

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 29th day of January 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, Elections Administrator Donna Kominczak, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Judge Ryder 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.

(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 session.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the Jan. 23, 2026, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Michael Rice made a public comment regarding fire safety at the proposed data center.

Commissioner Foley made a public statement regarding his concerns with the proposed data center.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**6. NIA SLAUGHTER BURNS HERE TO INTRODUCE HERSELF AND EXPLAIN THE
CRCG (COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATION GROUPS) AND TAKE ANY
ACTION NECESSARY.**

Ms. Burns made a brief statement, introducing herself as the Region 7 representative. The recent Jan. 13 meeting had 57 attendees.

Next meeting is April 14, 2026.

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

Judge made a motion to pass this agenda item. Lack of second.

MOTION FAILED.

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

Discussion. Commissioner Workman commented that the actual resolution should come from the soon-to-be-formed 391 Commission in order to ensure efficacy.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR THE 391
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to sign the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION
FOR A.L. HELMCAMP.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Judge Ryder to move forward with the application process.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Foley

Abstain: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 373 (COMSTOCK) PCT. 3.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ELECTION UPDATES (PRIMARY ELECTION) AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY:

- A. SECRETARY OF STATE 2026-2028 VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE CARD MASS MAIL-OUT UPDATE.
- B. LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS MON. FEB. 2.
- C. ELECTION WORKER TRAINING WEDS. FEB. 4, ANNEX 2 GREAT ROOM
- D. LOGISTIC AND ACCURACY PUBLIC TESTING DATE UNCONFIRMED BUT WILL ANNOUNCE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AND ELECTION OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD.
- E. EARLY VOTING ALL PRECINCTS BEGINS TUES. FEB. 17-FRI. FEB. 27, 2026, ANNEX 2 GREAT ROOM EXTENDED HOURS INCLUDING SAT. AND SUN. WEEK ONE AND 12-HOUR DAYS WEEK TWO.
- F. LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL IS FRI. FEB. 20, 2026.
- G. LAST DAY TO RECEIVE BALLOT BY MAIL IS TUES. MAR. 3 (ELECTION DAY) AT 7 P.M. IF CARRIER ENVELOPE IS NOT POSTMARKED, OR WED. MARCH 4 (NEXT BUSINESS DAY AFTER ELECTION DAY) AT 5 P.M. IF CARRIER ENVELOPE IS POSTMARKED BY 7 P.M. AT THE LOCATION OF THE ELECTION ON ELECTION DAY.
- H. ELECTION DAY, TUES. MARCH 3, 2026, ALL 14 VOTING PRECINCT POLLING LOCATIONS 12 HOURS.
- I. 72 HOURS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL NOTIFY THE GENERAL CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE POST-ELECTION HAND COUNT AUDIT, DUE NO LATER THAN THE 21ST DAY AFTER THE ELECTION. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR WILL POST SIGNAGE WITH THE DATE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. BALLOT BOARD MEMBERS WILL CONDUCT THE POST-ELECTION HAND COUNT AUDIT AND ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR WILL DELIVER A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE COUNT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND POST THE RESULTS ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE WHERE ELECTION RESULTS ARE POSTED.

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16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING 5.02 ACRES MORE OR LESS IN THE F. DE VALLE SURVEY, A-29, CLIFT TRACT ON CR 106 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE TAX NOTE FOR THE TRI CIRCLE TOWER SITE.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the purchase using funds from the tax note.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. 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.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REALIGNMENT AND
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD 215 APPROACH AND PAVEMENT
TIE-IN AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH US 79.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to reroute the road in the interest of public safety.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOVING COMMISSIONERS COURT FROM ANNEX 2, 3RD FLOOR GREAT ROOM TO ANNEX 1, 3RD FLOOR GRAND ROOM DUE TO EARLY VOTING.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to move the location just for the Feb. 23, 2026 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POST-APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS CATTLEMEN'S TRAIL RIDE JAN. 16-18, 2026, AND APRIL 10-12, 2026, AND OCTOBER 2026.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to post-approve the past dates and approve the future dates in April.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SETTING BOND AMOUNT FOR
ESD'S TREASURER POSITION.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to set the bond at \$100,000, due by April 1, 2026, for all treasurers this fiscal year, and will continue as ESD treasurers are sworn in for their new term.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON VEHICLES AT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to obtain the trade-in value for 8 vehicles (patrol & seized).

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

25. PRESENTATION BY JOHN WHITE, TECHBUNDLE, WITH UPDATES ON IT COMMITTEE AND PERSONNEL POLICIES AND POTENTIAL CONTRACTS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WEB SERVICES CONTRACT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

27. 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 table this agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANT REQUEST FORM FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE & TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

Scrivener's error. See agenda item 21.

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING BURN BAN THAT WAS PUT INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 12, 2026.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to post-rescind the burn ban.

MOTION CARRIED.

32. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESD AUDITS.

Discussion only.

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

Discussion only.

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

None submitted.

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

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

JP Precincts 1 and 2: November and December 2025

District Clerk: November and December 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

36. 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.

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

None submitted.

38. 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 Foley to table this agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BID FOR ANNUAL PLUMBING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to solicit proposals for the remainder of this fiscal year, then on an annual cycle.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BID FOR ANNUAL ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to solicit proposals for the remainder of this fiscal year, then on an annual cycle.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BID FOR ANNUAL HVAC REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to solicit proposals for the remainder of this fiscal year, then on an annual cycle.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Regular session closed at 11:26 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

40. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

41. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

42. DISCUSS THE TEMPORARY PART-TIME HOURLY RATE FOR THE 87TH AND 369TH DISTRICT COURT COORDINATOR.

43. PRESENT PAYROLL CHANGE NOTICE FOR KAREN MOORE, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT.

44. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

45. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 11:39 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

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

None submitted.

47. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE TEMPORARY PART-TIME HOURLY RATE FOR THE 87TH AND 369TH DISTRICT COURT COORDINATOR.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the required hourly rate for the part-time employee.

MOTION CARRIED.

48. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PAYROLL CHANGE NOTICE FOR KAREN MOORE, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the rate to \$20 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

None submitted.

50. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

Ann McCoslin commented on the 391 Commission.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

51. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Sullivan commented on the county's waste vendor, Texas Commercial Waste.

Commissioner Foley updated the Court regarding illegal dumping of tires.

Commissioner Workman requested the widening of CR 347 by Comstock to be added to the next agenda.

50. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley 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