

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 26th day of May 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, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan 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 Ferguson 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 Ferguson 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 the payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan gave a brief update on the COVID-19 epidemic and its impact on Leon County. Currently, activities are slowing down.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT: COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL BE HOLDING WORKSHOPS FOR THE 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET.

7. DISCUSS SCHEDULING BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Next budget meeting will be June 14.

8. DISCUSS SCHEDULING WORKSHOPS FOR SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Next meeting will be held on June 14.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING THE WHITE WELL-BEING ADVOCACY GROUP TO USE THE SQUARE AT NOON ON JUNE 5, 2021.

No action taken.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF LEON COUNTY PURCHASING LAND FOR A NEW ST. JOSEPH/PHI HELIPORT.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to move forward with this project and to begin looking for parcels of land a little over 2 acres.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PAYING SURVEY AND CLOSING COSTS ON THE PROPERTY LOTS 18, 19 AND 24 THAT LEON COUNTY IS PURCHASING FROM THE WARD SISTERS.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to pay the survey and closing costs and to enter into a possible contract on an additional lot of land. There will be a special called meeting on June 2 to discuss further actions.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HOLIDAY TIME AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to allow 6 additional months for the Sheriffs office staff to use their holiday time.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE REPLAT OF TRACT 15C OF SEAN LAND COMPANY (CENTERVILLE, TEXAS).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to

MOTION CARRIED.

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14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANNE RYDER TO 3-YEAR TERM FOR BRAZOS VALLEY WORKFORCE BOARD.

Judge Ryder abstained from discussing this agenda item and left the courtroom. Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the reappointment.

Abstained: Ryder

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONSTABLE GLENN HIGHTOWER GETTING A COUNTY FUEL CARD, CELLPHONE, COMPUTER, AND COUNTY EMAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to remove the \$25 monthly travel allocation; allow a prorated compensation for fuel card and tires; and grant the cellphone, email, and laptop, with any needed funds to be taken from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP) FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to obtain an architect to begin the jail modification project.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FY 2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT.

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

Abstain: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

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18. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE TREASURER'S 1ST QUARTER 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

20. 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 Sullivan to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$22,492.74.

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.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the following reports:

April 2021

County Clerk

JP: Pct. 1, 2 and 4

MOTION CARRIED.

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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.

None submitted.

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

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

Sheriff Office: \$500 for sheriff reserves

MOTION CARRIED.

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

- a. Discuss and possibly take action on adding fax capabilities to the Xerox unit in the JP2 office for an additional monthly fee of \$25.11.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Discuss and possibly take action on Pct. 4 selling a 2007 Ford F-150 pickup truck.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Discuss and possibly take action on Pct. 4 purchasing two pickup trucks.

Commissioner Grimes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the purchase of a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck and a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck.

MOTION CARRIED.

- d. Discuss and possibly take action on Centerville Tower shelter.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to have the Auditor's office go for bids on new shelter, standby generator and ATS and to utilize Mission Critical to write the bid specs.

MOTION CARRIED.

- e. Discuss and possibly take action on a computer for the HVAC system in Annex 2.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the repurpose of an Auditor office computer for the HVAC system and to purchase a new laptop for the Auditor office, with \$3700 to be split between the Auditor's office and Contingency, since Building/Grounds line item is spent.

MOTION CARRIED.

- f. Discuss and possibly take action for Pct. 3 to lease/purchase a new or used CAT motor grader.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

- g. Discuss and possibly take action on chip-seal project for the courthouse square.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to obtain bids for the second coat application, in addition to repairing all low areas.

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