

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 24th day of March 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 ABSENT
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, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, and County Treasurer Brandi Hill.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Commissioner Grimes opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion seconded by Commissioner Grimes to accept the claims due.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes 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 Ferguson to approve the payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROCLAMATION FROM SARC
(SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER). APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.**

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

MOTION CARRIED;ITEM TABLED

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING SCOTTY'S HOUSE, CPS, AND LEON COUNTY DA, SO, AND CHILD WELFARE BOARD TO USE THE LEON COUNTY COURTHOUSE SQAURE TO DISPLAY A LARGE WOODEN BLUE RIBBON ON THE CORNER OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN AND WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL STARTING ON MARCH 26, 2021.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to allow the use of the square.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES) TO PLACE A DISPLAY ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. SETUP WOULD BE MARCH 30TH OR 31ST AND IT WOULD STAY UNTIL APRIL 30, 2021.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to allow CASA to place the display.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PLACING DAVID GRIMES ON THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BVCOG).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to appoint Commissioner Grimes to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON JULIE PREJEAN (NUCOR STEEL)
TO REPLACE MATT WAY ON THE MID EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO SERVE OUT HIS UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL
DECEMBER 31, 2021.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the replacement.

MOTION CARRIED.

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING MR. AND MRS.
COLLETTE TO SUBDIVIDE THEIR 14 ACRES INTO 3 PARTS (FINAL PLAT).**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the subdivision.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO JOIN TAHSR (TEXANS AGAINST HIGH-SPEED RAIL), IMPACTED LANDOWNERS, AND OTHER IMPACTED COUNTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, AS A PLAINTIFF IN A FEDERAL COURT LAWSUIT TO CHALLENGE THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S ISSUANCE OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND RECORD OF DECISION FOR TEXAS CENTRAL'S PROPOSED HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT.

Commissioner Grimes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to join the TAHSR as a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION OF RESOLUTION FOR THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR CELL PHONE SCANNERS FOR THE JAIL.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM THE SUMMERLEE FOUNDATION TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM TO FINISH THE REMAINING 1913 JAIL WINDOWS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to apply for the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE FY2020 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND – PAUL BRUHN HISTORIC REVITALIZATION SUBGRANT PROGRAM TO COMPLETE THE 1913 JAIL.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to apply for the fund.

Commissioner Sullivan amended the motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to include that the funds to pay for Mr. Thatcher will come from the 1913 jail match grant line item.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH MARK THACKER A.I.A., FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE 1913 JAIL RENOVATIONS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to contract with Mr. Thacker for the architectural services only; the project management part will be decided later.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

County Auditor Melissa Abney presented the budget amendments in the amount of \$234,262.29. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the amendments.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

County Auditor Melissa Abney presented the line item transfers. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$76,780.22.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the following monthly reports:

JP Precincts 1, 2 and 4: February

County Clerk: February

District Clerk: February

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

21. 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.

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

- A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT DONATING 20 LAPTOPS TO CENTERVILLE ISD.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

- B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BEDIAS CREEK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DONATION REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the donation.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

- A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AUCTIONING OFF 6 VEHICLES THROUGH SWICO.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve 5 vehicles (with the 2016 Silverado truck to be held for possible transfer) for sale via SWICO.

MOTION CARRIED.

- B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH KOFIE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to renew the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

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24. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

None submitted.

25. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

County Treasurer Brandi Hill announced that Leon County will receive an award from TAC for zero hours lost time due to injury for 2020.

26. ADJOURN

Commissioner Workman 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