

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for a regularly scheduled meeting that was rescheduled from Jan. 26, 2026, due to inclement weather 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, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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

Pastor Mark Gray with the Life Church Leona opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American flag 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.**

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**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 session.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the Feb. 6, 2026, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Judge Ryder made a brief statement acknowledging that the data center agenda item was not on the agenda and stated that it will be corrected for the Feb. 23, 2026, meeting.

Leon County Republican Party Chair Carol Milder reminded the Court of the upcoming Candidate Forum on Feb. 12 at the Jewett Civic Center.

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**6. PRESENTATION BY GRANTWORKS ON JTF (JUST TRANSITION FUNDS) AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to pursue using funds for training for grant writing. The Auditors office will investigate.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WEB SERVICES CONTRACT.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CHAPEL OF THE HILLS USING THE SQUARE FOR THE EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA ON APRIL 4, 2026.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR JANUARY 23-26, 2026.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to ratify the declaration.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY'S DISTRIBUTION  
TO THE TENTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the payment of \$2,606.46.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 204 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 213, 223, 2160 AND REEDER HILL ROAD IN PCT. 2 (PINNACLE).**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the 6-month agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 221, 222, 223, 224, 257, 258, 212, 268 AND 263 IN PCT. 2 (PINNACLE).**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the 6-month agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR  
REPSOL SOLAR FOR CR 468 IN PCT. 4.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POSSIBILITY OF WIDENING CR  
468 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADWAY BY REPSOL SOLAR.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR  
REPSOL SOLAR FOR CR 469 IN PCT. 4.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POSSIBLY WIDENING OF CR 469  
AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADWAY BY REPSOL SOLAR.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASE/LEASE AGREEMENT  
WITH HILLTOP LAKE POA FOR LOT 30, BLOCK 2 SECTION 50B FOR TOWER  
SITE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING FEES FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS FOR COUNTY MISDEMEANOR CASES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE FY 2025 JUVENILE PROBATION AUDIT.**

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION PCT. 1 (CONSTABLE HIGHTOWER) 2025 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE USE OF TEXAS OPIOID ABATEMENT SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to authorize the allocation of Texas Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and necessary accessories, including batteries, electrode pads, and related supplies, for placement in county buildings and law enforcement vehicles, as an allowable use to support emergency response and public health interventions related to opioid-related medical emergencies, and authorize the County Auditor to process payment in accordance with county purchasing policies.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LEON COUNTY CLERK AND ePN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**24. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER LEON COUNTY INVESTMENT REPORT.**

County Treasurer Brandi Hill presented the report. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the report.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESD AUDITS.**

Discussion only.

**26. COUNTY ATTORNEY KEITH COOK TO UPDATE THE COMMISSIONERS ON BUILDING COMMITTEE AND IT COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing, to adopt the Artificial Intelligence Software Usage Policy, with the additional requirement that all countywide emails must include a standardized signature block containing the required verbiage.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

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

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

Justice of the Peace 1: January 2026

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**29. 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 Bing to approve the following reports:

January 2026

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

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

Senior Nutrition: \$1,375 January 2026

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING CMAR PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING UTILIZATION AND EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 25% DOWN PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,244.80 TO FOUNDED ON FAITH TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHELTER FOR THE NEW TOWER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BVCOG INTERNET SERVICES FOR THE JP PCT. 1 OFFICE LOCATION IN BUFFALO.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 2 invoices, with funds to be taken from Contingency.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

No executive session was necessary.

**33. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

**35. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**36. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

**37. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

No executive session was necessary.

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

No executive session was necessary.

**39. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**40. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

Sheriff Ellis submitted a synopsis of 2025 activity.

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Commissioner Workman advised the Court that additional funding would be needed for the Precinct 3 fencing.

Commissioner Workman advised that the CR 347 widening project will begin in the morning on Feb. 10.

Commissioner Foley asked about the portable flock camera, as the illegal tire dumping is repeatedly occurring.

**41. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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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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**Amy Kaiser, Leon County Clerk**