

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
February 13, 2025**

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

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

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-035R Approving the January 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

- **Public Comments**

Lea County Resident Patty Clardy thanked the commission board for making this a county that stood for life. She also encouraged the commission to continue the fight for the preborn.

Commissioners and Manager Comments.

Commissioner Sims wished the government would focus more on doing something more practical for single women to adopt.

Commissioner Kimbro expressed how proud she is to be a Lea County resident. She also thanked the county staff for their great work.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-036R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Airports Advisory Board.

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

D3: Replace William F Wright Jr. with Jeremy Baker
D1: Reappoint Brad Woody
D4: Phil Collins
D5: Reappoint W.E. Armstrong

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-037R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County DWI Advisory Council.

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

D1: Appoint Bryan Bengé
D4: Reappoint Susan Arvisu
D5: Reappoint Lieutenant John Fray

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-038R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Board.

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

D1: Appoint Vickey Crawford
D1: Reappoint David Jiron
D4: Appoint Wade Dittrich
D4: Appoint Trey Haines
D5: Reappoint Van Myrick
D5: Reappoint Todd Lord
D3: Replace David Porter with Cliff Brunson

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-039R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Memorial Committee.

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

D1: Reappoint David Minton
D4: Vacant
D5: Reappoint Charlie Ferbrache

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-040R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Planning & Zoning Board.

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

D1: Appoint Beth Meyers
D3: Appoint Brad Hawkins
D4: Reappoint Dickie Wall
D5: Reappoint Daniel Johncox

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-041R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Road Advisory Committee.

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

D1: Reappoint Brad Woody
D1: Reappoint Paul Herrera
D4: Appoint Phillip Davis
D4: Appoint Kelly Westby
D5: Reappoint James Smith
D5: Reappoint Cindy Shoobridge

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-042R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Solid Waste Authority.

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

Confirm Corey Needham
Confirm Gary Eidson

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-043R Approving/Confirming Appointments(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority.

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

Appoint Dee Ann Kimbro for District 1

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-044R Approving/Confirming Appointments(s) to the Lovington – Lea County Extraterritorial Zoning Committee.

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

Appoint Janie Hernandez
Appoint Vickey Crawford
Appoint Larry Wheeler

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-045R Supporting Local Government Control and Participation as a Cooperating Agency Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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

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ITEM 3: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-046R Approving a Grant from the Governor's Office of Housing for Domestic Violence Shelter Improvements.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-047R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel June 28 – July 3, 2025 for the Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services to Attend the 2025 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-048R Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Distribution & Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-049R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel February 23 – 24, 2025 for Emergency Management Staff Members to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-050R Approval to Host the 2025 New Mexico Junior High & High School Rodeo Association State Finals.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-051R Awarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 03 (24 – 25) for Insurance Broker Services to Daniels Insurance Agency Inc.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-052R Approving the Findings and Proposed Disposition of Inventory.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; 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-FEB-053R Approving the Award of Bid No. 8 (24 – 25) for Knowles Road Shoulder Widening and Pavement Overlay to Ramirez & Sons, Inc.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-054R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and APIC Solutions Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Fire Alarm System at the Lea County Detention Center.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-055R Approving 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.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-056R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel March 1 – 4, 2025 for the County Commissioners and Interim County Manager to Attend the 2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference & Congressional Meetings in Washington, D.C.

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

ITEM 04: DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of Outside Entities and Services Request for Proposal.

Assistant County Manager for Justice & Human Services Kelly Livingston mentioned OpenGov County Staff is seeking input from the County Board on whether to issue an RFP for those services to be provided during the FY 25-26 fiscal year.

- Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026 Projected Revenues.

Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services Chip Low presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Projected Revenues. The County is required to submit a preliminary budget project to the New Mexico DFA LGD by May1, 2025. This discussion reviews General Fund revenue projections for the Fiscal Year 26 budget Year.

Chair Eidson called for a break at 10:30 a.m. / Commission Meeting Reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

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- Discussion of Human Resources Assessment.

Human Resources Director Craig Bova discussed using a third-party consultant to analyze and provide recommendations for best practices for the Human Resources Department.

- Discussion of Lea County Fairgrounds Masterplan.

Fairgrounds Director Wyatt Duncan gave explanation on how Lea County Fairgrounds is embarking on a transformative plan to establish itself as a premier venue for community engagement and regional events. The vision emphasizes creating a modern, accessible, and secure destination that honors its heritage while addressing the evolving needs of its visitors. Over the next decade, key strategies will focus on enhancing safety, circulation, and infrastructure to deliver a dynamic and engaging experience.

- Discussion of Mexican Heritage Celebration Proposal at Lea County Fairgrounds.

Jaz's Enterprises LLC Antonio Reyna has submitted a proposal for a Mexican Heritage Celebration. The submission includes a proposed schedule, a budget outlining production, entertainment, and logistical costs.

ITEM 05: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:32 a.m. Vice Chair Weber move that the COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Pending Litigation Regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken and Threatened Litigation Regarding Land Use and Constitutional Law and to Discuss the Acquisition of Real Property in Central and Northern Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (7) And (8). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimbro.

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

The Meeting reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

ITEM 06: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-057R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 208 N. East Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico amended to include lot 4.

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

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-058R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 220 N. East Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 7 and 8 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-059R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 222 N. East Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 9 and 10 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-060R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 203 N. Eddy Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 23A of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-061R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 205 N. Eddy Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 20A of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-062R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 215 N. Eddy Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 17 and 18 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-063R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 217 N. Eddy Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 15 and 16 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-064R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 223 N. Eddy Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lots 13 and 14 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

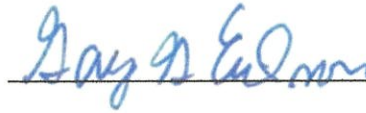
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-FEB-065R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Addressed at 214 N. East Street within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, Block 23, Lot 5 and Lot 6 of the East Addition Subdivision in Lea County, New Mexico.

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

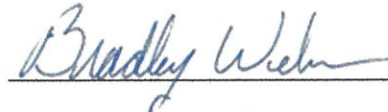
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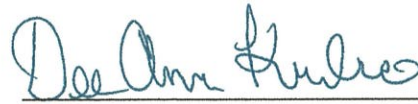
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