

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, 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, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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

Brother Saxton with the First United Methodist Church Normangee 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 Dec. 26, 2025, and Jan. 9, 2026, payrolls.

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Judge Ryder read an email correspondence and requested that it be submitted in the minutes.

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

The following individuals made a public comment about the proposed data center in Marquez:

Red Shinedling, James Carlisle, Daniel McCoslin

Carol Milder announced Jan. 29 Republican Party Dinner, which will be held in Buffalo.

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**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DATA CENTERS IN LEON COUNTY.**

Discussion only. Michael Rice, Red Shinedling, Sylvia Guzman, and Larry Cox made brief statements on the proposed data center.

**7. ANN MCCOSLIN, MICHAEL RICE, AND DANIEL MCCOSLIN HERE TO SPEAK WITH THE JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to pursue a Chapter 391 Committee with Madison County.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION DEALING WITH  
DATA CENTER IN MARQUEZ.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**9. HANK DEMBOSKY HERE TO PRESENT THE FY 24/25 AUDIT AND ANNUAL  
REPORT FOR ESD #2 AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the audit and report.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT TEXAS COUNTIES FROM STATE HOTEL  
OCCUPANCY TAX.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY 2027 VAWA GRANT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FROM DPS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING A BURN BAN  
FOR LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to implement a burn ban.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT TRAILER AND CONTENTS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**15. PRESENTATION BY JOHN WHITE WITH UPDATES ON IT COMMITTEE AND PERSONNEL POLICIES AND POTENTIAL CONTRACTS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**16. 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.**

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**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RENEWAL  
ADDENDUM BETWEEN UNITI AND LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to not renew.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING STARLINK  
REDUNDANCY FOR THE SQUARE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

Based on TechBundle's recommendation, Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the contract and installation costs.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POST-APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE 1886 LEON  
COUNTY JAIL.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SETTING A BOND AMOUNT FOR THE TREASURERS OF THE ESD'S IN LEON COUNTY (HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SEC. 775.037)**

Mr. Hank Dembosky with ESD #2 made a brief comment as to this requirement.

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAC DOING THE MIGRATION OF THE LEON COUNTY WEBSITE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 250 AND CR 252 IN PCT. 2 (ONCOR).**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 220, 221 AND 222 IN PCT. 2 (COMSTOCK).**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR  
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR'S 385, 366, 377, 373, 374, 375 IN PCT. 3  
(SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 347 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 391 AND CR 348 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 325 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 391 NORTH OF 348 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 330 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR'S 368, CR 372, CR 371, CR 369, AND CR 3861 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 493 IN PCT. 4 (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**32. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ASSESSING A \$15 BOND  
RECORDING FEE FOR ESD TREASURER BONDS, PER LGC. 118/011A 6 (\$5 BOND  
APPROVAL) AND LGC 118.0216 (\$10 RECORDS MANAGEMENT).**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the County Clerk collecting these fees.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**33. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TRASH PICK UP AT WASTE STATIONS IN LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have the County Attorney draft a letter to the waste disposal vendor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

Discussion only.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve budget adjustments in the amount of \$146,007.13.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

November 2025: County Clerk,

December 2025: County Clerk, JP Precinct 4

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**38. 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 Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the following report:

December 2025

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

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

Senior Nutrition: December 2025-\$3,340, \$2,000 of that by Cross Texas Transmission

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

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

No executive session was held.

**42. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

No executive session was held.

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

No executive session was held.

**44. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

No executive session was held.

**45. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

No executive session was held.

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

No executive session was held.

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

No executive session was held.

**48. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

Ms. Ann McCoslin asked what the next steps would be for the Chapter 391 Committee.

**49. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

None submitted.

**\*\*\*SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA\*\*\*****DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GETTING APPROVAL FOR THE BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT FOR THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the grant, with \$13,145 required match from Leon County.

**MOTION CARRIED.****DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 253 IN PCT. 2 (SPECTRUM).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED****(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**50. ADJOURN.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to adjourn, then rescinded the motion in order to hear Public Comments #2.

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**