

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 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, Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1. Commissioner Tyson Pierce, District 4, Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

Vice Chair absent were, to wit: Vice Chair Brad Weber, District 2

Commissioner Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Kimbro.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-076R Approving the February 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

- **Commissioners and Manager Comments**

- Commissioner Sims – expressed his concern about the current situation happening in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Chair Eidson – advised the public to be cautious during the high wind alert.
- Commissioner Kimbro – announced Xcel Energy will conduct a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) due to predicted High Wind weather alert.
- County Manager Needham – stated Xcel Energy offers a weather tool to keep people informed and up to date with power and outages alerts.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-077R Approving a \$50,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding for Improvement at the Hobbs Municipal Schools' Baseball and Softball Facilities Located at the Veteran's Memorial Complex.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-078R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) of the Lea County Fair and Rodeo Liaisons.

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

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-079R Approving the Authorization and Execution of an Application for the Law Enforcement Protection Funds for Fiscal Year 2025 -2026.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-080R Approving Application SF-424 Certification Regarding Lobbying, and Grant Agreement No. G26SN0017A Between Lea County and the Office of National Drug Policy for the High – Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Region VI Task Force Issued for 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2027.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-081R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel March 27-28, 2025 for Emergency Management Staff Members to Attend Annual Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training in Dallas/Fort Worth Tx.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-082R Authorizing Purchasing a 2025 Pierce-Commercial International MV 4x2 Pumper as a Lea County Reserve Pumper.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-083R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel March 18-20,2025 for Emergency Staff Members to Attend Pierce Fire Apparatus Inspection/Testing in Bradenton, Florida.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-084R Approving Task Order No. 2024-7 with Molzen-Corbin Engineering to Design Two Sally Port Gates for Fixed Based Operator (FBO) and General Aviation (GA) Entrances at the Lea Country Regional Airport.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-085R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Donner Plumbing for the Purchase and Installation for Redundant Water Haters Located at the Lea County Detention Center.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-086R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Donner Plumbing for the Purchase and Installation for Washers and Dryers Located at the Lea County Detention Center.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-087R Approving the Final Plat Application of Northlands Estates Subdivision Located in Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-088R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Proposal with Lasco Construction Inc. for Upgrades to the Lea County Fairgrounds Shown Barn.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-089R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Proposal with Ramirez & Son's Inc. for Upgrades Under the Lea County Fairgrounds Show Barn.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-090R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of the 2025 Lea County Classic PRCA Single Steer Roping.

Kenyon Burns illustrated how the 2025 Lea County Classic PRCA Single Steer Roping Event is an opportunity to showcase the region's strong rodeo tradition and attract visitors during a typically slower season. This presentation discussed a potential partnership with Lea County for sponsorship and funding to further support and expand the event's success.

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- Discussion of Lea County's Operating Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Finance Director Vanessa Flanigan presented the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Preparation Timeline and the Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Operations Budget vs. Fiscal Year Adjusted Operations Budget.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Kimbro moved that the COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to Discuss the Interim County Manager and the Hiring of a County Manager, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Sections 10-15-1 H (2). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims.

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

The Meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

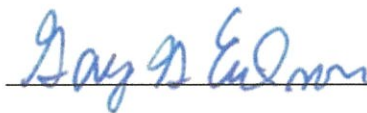
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-091R Approving the Appointment of Corey Needham Manager.

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

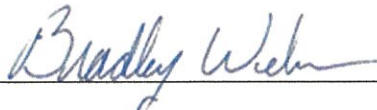
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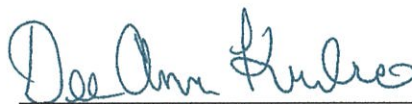
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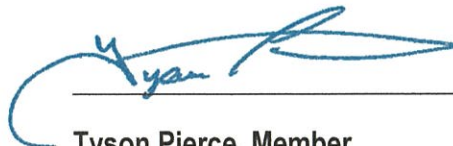
Gary Eidson, Chair



Brad Weber, Vice Chair



Dee Ann Kimbro, Member



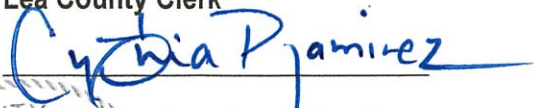
Tyson Pierce, Member

ABSENT

Pat Sims, Member

ATTEST: Carrie Sandoval

Lea County Clerk



Cynthia Ramirez, Recording Secretary

