

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
May 22, 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.

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

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAY-132R Approving the May 8, 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.

Commissioner and Manager Comments

- Commissioner Sims – Thanked the audience for attending the commission board meeting.
- Chair Eidson – Congratulated all Lea County graduates.
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAY-133R Approving a \$10,000.00 Appropriation from District 5 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Funding to the City of Jal's Code Compliance Division for Spay and Neuter Programs.

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

- Discussion of 4-H Updates.

The new agriculture agent for the Lea County Cooperative Extension Service, Jessie Barber, was introduced. A 12% increase in 4-H membership was reported, along with the launch of an in-school 4-H program in Jal. Additionally, several 4-H Shooting Sports teams and individuals earned high placements at the state level, with 11 advancing to national competition.

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAY-134R Approving the Equipment Recording Fee in the Lea County Clerk's Department.

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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-MAY-135R Approving the Imposition of an Annual Non-Prohibitive Liquor License Tax.

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-MAY-136R Carrie Sandoval, Lea County Clerk asked for this to be Postponed Indefinitely Ratifying a Sourcewell Procurement Contract Between Lea County and Kardex Remstar, LLC. for the Purchase of a Filing System for Voter Registration Cards for the Lea County Historic Courthouse.

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-MAY-137R Relating to the Proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds Entitled Lea County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Louisiana Energy Services Expansion Project), Series 2025; Declaring the Intent of Lea County to Consider the Issuance of Such Industrial Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Up to \$3,180,000,000 in Connection with a Proposed Project Located within the Boundaries of Lea County for the Purpose of Inducing Louisiana Energy Services, LLC. to Develop and Expand its Operations in the County and to Construct, Equip and Install the Project.

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-MAY-138R Authorizing In-State Travel June 16-19, 2025, for County Commissioners and the County Manager to Attend the 2025 New Mexico Counties (NMC) Annual Conference in Curry 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-MAY-139R Ratifying a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and TriWest Fence, LLC. for the Purchase of a Perimeter Security Fence for 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-MAY-140R Ratifying a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Ardham Technologies for the Purchase of a Virtual Machine Infrastructure System for the Lea County Historic Courthouse.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAY-141R Approving the Donation of Decommissioned Computer Equipment to Sierra County.

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-MAY-142R Ratifying a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Donner Plumbing & Heating, Inc. to Purchase and Install Two New Boilers at the Lea County Historic Courthouse.

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-MAY-143R Ratifying the Purchase of LED Lighting from Elliott Electric Supply Company for the Lea County Historic Courthouse.

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-MAY-144R Ratifying a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and AK Sales & Consulting, Inc. for the Purchase of Office Furniture for the Lea County Historic Courthouse.

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-MAY-145R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Donner Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for the Replacement of HVAC units at the Hobbs Family Clinic.

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-MAY-146R Approving Out-of-State Travel September 16-20, 2025, for the Facilities Director to Attend the International Facility Management Association's 2025 (IFMA) World Workplace Conference and Exposition in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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-MAY-147R Approving the Freeholders Committee's Recommendation not to Vacate a Dedicated Roadway in Chaves Addition No. 2, Between Blocks 27 and 28 in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 31 in Township 15 South, Range 38 East 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-MAY-148R Approving the Freeholders Committee's Recommendation not to Vacate a Dedicated Roadway in Unit Two of the Five-O Subdivision, Between Blocks 4 and 5 in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 5 in Township 16 South, Range 38 East 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-MAY-149R Authorizing the 4th Quarter Payment and Certification for the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) Fund.

Secretary polled the commission. Chair Eidson, yes; Vice Chair Weber, yes; Commissioner Kimbro, yes; Commissioner Pierce, yes; Commissioner Sims, no. The motion passed.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-MAY-150R Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Establishing a County Permanent Fund.

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-MAY-151R Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Establishing a County Income Fund.

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-MAY-152R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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-MAY-153R Approving Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget.

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: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of Improvement and Maintenance of County and Non-County Roads.

Corey Needham, County Manager, presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 roadway projects, and status of private to public roadways.

- Discussion of the Lea County Board of County Commissioners 2025 Annual Inspection of the Lea County Detention Center.

Corey Needham, County Manager, presented information regarding the New Mexico State Statue, 33-3-4 NMSA 1978, Inspection of jails and detention centers; report. Each governing body of a county or municipality shall conduct an annual site visit to the jail or detention center under its jurisdiction to inspect the overall conditions at the facility.

- Discussion of April 2025 Finance Report.

Finance Director, Vanessa Flanigan reviewed the Revenue vs Expenses Year to Date April 30, 2025, ending with Net Revenue of \$187,888,291.

- Discussion of April 2025 Accounts Payable.

Finance Director, Vanessa Flanigan reviewed the April 2025 Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Register with a total of \$20,815,799.69.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:14 a.m. I Commissioner Vice Chair Weber move that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss threatened litigation regarding land use in central Lea County and administrative law matters, as authorized by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H (7). The motion was second by Commissioner Kimbro.

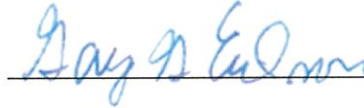
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ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

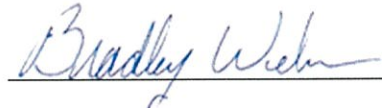
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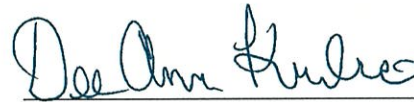
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Cynthia Ramirez, Recording Secretary

