

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 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, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, District Attorney Caleb Henson, Health Resource Center Director Donna Danford, Elections Administrator Donna Golden and EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan.

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

Tuffy Loftin with Cowboy Church of Leon County 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 Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the following payroll:

March 11, 2022

Vote Breakdown:

Yes: Ryder, Ferguson, Grimes, Workman

No: Sullivan

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Mr. David Groves expressed a desire to have Leon County assume ownership/maintenance of PR 1464, Commissioner Sullivan will begin inspection of the road.

Mr. Hank Dembosky made another request for Leon County to consider Southwest Leon County ESD #2's request for fund for a new ambulance.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE 3/1/2022 PRIMARY CANVASS APPROVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRS.**

Commissioner Grimes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept the canvass.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON 5/7/22 POLLING LOCATION CONSOLIDATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FOLLOWING CITY/SCHOOL ENTITIES:  
CENTERVILLE ISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, CITY OF CENTERVILLE COUNCIL ELECTION, LEON ISD SCHOOL BOARD & BOND ELECTION, CITY OF NORMANGEE PROPERTY SALE ELECTION, NORMANGEE ISD SCHOOL BOND ELECTION.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE 5/7/22 JOINT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE ABOVE LISTED ENTITIES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE 5/7/22 ORDER OF ELECTION  
FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE 5/7/22 NOTICE OF ELECTION  
FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LGC 130.908 AS APPROVED IN COURT ON MARCH 9, 2020.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Judge Ryder to set a \$5,000 limit on purchases and project with exemptions as follows: all projects previously approved in Commissioners Court, the bathroom and concession stand project at the Expo, Senior Nutrition projects, daily maintenance and repairs within the precincts and for JP 1 and 2, as well as all of the projects listed below in agenda items 12 and 13.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON R&B, PCT. 2 ROAD PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LGC 130.908: CR 239 PROJECT; CR 236 PROJECT; CR 231 PROJECT; CR 289 PROJECT; CR 233 PROJECT; CR 221 PROJECT; CR 225 PROJECT.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON R&B, PCT. 4 ROAD PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LGC 130.908: CR 344 PROJECT; CR 386 PROJECT; CR 417 PROJECT; CR 419 PROJECT; CR 4261 PROJECT; CR 427 PROJECT; CR 429 PROJECT; CR 443 PROJECT; CR 446 PROJECT; CR 449 PROJECT; CR 452 PROJECT; CR 458S PROJECT; CR 458N PROJECT; CR 459 PROJECT; CR 467 PROJECT; CR 469 PROJECT; CR 470 PROJECT; CR 4821 PROJECT; CR 488 PROJECT; CR 490 PROJECT; CR 499 PROJECT.**

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY EXPO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve, with the added comment that this is a working document and subject to change moving forward.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY BONDS  
FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND SUPERVISORS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ARPA PROJECTS.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to prioritize the project list in the following order: the Expo fiber project, the jail expansion, the communications equipment and towers, then proceed down the list with the others.

Vote Breakdown:

Yes: Sullivan, Ferguson, Grimes, Workman

Abstain: Ryder

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**16A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON USING AARP FUNDS FOR PART TIME HELP (SOCIAL SERVICES).**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the part time help.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GETTING DANA PLATT (COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) A COUNTY-ISSUED PHONE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRESENTATION OF EFSP 39 GRANT.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to apply for \$6,855 for food for Senior Nutrition.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACTIVE 911 ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZED USERS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REGULATING TEMPORARY SIGNS ON LEON COUNTY PROPERTY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the new policy

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR  
CIRA SERVICES FOR LEON COUNTY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TREASURERS ANNUAL PFIA  
TRAINING HOURS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR  
131 IN PCT. 1.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the 45-day agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING BUDGET FOR FUEL COSTS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES MEAL DELIVERY.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve \$2,000 more to be taken from Contingency.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve line-item transfers in the amount of \$19,807.23.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**26. 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:

January 2022: District Clerk, JP 4

February 2022: District Clerk, County Clerk, JP 1, 2 4

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**27. 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.**

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

February 2022

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

Senior Nutrition: \$3,000 from Cross Texas Transmission, \$553 various = \$3553

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A DONATION TO BRAZOS VALLEY AMBER ALERT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the donation, with funds to be taken from Contingency.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

**30. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY).**

**31. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**32. DISCUSS QUICK CLAIM DEED FOR 1.2 ACRE (DEED) (APPRAISAL OFFICE) TO DONNIE GRIMES.**

**33. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**34. RESUME REGULAR MEETING**

**35. DISCUSS QUICK CLAIM DEED FOR 1.2 ACRE (DEED) (APPRAISAL OFFICE) TO DONNIE GRIMES.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to take no action on agenda items 30-35.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**36. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**37. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

None submitted.

**38. ADJOURN.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan 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**