

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF LEON COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this the 11th day of September 2023, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for special budget meeting with the following members present:

Byron Ryder – County Judge
 Joey Sullivan – Commissioner Pct. No. 1
 Paul Bing – Commissioner Pct. No. 2
 Kyle Workman – Commissioner Pct. No. 3
 T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with Christie Wakefield, County Clerk, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Attorney Keith Cook, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN COURT WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Commissioner Foley opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET.

Discussion of sheriff office increasing certificate pay; additional monies to various funds.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AND EXECUTE THE BUDGET CERTIFICATE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to adopt the budget including today's amendments, and to carry over the current year road and bridge cash line items and county CDs over to the new budget.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Foley

No: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to execute the certificates.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ANY ACTION ON CLOSING PUBLIC MEETING DEALING WITH 2022-2023 BUDGET AND OPENING UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to close the meeting and to open the hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. DISCUSS THE 2023 PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Discussion only; no action taken.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None submitted.

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING AND REOPENING PUBLIC MEETING.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to close the hearing and to reopen the public meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF THE TAX RATE OF .395056 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 5.82% INCREASE IN TAX RATE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to adopt the 2023 rate.

MOTION CARRIED.

**2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE
ORDER LEVYING THE 2023 TAX RATE**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to adopt the rate.

MOTION CARRIED.

**3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE 2023-2024
BUDGET AND 2023 TAX RATE.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to ratify the budget and tax rate.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Foley

No: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FILING (CLERK'S OFFICE)
AND PLACING (COUNTY WEBSITE) THE FINAL 2023-2024 BUDGET AND
THE 2023 TAX RATE.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to file the final budget and tax rate with the County Clerk's office and to post on county website.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None submitted

6. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

No action taken.

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLOSING THE
PUBLIC MEETING AND OPENING UP REGULAR COMMISSIONERS
COURT FOR COUNTY BUSINESS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to close the public meeting and to open up regular session.

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Byron Ryder, County Judge

Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

Paul Bing, Commissioner Pct. No. 2

Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3

T.J. Foley, Commissioner Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk