

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 13th day of February 2023, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for its regularly scheduled 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 County Clerk Christie Wakefield, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Judge Ryder 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.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the Jan. 27, 2023, and Feb. 10, 2023, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

John Richardson commented on the email situation with the EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan.

Brian Hill, representative for the Expo Committee, brought up several issues that the committee is working on, including needing the topography study, labor issues and revenue VS costs.

Brian DuBois with TxDot announced that six bridges within Leon County qualify for a complete funding from TxDot and the federal government: CR 459, CR 429, CR 427, CR 244, CR 419 and CR 413.

6. MR GLENN FRANKLIN TO DISCUSS AN EMAIL SENT OUT BY JIM CARRIGAN ON JANUARY 26, 2023, REGARDING COUNTY COMMUNIATIONS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

No action taken.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CHAPEL OF THE HILLS CHURCH USING THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR THEIR ANNUAL EASTER OUTREACH ON APRIL 8, 2023, FROM 8 AM – 2 PM.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the use of the square.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POST-APPROVAL OF THE FREESTONE COUNTY PROCLAMATION TO SAVE FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK SUPPORT LETTER.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to post-approve the proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR BEAVER CREEK RANCH SUBDIVISION.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the plat only; no roads.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUFFALO AND LEON COUNTY FOR THE LEASE SPACE LOCATED AT 941 N HILL STREET, BUFFALO, TEXAS (SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER.)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR
TIMCO TIMBER COMPANY (TIMOTHY CARPENTER) FOR CR 131 IN PCT. 1.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 45-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR HODGE SERVICES (JERRY HODGE) FOR CR 274 IN PCT. 2.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve this 45-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE DOUBLE UP RIDING TRAIL
RIDE ON MARCH 17, 2023 – MARCH 20, 2023.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE ANNUAL RACIAL
PROFILING REPORT FOR YEAR 2022 FOR LEON COUNTY PRESENTED BY
SHERIFF KEVIN ELLIS.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AS TO FORM THE
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE LEON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE SEEKING A VAWA GRANT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
APPROVING ON 1/25/23.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING THE BUDGETED EXPO CENTER MANAGER POSITION AND CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE POSITION FOR FY 2023.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

17. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 4TH QUARTER 2022 INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

19. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS PER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 114.044.

None submitted.

21. 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.

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

January 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

None submitted.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 1 DONATING A FORD F-250 FROM PCT. 1 TO THE EXPO.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROPING CHUTE DONATION TO THE EXPO.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EOC ACCEPTING 16 VHF RADIOS FROM MADISON COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the donation.

MOTION CARRIED.

23. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANCHORING THE CENTERVILLE TOWER SHELTER.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the \$400 project.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BVCOG BROADBAND INTERNET AGREEMENT FOR JP 1 AND JP 4.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the agreement, including the \$150 installation and \$265 per month for Pct. 4 and \$306 per month at Pct. 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION FOR IFB 2023-279
DEMOLITION OF BUILDING.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the bid
from JBC Construction at \$9,500.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING THE PRECINCT 3 MACK DUMP TRUCK.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to sell the truck to Pct. 2 at a price of \$25,000 less repairs needed.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

Regular session closed at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.

25. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

26. DISCUSS SALARY OF MEGAN ROSS.

27. DISCUSS PUTTING JOHNNY VERETTO AS A VOLUNTEER WORKER IN LEON COUNTY.

28. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

29. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session opened at 10:47 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.

30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SALARY ISSUE WITH MEGAN ROSS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to set Ms. Ross's salary rate to \$17 per hour, effective next pay period.

MOTION CARRIED.

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PUTTING JOHNNY VERETTO AS A VOLUNTEER WORKER IN LEON COUNTY.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve Mr. Veretto as a volunteer at the Expo, pending background check and drug testing.

MOTION CARRIED.

32. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

33. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

34. ADJOURN.

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

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