

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022, 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, Health Resource Center Director Donna Danford, County Tax Assessor Collector Robin Shafer, County Attorney Keith Cook, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, and County Treasurer Brandi Hill.

**1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.**

Brother Smith with the Flynn Assembly of God opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

**2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.**

- a. **Discuss and possibly take action on claims due (LGC 130.908, “Lame Duck”).**
- **Commissioner – Pct. 2**
    - **R&B, Pct. 2**
    - **Expo**
    - **Senior Center**
    - **Forestry – 2/3**
  - **Commissioner – Pct. 4**
    - **R&B, Pct. 4**
    - **Forestry 1/4**
  - **Justice of the Peace – Pct. 1**
  - **Justice of the Peace – Pct. 2**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the claims due and lame duck 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 Grimes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the July 29, 2022, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**5. GLO HAYES TO PRESENT TO COMMISISONERS COURT A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Presentation only; no action taken.

**6. DR. CLARENCE BUSH (PROGRAM LEADER) TO INTRODUCE TY JORDAN AS THE PVAMU CEP AGNR AGENT FOR LEON AND MADISON COUNTIES.**

Presentation only. No action taken.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Several residents commented on CR 123 and the park area.

**(COPIES FOLLOW)**

**8. CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE THE COUNTY OF LEON'S AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES (RFP) AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR THE 2023-2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PRECINCT 3.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the pursuit of a \$500,000 grant for CR 305 and CR 314 through GrantWorks.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DESIGNATION OF A COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WITH DEALING WITH THE JAIL OR COMMUNICATION PROJECTS.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to add Commissioner Sullivan to the jail and communication projects.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NEW GUIDELINES FROM THE VARIANCE COMMITTEE FOR SUBDIVISIONS (MINOR PLATS OR REPLATTING).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE UPDATED LEON COUNTY SUBDIVISION CHECKLIST (TIER 3) AND SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT FEES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SATELLITE PHONE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve 7 satellite phones, \$100 per phone per year, with funds to be taken from Communications budget line item.

**VOTE BREAKDOWN:**

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Grimes, Workman

No: Ferguson

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FUNDING OF FORESTRY'S  
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTING JUDGE RYDER  
AND MR. JIM SCOTT ON THE BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WINDSTREAM INTERNET SERVICE AGREEMENT.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO PRECINCT 3 FOR THE TOPPING OF CR 360 AND PORTIONS OF CR 314 DUE TO INCREASED COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAX ASSESSOR SUBMITTING THE APPRAISAL ROLL TO THE COURT.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept the roll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**



**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAX ASSESSOR SUBMITTING  
TOTAL VALUES OF NEW PROPERTY TO COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept the total values.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAX ASSESSOR CERTIFYING A COLLECTION RATE FOR THE NEW BUDGET YEAR.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**20. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS).**

**\*\*\*SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE\*\*\* CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) AND 551.072 (DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL ESTATE)**

**21. Time 10:52 a.m. Date 7/27/22**

**22. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**23. DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.**

**24. DISCUSS THE EXPO MANAGERS POSITION AND POSSIBLY A PERSON FOR THE OFFICE, ALSO DISCUSS THE SALARIES FOR THESE POSITIONS.**

**\*\*\*SUPPLEMENTAL SESSION\*\*\***

**DISCUSS COUNTY ROAD 123 AND THE PARK AREA IN PRECINCT 1.**

**25. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**26. RESUME REGULAR SESSION MEETING TIME: 11:25 a.m. DATE: 7/27/2022**

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS AT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve a hiring a dispatcher out of Contingency.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE EXPO MANAGERS POSITION AND POSSIBLY A PERSON FOR THE OFFICE, AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE PAY FOR THESE POSITIONS.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to hire an Expo manager with a salary range of \$47,000 to \$50,000, and an office administration position with a salary of \$28,500. The Expo manager will be an exempt position with a truck and gas allowance, County Treasurer Brandi Hill will research the exempt status to ensure compliance.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**\*\*\*SUPPLEMENTAL SESSION\*\*\*  
DISCUSS COUNTY ROAD 123 AND THE PARK AREA IN PRECINCT 1.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**29. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman, to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$389,893.89.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**30. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve line-item transfers in the amount of \$240,395.46.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR GAS, OIL, AND GREASE IN BOTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND SENIOR NUTRITION BUDGETS, IN ADDITION SENIOR NUTRITION NEEDS ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR FOOD.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve \$4,000 for Social Services and \$3,200 for Nutrition, with funds to be taken from Contingency.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

**33. 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.

**34. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DONATION(S) AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT(S).**

None submitted.

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON \$10 REIMBURSEMENT TO CHRISTINA CHENEY FOR FINGERPRINTS (LCSO-DISPATCH).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**35. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

None submitted.

**36. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**37. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

None submitted.

**38. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**Byron Ryder, County Judge**

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**Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1**

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**David Ferguson, Commissioner Pct. No. 2**

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**Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3**

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**David Grimes, Commissioner Pct. No. 4**

**ATTEST:**

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**Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk**