

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 13th day of March 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 ABSENT
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 Attorney Keith Cook, EOC Director Bob Hickman, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Commissioner Workman 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 Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the March 10, 2023, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Judge Ryder thanked Jim Carrigan for his years of service, and welcomed Bob Hickman as the new EOC Director.

Mr. Greg Jackson and Mr. Joe Bob Newman addressed the Court regarding animal control and the lack of service within Leon County.

6. FIRE CHIEFS OF LEON COUNTY WANT TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING DAVID FASKE TO USE THE GAZEBO FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 4, 2023, AT 6 P.M. MR. FASKE ALSO WANTS PERMISSION TO HANG A “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER” BANNER ON THE GAZEBO 2 WEEKS PRIOR.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the use of the gazebo and the banner.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM LEON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS (LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE) TO OBTAIN A PIECE OF PROPERTY BEHIND ANNEX 1.

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

MOTION CARRIED ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

9. JOFRAN EDWARDS HERE TO GIVE A TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE (FY 2022) AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

10. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS HERE TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GENEALOGICAL OFFICE AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE 5/6/23 LEASE AGEEMENT OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: BUFFALO ISD SCHOOL BOARD; CITY OF BUFFALO SALES TAX REAUTHORIZATION/CITY COUNCIL; CENTERVILLE ISD BOND; CITY OF JEWETT, CITY COUNCIL; NORMANGEE ISD, SCHOOL BOARD.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS FOR THE BVCOG CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CJAC).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the appointment/re-appointments.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ORGANIZING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LEON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR HODGE SERVICES (JERRY HODGE) FOR CR 225 AND CR 228 IN PCT. 2.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE TXDOT RESOLUTION FOR THE SIX (6) APPROVED BRIDGES IN LEON COUNTY THAT WOULD RECEIVE 100% FUNDING.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY-WIDE HOUSING ANALYSIS
PERFORMED REGARDING IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEON.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM APPLICATION AND ADOPTING REQUIRED CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS
POLICIES.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to adopt the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE
HEALTH SERVICES REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS LOCATED AT 607
LASSATER, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS 75833.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to replace the air filter, fix the holes in the wall, install the locks on sliding windows, remove the old sign outside, and construct the pad and deliver the generator.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE DISPOSITION OF AN INDIGENT PERSON THAT NEEDS TO BE BURIED. WALTERS FUNERAL HOME (CENTERVILLE) WILL BE HANDLING THIS. (THIS IS REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 694.002)

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the disposition in the amount of \$500 from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE AND NASKILA ELECTRONIC BINGO FACILITY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON OUR COKE MACHINE SERVICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the full-service beverage contract, and to approve the addition of two machines (Annex 2 and Expo Center.)

MOTION CARRIED.**23. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

None submitted.

24. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

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

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

County Clerk: January 2023, February 2023

JP Precincts 1 and 4: February 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

26. 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.

County Treasurer Brandi Hill presented the following reports for approval:

Feb. 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

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

SENIOR NUTRITION: January \$1089.00, February \$943

MOTION CARRIED.

28. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING TWO Priefert Roping Chutes for the Expo.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING OR AUCTIONING OFF TWO WW Roping Chutes from the Expo.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to sell the chutes via public display via sealed bids.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 2 SELLING A Mack 18-Wheeler Truck and Belly Dump.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to sell the truck with minimum bid of \$20,000 and to sell the belly dump with a minimum bid of \$10,000 and to coordinate the venue of sale via Commissioner Bing.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR PRINTERS AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, EXPO CENTER, AND JP1.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

29. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.087 REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT (APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FILED BY MISAE SOLAR IV LLC).

Regular session closed at 10:32a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023.

30. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

31. DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT (APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FILED BY MISAE SOLAR IV LLC).

32. DISCUSS HOURS FOR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT (HENRY AND MEGAN).

33. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

34. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session opened at 11:03 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023.

35. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT (APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FILED BY MISAE SOLAR IV LLC).

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

MOTION CARRIED.; ITEM TABLED.

36. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT HOURS FOR HENRY AND MEGAN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve staggered, 10-hour days, with flex time on days when longer hours are required, effective Monday, March 20, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

37. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

38. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Foley commended the Sheriff's office on its assistance with the two waste disposal sites.

39. 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