

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Byron Ryder – County Judge ABSENT  
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, EOC Coordinator Bob Hickman, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, Elections Administrator Donna Golden, and County Attorney Keith Cook.

**1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.**

Ms. Rosemary Matthews with River of Life Church opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

**2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Commissioner Workman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the minutes from the previous sessions.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the March 22, 2024, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Elections Administrator Donna Golden advised the Court that a petition is underway for a TABC permit for JP Precinct 2.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POST APPROVAL OF ESD #2  
AUDIT.**

Hank Dembosky with Southwest ESD #2 had presented this in the previous regular meeting. Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ELECTION OFFICE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to allow Elections to retain their current computer after the hardware refresh, and continue to support said computer until the end of 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING FINANCIAL PROCEDURES.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the formal written financial procedures.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY 2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING SCOTTY'S HOUSE TO PUT THE PINWHEEL GARDEN AND 2 CHILD SILHOUETTE SIGNS ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING THE COWBOY CHURCH AND OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES TO USE THE GAZEBO ON MAY 4, 2024.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the use of the gazebo.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GOING INTO A TAX ABATEMENT (PILOT) WITH GRANSOLAR.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GOING INTO A TAX ABATEMENT  
(PILOT) WITH HOLLOW BRANCH CREEK SOLAR, LLC.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 420 (B&N LOGGING) IN PCT. 1 FOR 90 DAYS .**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 90-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 205 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to take no action.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 123 WEST OF CR 124; CR 125 SOUTH OF CR 123; CR 123 EAST OF FM 811 LEON COUNTY PRECINCT 1 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to take no action.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 203 NORTH OF SH 7; CR 202 NORTH OF SH 7; CR 130 SOUTH OF SH 7; LEON COUNTY PRECINCT 1 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to take no action.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 110 NORTH OF FM 1119 LEON COUNTY PRECINCT 1 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to take no action.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (COMSTOCK) FOR CR 3221, CR 321, AND CR 325 IN PRECINCT 3 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreements.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING DARREL SEVERS FROM THE HSAC ADVISORY BOARD, AND APPOINTING MIKE WHITE TO THE HSAC ADVISORY BOARD.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the removal and appointment.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE LEON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC): TIM FRANKLIN (CHAIRMAN), BYRON RYDER (LEON COUNTY JUDGE), BOB HICKMAN (LEON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT), AARON SMITH (NUCOR), CHRISTINE ELBERT (NUCOR), JOEL SMITH (DPS), (TxDOT), (ST. JOSEPH EMS).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING A PROCEDURE TO THE LEON COUNTY SUBDIVISION APPLICATION PROCESS TO REQUIRE DEVELOPERS TO GET A 9-1-1 ADDRESS FOR EACH LOT IN THEIR SUBDIVISION.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve adding this procedure, with the additional requirement that the new 911 address will be posted at each lot.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WAIVER ALLOWING THE LEON COUNTY 4-H AND LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW TO USE THE EXPO AT NO COST.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to include FFA along with 4-H and the Leon County Youth Livestock Show. Motion is to waive fees for any sanctioned events for these three organizations in perpetuity.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND  
TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve \$1,345,810.03 in budget amendments for current fiscal year.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve \$510,400.64 in budget amendments for final fiscal year of 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

County Clerk February 2024

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**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.**

None submitted.

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

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING A DRONE BEING DONATED FROM BOB HICKMAN TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the donation, along with the required paperwork.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A BVWAC MOBILE RADIO FOR THE LEON COUNTY EOC TO TALK TO OTHER EOC’S IN THE BVCOG REGION THIS WILL REPLACE THE STARLINK RADIO.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the donation, along with the required paperwork with additional monthly fees.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**28. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUESTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY PURCHASING APPROXIMATELY THREE ACRES ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING PRECINCT 3 MAINTENANCE FACILITY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to allow Precinct 3 to purchase the 3.34 acres, and to reconstruct the driveway of the current owner, with closing to be completed within 30 days and notice to the county treasurer to cut the check. The land purchasing price of \$60,000, along with any closing costs will be paid by the County out of the General Fund, with Precinct 3 reimbursing the monies over a period of 3 years.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RENEWAL WITH GOVOS FOR THE JAIL RECORDS SCANNER.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABLUATION FOR IFB 2024-311 PCT. 4 SALE OF MOTOR GRADER AND JOHN DEERE TRACTOR.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to not accept the bid for the motor grader, but to rebid this motor grader at a new minimum bid of \$218,000.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman, to accept the bid of \$22,507 for the John Deere tractor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SCORING RESULTS FOR RFP 2024-305  
RADIO SYSTEM NETWORK.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to proceed with the vendor Nalcom and enter into negotiations.

**VOTE BREAKDOWN:**

Yes: Sullivan, Bing, Foley

No: Workman

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**29. BOB HICKMAN (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR) TO SUMMARIZE SOLAR ECLIPSE RESPONSE MEETING FOR LEON COUNTY THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024, AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Discussion only; no action taken

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

County Court elected to not go into executive session.

**31. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**32. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH ATTORNEY.**

**33. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**34. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

**35. DISCUSS EXECUTIVE SESSION ISSUE(S) AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

County Court elected to not go into executive session.

**36. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**37. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

The Leon County Buyers group are accepting donations in anticipation of the upcoming Leon County Youth Livestock Show.

**38. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**Byron Ryder, County Judge**

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**Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1**

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**Paul Bing, Commissioner Pct. No. 2**

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**Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk**