

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 27th day of December 2023, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for a special called meeting at 9:30 a.m. 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 Deputy Clerk Amy Kaiser sitting for County Clerk Christie Wakefield, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Extension Agent Richard Parrish, EOC Director Bob Hickman and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Boyd King with Centerville Church of Christ opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the claims due.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Commissioner Sullivan made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the minutes from the previous sessions.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

None submitted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANT CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WITH MARK THACKER FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FY 2025 GRANT (1913 JAIL).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

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7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH MARK THACKER FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FY 2025 GRANT. (1913 JAIL).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRE-APPROVAL FOR DOWN PAYMENT REQUEST FROM SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS WALL STRUCTURES FOR MATERIALS.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to pre-approve the down payment, with the stipulation that Leon County receives the signed contract and bond prior to releasing the funds.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WILDWOOD LAKES SUBDIVISION
PLAT APPROVAL.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the plat in conjunction with the development agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NEW SUBDIVISION ROADS AT THE WILDWOOD LAKES SUBDIVISION WITHIN PRECINCT 3.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURSUING A BUCKS FOR BACON FERAL HOG BOUNTY PROGRAM IN LEON COUNTY

Leon County Extension Agent Richard Parrish made a brief presentation; Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to take no action as Judge Ryder will investigate further.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COUNTY CLERK RECORDING FEES, BRAND REGISTRATION FEES, PLAT RECORDINGS, FILING AND POSTING OF NOTICES, AND MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, DUE TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE REPEALING THE \$1 DOCUMENT FILING FEE (ORIGINALLY CALLED COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE) (TEXAS LOCAL GOV'T CODE §291.008(D) (SENATE BILL 1612 OF THE 88TH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the new fees.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING ERPP INV. APPROVALS
(APP) TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND/OR TREASURERS OFFICE TYLER
TECHNOLOGY'S SOFTWARE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to add ERPP Inv. Approval app.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING AP AUTOMATION TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND/OR TREASURER'S OFFICE TYLER TECHNOLOGY'S SOFTWARE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to table this agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FROM LCYLA ON A COMBINED STORAGE BUILDING.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to accept the proposal in principle and to have the County Attorney move forward in drafting a more formal agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXPO COMMITTEE ON ADDING “SPECIAL REQUESTS” TO THE EXPO FEE SCHEDULE. \$50 PER HOUR FOR SPECIAL REQUEST LABOR CHARGES AND \$90 PER HOUR FOR SPECIAL REQUEST EQUIPMENT CHARGES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the new fees effective Jan. 1, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FINAL REPORT FOR STALL BARN AND EQUIPMENT SHED DIRT WORK FROM SCHAUMBURG & POLK.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the dirt work and move forward with the barns.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DEEMING OLD CULVERTS AT PCT. 4 AS NO VALUE AND DISCARDING AS NECESSARY.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to declare the culverts as no value and to discard.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. PCT. 4 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING WORKING ALONG WITH LANDOWNER MR. REFINO ON CR 427 ON ADDING EXISTING CULVERT COVER AND FILL FOR BETTER DRAINAGE IN THE DITCH.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. PCT. 4 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING WORKING WITH NORMANGEE ISD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT ON SOME ROAD ISSUES.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to assist with equipment and labor.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

County Auditor Melissa Abney submitted \$1,767,188.89 in adjustments for fiscal year-end of 2023. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY
REPORTS (COUNTY AUDITOR) PER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 114.044.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the following reports:

County Clerk: October 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

23. DISCUSS AND- POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT AND AUTHORIZE AFFIDAVIT OF SAME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 114.026.

None submitted.

24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DONATION(S) AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT(S).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the following donations:

Sheriff Office: \$100 from M. Ward for training.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUESTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 4 SELLING A 2017 CATERPILLAR 12M3 MOTOR GRADER.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to sell via local paper.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR AN EQUIPMENT/STORAGE SHED AT THE EXPO UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have Auditor solicit bids for this purchase, with plans to use the remaining ARPA funds.

MOTION CARRIED.

26. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

Regular session ended at 10:37 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023.

27. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

28. DISCUSS OWNERSHIP ISSUE(S) OF FLO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER.

29. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

30. RESUME REGULAR MEETING.

Regular session reopened at 10:52 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023.

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON OWNERSHIP ISSUE(S) OF FLO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have the County Attorney proceed with addressing issues with the Flo Tower.

MOTION CARRIED.

32. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

33. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Foley expressed appreciation to the county employees for his first year in office. Commissioner Bing also expressed appreciation.

34. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

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