anthony Dobbs, Interim Finance Director)*
- c: Discussion of Excelsior Hobbs Power, LLC's proposed Data Center Development Project in Lea County, New Mexico

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a: COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Pending Litigation Regarding Brown v. The Board of County Commissioners, Murillo v. the Board of County Commissioners, and Burke v. the Board of County Commissioners, and threatened litigation involving contracts, and to Discuss the Acquisition of Real Property in Northern, Central, and Southern Lea County, 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

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Please Join Us at Our Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.