

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 16th day of August, 2021, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for special budget 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 Christie Wakefield, County Clerk, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, Health Resource Center Director Donna Danford, and EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan.

1. OPEN COURT WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Judge Ryder opened the meeting without prayer or pledges to the American and Texas flag.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to 1) stipulate that any full time employee receiving a salary increase, will receive it with the understanding that it included the department-wide 3 percent raise already; 2) approve the list of county cell phone recipients and to end the monthly cell stipend in November; 3) increase the food, gas & grease, inmate expenditures, camera system and uniform line items for the Sheriff's office; and 4) approve the food, gas, and grease line items for Senior Nutrition.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman submitted a proposed redistribution of road funds. Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to add \$50,000 back to each precinct's miscellaneous budget, bringing it back up to \$200,000 each.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
THE LEON COUNTY AUDITOR (MELISSA ABNEY), SETTING SALARY, AND
DIRECT PAYMENT OF THAT SALARY DURING THE BUDGET YEAR
2021/2022.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the reappointment, and set salary as recommended by the district judges.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SCADA SYSTEM FOR
TOWER LOCATIONS.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the quote as provided, stipulating to stay within the bounds of this quote with ARPA funds preferably to be used first.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A P25 VHF RADIO SYSTEM.

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

MOTION CARRIED.**5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RUNNING WINDSTREAM DATA LINE TO ALL RADIO TOWERS.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOFTWARE TO PROCESS PERMITS ONLINE.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RECALCULATED
SUPPLEMENTAL PERCENTAGES PERTAINING TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT FUND PER LGC 118.0216, AND AG OPINION DM-492, GA-
0118.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to rescind the prior Aug. 10 motion regarding the supplemental percentages in the County Clerk's office.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the distribution percentages proposed by the County Clerk for the 2022 budget; also, to approve the same distribution for the current budget year, and to add the \$15,000 back into the records management line item.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Ferguson, Sullivan, Grimes

No: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET REQUEST FOR
SHERIFF'S DEPARMENT FOR THE RISING COSTS OF FOOD FOR
INMATES.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve additional monies for food line item.

MOTION CARRIED.

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET REQUEST FOR
SENIOR CENTER FOR THE RISING COSTS OF FOOD.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve additional monies for food line item.

MOTION CARRIED.

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2021-2022
PROPOSED BUDGET AND EXECUTE THE BUDGET CERTIFICATE.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to adopt the budget with the amendments approved today, as well as to carry over road and bridge balance, road and bridge CDs, and county CDs, and to execute the certificate.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLOSING THE PUBLIC MEETING DEALING WITH 2021-2022 BUDGET AND OPENING UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to close the meeting and open the hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. DISCUSS THE 2021 PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to set the rate at .443095.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None submitted.

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REOPENING PUBLIC MEETING.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to close the hearing and to reopen the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2021 TAX RATE AND ORDER LEVYING THE 2021 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to adopt the rate of .443095.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FILING (CLERK'S OFFICE) AND PLACING (COUNTY WEBSITE) THE FINAL 2021-2022 BUDGET AND THE 2021 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to file the budget with the Clerk and to post it on the web site.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None submitted.

4. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLOSING THE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPENING UP REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR COUNTY BUSINESS.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to close the hearing and to open the regular session.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED;MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of August, 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