

**Regular Meeting
Lea County Board of Commissioners
July 24, 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 Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Kimbro.

ITEM 01: COMMISSION

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUL-169R Approving the June 12, 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 – Stated that due to a physical injury he was unable to attend the board meeting.
- Commissioner Kimbro – Expressed her excitement for the 2025 Lea County Fair and Rodeo.
- Vice Chair Weber – Stated he was eager to attend the Lea County Fair and Rodeo.
- Chair Eidson – Recognized some of the staff for being part of Pretrial Probation Parole Supervision Team.

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUL-170R Supporting Catron County's Declaration of Disaster Due to Extreme and Continual Injury and Damage Caused by Mexican Grey Wolves.

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-JUL-171R Approving a \$100,000 Appropriation from District 3 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Discretionary Funding to the City of Hobbs for the Hobbs Public Art Initiative Along the Lovington Highway Trail.

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-JUL-172R Authorizing a Contribution of \$25,000 to the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC.

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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-JUL-173R Approving/Confirming Appointment(s) to the Lea County Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

**District 2: Replace Pamela Beasley with Randy Holladay
(Term 07/24/2025 – 12/31/2026)**

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 Capital Funding for Lovington Municipal Schools.

Lovington Municipal Schools seeks funding support for the Wildcat Stadium Security and Parking Improvement Project to improve student safety, traffic flow, and ADA accessibility.

- Discussion of Capital Funding for Tatum Municipal Schools.

Proposed Tatum Field House project, including an overview of the design process, site concept, and estimated budget. The project is being led by Wilson & Company through Cooperative Educational Services (CES) and is currently in the schematic design phase.

- Discussion of Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (A.L.I.C.E.) in New Mexico.

Presentation on the upcoming launch of A.L.I.C.E. (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), a statewide initiative led by United Way. The program provides data on the financial hardship experienced by working households in New Mexico and aims to support informed decision-making by local leaders ahead of the October launch event.

ITEM 2: ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUL-174R Approving Grant 24 Modification No. 2 for Region VI Drug Task Force.

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-JUL-175R Approving Precincts and Polling Locations for the 2026-2027 Elections.

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-JUL-176R Approving the Board of Registration Members for Lea 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-JUL-177R Approving an Agreement Between Lea County and Roadrunner Health Services to Provide a Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MAT) 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-JUL-178R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and MCT, Inc. for the Purchase of Equipment for the Convenience Centers in Lovington and Hobbs.

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-JUL-179R Approving a Purchase Agreement Between Lea County and Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC. for a Pierce Model 114SD Conventional Chassis Freightliner Tender for Knowles Volunteer Fire Department.

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-JUL-180R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Parkhill for Additional Professional Services for Monument Fire Station No. 1, Knowles Fire Station No. 2, and Maljamar Fire Station No. 2 Water Supply 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-JUL-181R Approving the Appointment of a Freeholders Committee to Review and Recommend the Vacation of Three Dedicated Roadways Within the Chaparral Subdivision, Identified as De Baca Avenue Between Lots 5 and 12, and the Portion of Issacs Street West of Lot 5 in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 4 Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM.

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-JUL-182R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Bradbury Stamm for the Replacement of Fiber Cement Panels at the Lea County Judicial Complex.

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-JUL-183R Approving a Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Agreement Between Lea County and Design Roof Services, LLC. for Preventive Roof Maintenance at Multiple Lea County Facilities.

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-JUL-184R Rescinding the Awarded Contract for HVAC Maintenance Services Awarded by Resolution No. 25-JUN-160R.

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-JUL-185R Approving the 3rd Option to Renew Bid No. 1 (22/23) Asphalt Emulsions-Indefinite Quantity for the Lea County Road Department to Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, 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-JUL-186R Approving a Cooperative Program Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Local Government Road Fund Project No. 54388 Control No. L200680 (CAP Grant) for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

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-JUL-187R Approving a Cooperative Program Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Local Government Road Fund Project No. 54388 Control No. L200658 (CO-OP Grant) for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

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-JUL-188R Approving a Cooperative Program Agreement Between Lea County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Local Government Road Fund Project No. 54388 Control No. L200688 (SB Grant) for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

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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-JUL-189R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel August 10-14, 2025, to Clearwater, Florida, for the Senior Accountant to Attend the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Grant and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) In-Person Training.

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-JUL-190R Authorizing Out-of-State Travel October 6-8, 2025, to Salt Lake City, Utah, for the Budget and Reporting Analyst to Attend the 2025 Caselle Annual Conference.

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-JUL-191R Approving Budget Adjustment No. 5 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-JUL-192R Approving the 2024-2025 4th Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 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-JUL-193R Amending the Lea County Travel, Per Diem, Mileage, and Reimbursement Policy.

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-JUL-194R Approving the 2026 Lea County Employee Calendar.

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-JUL-195R Approving Lea County's Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Workers' Compensation Pool Contribution to the New Mexico Counties' (NMC) Insurance Authority.

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- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUL-196R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation in New Mexico Counties (NMC) for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

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-JUL-197R Approving Lea County's Annual Membership/Participation in the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments (SNMEDD/COG) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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-JUL-198R Approving the Transfer of \$120,000,000 into the Lea 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-JUL-199R Adopting Lea County's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget.

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

ITEM 03: DISCUSSION

- Discussion of the 2025 Second Quarter Lea County Detention Center Restrictive Housing Report.

Under New Mexico's 2019 Restrictive Housing Act, county jails must report quarterly on restrictive housing and are prohibited from placing minors, pregnant individuals, or seriously mentally ill detainees (beyond 48 hours) in such conditions. As a result, during the second quarter of 2025, Lea County Detention Center did not have any mentally ill or pregnant detainees in a restrictive housing environment.

- Discussion of the June 2025 Finance Report.

2025 Finance Report Summary

- **Period Covered:** 12 months ending **June 30, 2025**
- **Total Revenue:** **\$358,827,894**
- **Expenditures:** Revenue **exceeded** expenditures by **\$136,201,729**

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- Discussion of the June 2025 Accounts Payable.

Finance Director, Vanessa Flanigan reviewed the June Accounts Payable / Purchase Card Register with a total of \$23,261,883.69.

ITEM 04: EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:57 a.m. I Vice Chair Weber move that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss threatened litigation regarding opioids, threatened litigation regarding the Inspection of Public Records Act, and threatened litigation regarding contracts, and to discuss the acquisition and disposal of real property in northern and central Lea County, as Authorized by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H (7) And (8). The motion was second by Commissioner Kimbro.

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

The meeting reconvened at 1:04 a.m.

The Chair stated, let the record reflect that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

ITEM 05: OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUL-200R Approving the Acquisition of Real Properties Located in the City of Lovington Within Section 3, Township 16, Range 36, NMPM, Block 23, Lots 11 and 12 of the East Additional Subdivision.

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

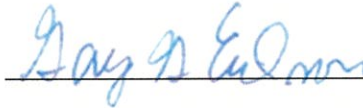
- Consideration of Lea County Resolution No. 25-JUL-201R Authorizing Acceptance of Donated Real Property of Approximately 1.29 Acres (+/-) Located in the City of Hobbs Within Section 26, Township 18, Range 38, NMPM, Tracts 1 and 7 of Bel Aire Center East Subdivision.

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

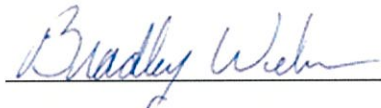
ADJOURN: 1:07 p.m.

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Cynthia Ramirez, Recording Secretary

