

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
March 27, 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, Vice Chair Brad Weber, District 2, Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro, District 1. Commissioner Tyson Pierce, District 4.

Commissioner absent were, to wit: Commissioner Pat Sims, District 5.

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-092R Approving the March 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

- Commissioners and Manager Comments:
 - Commissioner Kimbro – Congratulated all Lea County youth athletes for winning state titles.
 - Vice Chair Weber – Expressed how glad he was to be present.
- Discussion of the State of New Mexico 2025 Legislative Session.

This year's legislative session covered a range of important topics impacting the state and local communities. Representative Pettigrew of District 61 updated the public and the Commission on key developments and decisions from the session.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-093R Supporting the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC (ELEA) to respond to the U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) Search to site a Federal Consolidated Interim Storage Facility at its Property.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-094R Approving a \$10,000.00 Appropriation from District 1 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding for Support Towards the Purchase and Installation of a Baby Box at the City of Lovington's Fire Station No. 2

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

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-095R Approving a Software Subscription for a Recording, Filing, Imaging, and Licensing Software Program for the Lea County Clerk's Office.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-096R Approving Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Volunteer Fire Departments' Annual Reporting.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-097R Approving Change Order No. 3 to Bid No. 4 (24-25) to Anissa Construction, Inc. for the Lovington Convenience Center Improvements.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-098R Approving 2025 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage Report.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-099R Authorizing the 3rd Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool.

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

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAR-100R Approving an Allocation to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) for Event Contributions for the 2025 Lea County Classic Steer Roping.

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

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ITEM 3: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of the Lea County Veteran's Memorial.

This presentation highlighted the impact of the County's \$1,000,000 donation, allowing for the incorporation of Phase 2 into the current Phase 1 implementation, accelerating project development. Seeking the Commission's guidance on the design of the main memorial sign and a review of the monument's verbiage to ensure alignment with the memorial's purpose.

- Discussion of Urenco USA Projects.

Urenco USA operates a uranium enrichment facility in Lea County. Company leadership desires to provide the Commission and residents of Lea County with a discussion about where Urenco is today and projects prearranged.

- Discussion of Lea County Fairgrounds Horse Barn.

Lea County has been working with Dekker Architect firm to design the Lea County Horse Barn. Lea County Fairgrounds is now ready to move forward with construction.

- Discussion of Lea County's Information Technology Department Update.

Lea County contracted with Securance Consulting in June 2024, to perform an assessment of the county's Information Technology Department and make recommendations for improvements. Today's discussion focused on progress that has been made based upon the recommendations in the assessment.

- Discussion of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Department Operating Budgets.

The annual budget preparation process included a presentation by each Elected Office and Department Director discussing operating plans and funding needs for the new budget year.

- Discussion of February 2025 Finance Report.

Senior Accountant Erin Smith reviewed the Revenue vs Expenditures by fund type year to date February 2025 totaling the amount to \$257,743,389.

- Discussion of February 2025 Accounts Payable.

Senior Accountant Erin Smith gave the total amount for the Lea County's Accounts Payable/ Purchase card register with a grand total of \$9,343,185.44.

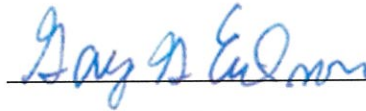
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ITEM 04: OTHER BUSINESS

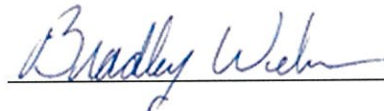
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



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, Deputy Clerk

