

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 2nd day of August 2022, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for special budget meeting immediately following a 9:30 a.m. special called session 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, Tax Assessor Collector Robin Shafer, County Attorney Keith Cook, and EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan.

1. OPEN COURT WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Meeting was opened informally; no prayer or pledges rendered.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

None submitted.

5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY BUDGET ITEMS, TAX RATES, SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR 2022-2023 BUDGET:

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the debt amount for a one-year period for the 2022-2023 budget year as calculated so that we are allowed to keep our current tax rate. County Tax Assessor Collector Robin Shafer will make the calculations and determine the recommended debt amount.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Ferguson, Grimes

No: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to keep medical health insurance with Baylor Scott & White for the next budget year.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to stay with Guardian for vision, dental and other elective insurance services for employees, including 2 new options: permanent life insurance and air ambulance services.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve raising the hourly rate of the part-time employee in Elections to \$15 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion to reduce the retirement contribution from Leon County to TCDRS from 7 percent to 3.3 percent.

MOTION FAILED.

Judge Ryder made a motion to reduce the retirement contribution from Leon County to TCDRS from 7 percent to 3.3 percent and to increase the matching rate from 145 to 165 percent.

MOTION FAILED.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to increase the matching rate from 145 to 165 percent for 2022-2023 budget year for past, present, and future employees.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Sullivan, Grimes, Ferguson

No: Workman, Ryder

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to restate the Expo Manager salary to a maximum of \$50,000 (because the \$3,500 raise will already be included, not eligible to receive \$3,500 on Oct. 1, 2022) and to set the salary of the office administrator to (if hired prior to Oct. 1, 2022) \$27,500 with eligibility to receive the \$3,500 on Oct. 1, 2022 OR (if hired after Oct. 1, 2022) \$28,500 with eligibility to receive the \$3,500 raise on Oct. 1, 2022. Also, to restate the hourly rate for the labor employee up to \$15 per hour, and to re-advertise the job openings to be in compliance with labor law.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR UNLIMITED POTENTIAL.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None submitted. Next meeting will be on Aug. 8, 2022.

8. ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of August, 2022.

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