

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 12th day of April 2021, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Byron Ryder – County Judge
Joey Sullivan – Commissioner Pct. No. 1
David Ferguson – Commissioner Pct. No. 2
Kyle Workman – Commissioner Pct. No. 3
David Grimes – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with County Clerk Christie Wakefield, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Attorney Keith Cook, Constable Glenn Hightower, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, and County Treasurer Brandi Hill.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Judge Ryder opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.

Commissioner Sullivan made the motion seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept 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 Workman to approve the minutes from the previous sessions.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve payrolls:

March 26, 2021: \$138,414.57

April 9, 2021: \$153,089.15

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Judge Ryder announced that Commissioners Court will move back down to the original meeting space (first floor) effective April 28, 2021, and thanked the Agrilife team for allowing the Court use of this large meeting room.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST APPROVAL OF THE PROCLAMATION FROM THE DA'S OFFICE PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to post-approve the proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE LEON COUNTY
ROW/UTILITY PARTICIPATION ON STATE HIGHWAY 7 AT THE TRINITY RIVER
AND ALSO EXECUTE THE AFFIDAVIT, RESOLUTION, AGREEMENT, AND
ULTIMATELY A WARRANT/CHECK FOR THE LEON COUNTY AMOUNT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DAR (DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLAG BURNING AT THE VETERANS WALL ON THE SQUARE ON JUNE 14, 2021.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CONSTABLE GLENN HIGHTOWER TO APPOINT UP TO THREE (3) RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED FOR RESIDENTS IN JP PCT 1.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the appointments.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Workman, Grimes, Judge

No: Sullivan, Ferguson

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANTING VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR (COUNTY ATTORNEY) PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR VCLG GRANT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to grant permission to pursue the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE VCLG COUNTY ATTORNEY VCLG GRANT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANTING VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR (DISTRICT ATTORNEY) PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR VCLG GRANT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to grant permission to pursue the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE VCLG DISTRICT ATTORNEY VCLG GRANT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION FOR LEON COUNTY TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQs) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to authorize Leon County to issue the RFPs and RFQs.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON READDRESSING AND MAKING CLEAR WHERE COUNTY ROAD 2332 IS AND ALSO THAT IT IS COUNTY MAINTAINED AND THE 60-FOOT RIGHT OF WAY SHOULD BE CLEAR OF ANY AND ALL OBSTRUCTIONS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MHMR TO STAY IN THE POWELL MEMORIAL BUILDING (REAR OFFICE) AND DECIDE ON THE INFORMATION THAT NEEDS TO BE IN AN AGREEMENT WITH MHMR FOR USE OF BUILDING.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman approve MHMR to stay in building.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR
235 FOR HODGE SERVICES IN PCT. 2.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WIDENING AND IMPROVING THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ROADS IN PCT 2: CR 282, CR 278, CR 277, CR 275, CR 236, CR 225, CR 298, CR 223, CR 279, CR 268, CR 221, AND CR 224.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the widening and improvements.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE \$20 IN QUERY SEARCHES FOR CDL HOLDER VERIFICATION.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the \$100.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

County Auditor Melissa Abney presented the budget amendments in the amount of \$2,890,526.33. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the amendments.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

21. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$27,026.94.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS PER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 114.044.

None submitted.

23. 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.

County Treasurer Brandi Hill submitted the following reports:

March 2021

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

None submitted.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRECINCT 3 PURCHASING A NEW OFFSET SHREDDER.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING OFFSET SHREDDER.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the sale and to advertise the sale in newspaper.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC LISTED ITEMS (SEE LIST).

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the purchase list.

MOTION CARRIED.

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26. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS).

Regular session closed at 10:50 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.

27. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

28. INTERVIEW AND DISCUSS APPLICANTS FOR MAINTENANCE POSITION.

29. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

30. RESUME REGULAR MEETING TIME.

Regular session opened at 11:20 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HIRING A PERSON FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ferguson, Sullivan, Grimes

No: Judge, Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

32. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

None submitted.

33. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

34. ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Byron Ryder, County Judge

Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

David Ferguson, Commissioner Pct. No. 2

Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3

David Grimes, Commissioner Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk