

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 12th 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.

MOTION CARRIED.

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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 WIRH 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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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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

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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.

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