

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 30th day of April 2025, 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
Joey Sullivan – Commissioner Pct. No. 1
Paul Bing – Commissioner Pct. No. 2
Kyle Workman – Commissioner Pct. 3
T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with County Clerk Amy Kaiser, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, EOC Director Bob Hickman, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, District Attorney Caleb Henson, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Lee Weiler with All Around Cowboy 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 Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing 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 Bing 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 Foley to approve the April 18, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Members of the Leon County Republican Party Executive Committee, Robin Banfield, Sam Anderson, and Chance Sloan introduced themselves to the Commissioners Court.

Sam Anderson voiced an objection to Agenda Item #9 (renaming Highway 79 in honor of Cecil and Dorothy Bell) due to Representative Bell's consistent voting record in alliance with Democratic Party lines.

6. AGRILIFE HERE TO GIVE OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND IMPACTS THIS PAST YEAR.

Presentation only; no action taken.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE TEXAS SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION (APRIL 27, 2025 – MAY 4, 2025).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MASS GATHERING (TRAIL RIDE)
APPLICATION FOR PLEASANT SPRING TRAIL RIDERS SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DEDICATING LEON COUNTY PORTION OF HIGHWAY 79 FROM WEST OF THE CITY LIMITS THROUGH OAKWOOD TO THE FREESTONE/LEON COUNTY LINE TO CECIL AND DOROTHY BELL. (TOTAL DEDICATION FROM TRINITY RIVER THROUGH OAKWOOD).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 251 PCT. 2 (FERROVIAL ENERGY).

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the 12-month agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR
218 IN PCT. 2 (COMSTOCK).**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING UTILITIES TO CURRENT PIPELINE AGREEMENT.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RENAMING A ROAD IN HILLTOP LAKES.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING GOVERNING OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDER.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve Policy 7, approve Policy 8 with the stipulation that children cannot be in the office longer than a 2-hour period, and to table Policy 9.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE AGREEMENT FOR THE
SAVNS GRANT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HIRING A REAL ESTATE AGENT
FOR FUTURE LAND ACQUISITIONS IN LEON COUNTY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HAIR FOLLICLE DRUG TESTING
FOR LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to start a trial and training period using the Juvenile Probate follicle testing machine, allocating funds to use 5 tests, and to use this testing for new hires and for post-accident events.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ESD AUDITS.

Discussion only.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE LEON COUNTY
1ST QUARTER 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT.**

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

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).

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

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

Regular session ended Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 10:51 a.m.

27. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

28. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

29. DISCUSS CONSTABLE POSITION IN LEON COUNTY.

30. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

31. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 11:26 a.m.

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

Discussion only.

33. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONSTABLE POSITION IN LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to post the Constable Pct. 4 job opening to the local newspapers and to the county website, and to include the requirements and qualifications needed for the position.

MOTION CARRIED.

34. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

35. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

36. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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:

Amy Kaiser, Leon County Clerk