

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 13th day of July 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 Attorney Keith Cook, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, Tax Assessor Collector Victoria Willis 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 Workman to approve the claims due.

MOTION CARRIED.

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a. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE (LGC 130.908, “LAME DUCK”

-COUNTY JUDGE

- 10-401 COMISSIONERS COURT**
- 10-409 NON-DEPARTAMENTAL**
- 10-415 KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL**
- 10-420 JANITORIAL**
- 10-426 COUNTY COURT**
- 10-510 COURTHOUSE & BUILDINGS**
- 10-630 HEALTH & WELFARE**
- 12-400 TAX NOTE**
- 12-417 TAX NOTE ‘24**
- 12-418 TAX NOTE ‘25**
- 13-422 DEBT SERVICES**
- 21-400 HOTEL TAX**
- 21-455 HOTEL OCCUPANCY**
- 24-498 VETERANS SERVICE FUND**
- 25-455 EXPO**
- 52-427 EOC**
- 55-402 911 MAPPING**
- 56-400 GRANTS**
- 56-468 GRANT FUND**
- 58-415 CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- 60-406 TOWERS**

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

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 Workman to approve the minutes from the previous session.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve June 26, 2026, and July 10, 2026, payrolls.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

The following people submitted a request to speak regarding the planned data centers, water use, and tax abatement considerations:

Floyd Fobbs, Tinya Holifield, Carly Hickman, T. F. Stein, Janet Dunbar, Daniel McCoslin, Debbie Frank, Carol Milder, Michael Rice, Sylvia Guzman, Lisa Williford, Donna Hull, Kat Wall, Ann McCoslin, Larry Cox, Jaime Naquin, Jessica Dawn Nelson, Zant Tatum, Paul Lutteringer, Robbie Peterson, Mike Glick, Rachel Streater, Jay Winn (spoke, no form),

Judy Jackson (spoke, no form) addressed the Court regarding lack of space for the present meeting.

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****RECESS****

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to recess for 5 minutes before resuming.

MOTION CARRIED.**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLICATION BY CRUSOE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, FOR A TAX ABATEMENT AND DESIGNATION OF REINVESTMENT ZONE.**

Presentation, and discussion. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to reject the application as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

****RECESS****

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to recess for 10 minutes before resuming.

MOTION CARRIED.**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON UPDATING LEON COUNTY'S GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA AND RELATED RESOLUTION FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENTS.**

Commissioner Workman presented his draft of the new guidelines and criteria. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the presented guidelines and criteria, contingent upon review and approval by County Attorney Keith Cook, effective immediately.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Bing, Workman, Foley

No: Sullivan

MOTION CARRIED.

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**8. PRESENTATION BY TRAVIS TREADWAY (CONCORD ROBBINS WATER) AND
TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Presentation only; no action taken.

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ANY ACTION ON LETTER DISCUSSING
PERMITS STRUCTURE IN LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to reject the proposed letter presented by Black Mountain, Carolyn Cumber, permitting and entitlement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF LIABILITY NOTICE REGARDING
INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN LEON COUNTY.**

Mr. Red Shinedling presented his letter of liability; Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to include the letter in the Commissioner Court minutes.

MOTION CARRIED.

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11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GOLD STAR SERVICES FOR SEISMIC SURVEYS ON LEON COUNTY CITIZENS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to conditionally approve the agreement, with the stipulation that once the post plan source map is submitted, the County may submit reasonable objections to be addressed before final approval is made.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Bing, Workman, Foley

No: Sullivan

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ANY ACTION ON .GOV DOMAIN CHANGE IN LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO MIGRATE TO .GOV DOMAIN.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE IT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON A STANDARDIZED SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR COUNTY EMAILS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A BID FROM STEVE AND SADIE KLINE ON LOTS 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK 13, HILLTOP LAKES, SECTION 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 (\$1,500 PER LOT)

Based on Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLC's recommendation, Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the bid.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A BID FROM CLAYTON AND HAILEY HALLIBURTON ON LOTS 26 AND 27, BLOCK 9, HILLTOP LAKES, SECTION 15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 (\$2,000 PER LOT).

