

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 8th 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
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, District Attorney Caleb Henson, Elections Administrator Donna Golden, 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 both the Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 payrolls.

MOTION CARRIED.

Later in the meeting Judge Ryder closed the regular session at 10:20 a.m. and the Court went into executive session upon request from District Attorney Caleb Henson regarding an employee, in accordance with 551.074 of Local Government Code. Regular session resumed at 10:43 a.m., no action taken.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Judge Ryder announced a vaccination clinic at the Senior Center on Weds., March 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Approximately 500 vaccinations will be available to seniors.

Judge Ryder also clarified a point from the prior meeting; Ms. Prather will be working with Ms. Stott on Keep Texas Beautiful for the next few months.

County Attorney Keith Cook has researched the subdivision rules as requested; a special called meeting will be set to discuss.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CENTERVILLE MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP THE USE OF THE GAZEBO FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 6, 2021, FROM 6-7 P.M. AND ALSO PERMISSION TO HANG A BANNER 2 WEEKS PRIOR.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEASE AGREEMENT OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY 1, 2021 CITY & SCHOOL ELECTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: CITY OF BUFFALO, CITY OF OAKWOOD, LEON ISD, OAKWOOD ISD BOND ELECTION.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST-APPROVAL OF THE SEVERE WINTER STORM DISASTER DECLARATION THAT WAS SIGNED FEBRUARY 15, 2021.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to post-approve the declaration.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A RACIAL PROFILING REPORT
FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HOURLY RATE FOR PART TIME EMPLOYEE IN PCT. 3.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZED ORDERS FOR FIREWORK SALES ON SAN JACINTO DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.

Commissioner Grimes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve if needed for 2021 year.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT ON CR 225 AND CR 298 IN PCT. 2 (MASTERS TIMBER, LLC RICHARD MASTERS).

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 90-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID FROM WILLIAM AND JULIA TETER TO PURCHASE LOT 6, BLOCK 1, SECTION 32, HILLTOP LAKES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION APPROVING COUNTY BONDS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND SUPERVISORS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM SICK POOL COMMITTEE ON GIVING A COUNTY EMPLOYEE #714 150 HOURS OUT OF THE SICK POOL FOR RECOVERY.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the sick pool hours.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS-BRAZOS VALLEY AND LEON COUNTY DEALING WITH JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THEIR OFFICE AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the contract, with plans to renegotiate the contract next cycle.

MOTION CARRIED.

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17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING IT COMMITTEE CHAIR. THE IT COMMITTEE CHAIR JOB DESCRIPTION INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: 1) WORKING WITH TECHBUNDLE TO LEAD MAJOR UPCOMING SOFTWARE CONVERSION PROJECT ACROSS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY; 2) SERVING AS LIAISON FOR ANY UPCOMING IT INITIATIVES BETWEEN TECHBUNDLE AND LEON COUNTY, LEADING THE IT COMMITTEE BY SETTING AGENDAS, MEETING TIMES AND DATES AND OVERALL OBJECTIVES. 3) DRIVING IT-CRITICAL ISSUES THROUGHOUT LEON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to appoint Keith Cook as IT Committee Chair.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 234/HOUSE BILL 749 EFFORTS TO SILENCE COUNTY OFFICIALS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

20. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$7,904.82.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

None submitted.

22. 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:

February 2021

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve a \$4,000 donation for Senior Nutrition from Cross Texas Transmission and \$938 for Senior Nutrition in cash donations.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the donation of one file cabinet from the Appraisal District to Elections.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table the donation of 20 laptops from Elections to Centerville ISD.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRECINCT 3 TRADING IN A JOHN DEERE 5090E TRACTOR AND PURCHASING A NEW TRACTOR.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH KENNETH ZOCH CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SEPTIC INSPECTION OF THE EXPO FACILITIES.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR HUNTRESS PROGRAM FOR COUNTY ASSET PROTECTION.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

25. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

None submitted.

26. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

27. 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