

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 27th day of October 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, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Attorney Keith Cook, 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.

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

Oct. 22, 2021

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Ferguson, Grimes, Workman

No: Sullivan

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Angela Orr, a candidate for House District Seat #13, addressed the Court briefly.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION
PLAT FOR NORTH CREEK SUBDIVISION.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the subdivision plat only; no roads were approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION
PLAT FOR HALEY CREEK FARMS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the subdivision plat only; no roads were approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

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8. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

Regular session closed at 9:49 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021.

9. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. §551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY FOR ADVICE REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT OFFERS IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OF HARRISON V. PURDUE PHARMA, INC. ET AL., MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, IN THE 152D DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, CURRENTLY PENDING ON REMOVAL IN MDL 2804, N.D. OH (OPIOID SETTLEMENT.)

11. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

12. RESUME REGULAR MEETING.

Regular session resumed at 10:17 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021.

13. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDER REGARDING A SETTLEMENT OFFER IN THE MATTER OF TEXAS OPIOID MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OF LEON V. PURDUE PHARMA, INC. ET AL., MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, IN THE 152D DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, CURRENTLY PENDING ON REMOVAL IN MDL 2804, N.D. OH. (OPIOID SETTLEMENT.)

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the settlement and authorize the executive release for the Johnson & Johnson settlement. The settlement amount will be used to reimburse the county for costs associated with opioid addiction in Leon County.

MOTION CARRIED.

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14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY ACQUISITION ON HWY 7 PROJECT (TXDOT.)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POSSESSION AND USE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES WITH ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF INDEPENDENT CONSIDERATION.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF THIS PROPERTY ON HWY 7.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING A LEON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LEON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DESIGNATED COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LEON COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes that the representative report all business as necessary to the Court.

MOTION CARRIED.

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED ARPA PROJECTS
AND EXPENSES.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE FY 2022/2023
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to apply for the grant for tire recycling between July 1, 2022, and July 21, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY
FOR THE FY 2022/2023 REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to apply for the grant for body cameras and cloud storage for the sheriff's office between March 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WATCH GUARD INVOICES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve \$30,579 for cloud storage and warranties, with funds to be taken from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the budget amendments in the amount of \$84,004.97 for fiscal year 2021.

MOTION CARRIED.

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26. 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 \$54,132.19 for fiscal year 2021 and \$134,773.55 for fiscal year 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

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27. 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 Grimes to approve the following reports:

County Clerk: September

District Clerk: August, September

JP Precincts 1,2,4:

MOTION CARRIED.

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28. 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.

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

- A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DONATION TO LEON COUNTY FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR 26 PHONES. Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the donation.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

- A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ENTERPRISE LEASING AGREEMENT FOR THE EOC VEHICLE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the lease for \$35,981.

MOTION CARRIED.

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B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING CARGO CONTAINER(S).

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to purchase 2 containers, with funds (\$9,690) to be taken from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

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31. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

None submitted.

32. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

33. ADJOURN

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman 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