Based on Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLC's recommendation, Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the bid.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A BID FROM RONALD AND KRISTAL ELLETT ON LOTS 9 BLOCK 12, HILLTOP LAKES, SECTION 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.

Based on Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLC's recommendation, Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the bid.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST. 2026 MASS MAILING OF VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES (VOTER ID CARDS).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to move what funds are needed (once Election's budget is depleted first) from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST
2026 ELECTION SALARIES AND OVERTIME FY 2026.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve moving funds from Contingency to fund the deficit.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**20. DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE AND IMPACT ON COUNTY ELECTION
OFFICES TEXAS RISK-LIMITING AUDIT (RLA) & POST-ELECTION HAND
COUNT AUDIT (PEHCA).**

Presentation only.

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21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 156 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
PRECINCT 3 COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (CRT).**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON UPDATING THE LEON COUNTY
VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT FORM TO ADDRESS SUGGESTIONS MADE BY TAC.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING ROADS FROM
WILDWOOD SUBDIVISION INTO COUNTY MAINTENANCE (PCT. 3)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to accept the two new roads into county maintenance: CR 4941 and CR 4942.

MOTION CARRIED.

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE LEON COUNTY
FERAL HOG ABATEMENT ANTI-BREEDING POLICY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING THE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE THE NO NEW TAX RATE (EFFECTIVE) AND VOTER APPROVAL RATE (ROLL BACK) FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to appoint Tax Assessor/Collector Victoria Willis to calculate the no new tax rate and voter approval rate for the tax year 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

28. REVIEW AND ANNOUNCE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED ON AUGUST 10, 2026, AT COMMISSIONERS COURT; FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK (FIRST FILING) AND PLACE ON WEBSITE.

Announcement only.

29. PRESENT PROPOSED TAX ROLL VALUE FROM LEON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTING HON. JOEY SULLIVAN, HON. BOBBY WALTERS, AND JIM SCOTT TO THE BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (BVCOG) AND APPOINT JUDGE BYRON RYDER TO A NEW TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2029.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESIGNATION OF TERRY JOHNSON AND THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER MCKENZIE TO THE ESD #4 BOARD.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the resignation and appointment.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

32. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND JEWETT EMS FOR AN AMBULANCE USING THE H.B. 3000 GRANT FUNDS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

33. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SIGNAGE FOR NEW PARKING LOT AND RESEVED PARKING SIGN FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to appoint the County Attorney's office to work with the EOC and Maintenance to create signs for Annex 2 directing parking traffic to the new lot on the southeast side of Annex 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

34. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PERMIT # 46146 (WINDSTREAM/KINETIC) FOR CR 307, 315E, AND 329.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

35. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PERMIT (WINDSTREAM/KINETIC) FOR CR 416, 432, 430, 388, 424

The Court clarified that it is CR 488, not CR 388. Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

36. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2025 AUDIT.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

37. COUNTY ATTORNEY KEITH COOK TO UPDATE THE COMMISSIONERS ON BUILDING COMMITTEE AND IT COMMITTEE IF NECESSARY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

40. 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 Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the following report:

June 2026

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

Senior Nutrition: June 2026 - \$748

MOTION CARRIED.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DONATION OF TABLES AND CHAIRS TO THE LEON COUNTY EXPO FROM TWO RIVERS WILDLIFE ALLIANCE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING FANS AT THE EXPO CENTER.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TERM CONTRACT RENEWALS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to renew all contracts presented except SunCoast.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to renew SunCoast.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Sullivan, Bing, Workman, Foley

Abstain: Ryder

MOTION CARRIED.

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C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BVCOG CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR DPS AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4 (INTERNET).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING A NEW TRUCK FOR 911 ADDRESSING.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

E. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GENERAL PROCUREMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

43. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

The following people submitted a request to speak regarding the planned data centers, water use, and tax abatement considerations:

Michael Rice

Lisa Williford

Carly Hickman

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44. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Workman submitted a copy of a letter to Senator Schwertner and Representative Orr requesting the state provide increased county control and influence over data center, BESS and solar projects.

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45. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing 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