

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 30<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, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, and District Attorney Caleb Henson.

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

Brother Grisham with First Baptist Church of Buffalo 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.

**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 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 Workman to approve the following payroll:

March 25, 2022

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Tim Henderson with Frontier Waste and Mr. Charles Howard with Metro Waste both commented on possible solutions to the countywide waste disposal situation.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE PROCLAMATION  
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION  
MONTH.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION PROCLAMATION FROM SARC  
(SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER) PROCLAIMING APRIL AS SEXUAL  
ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**8. PINEY WOODS SANITATION HERE TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT THE COMPANY CAN DO FOR LEON COUNTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Mike Wilson addressed the current waste disposal situation in Leon County. Presentation only; no action taken.

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING THE CHAPEL OF THE HILLS TO USE THE GAZEBO FOR A PRAYER MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A CONTRACT ALLOWING A FORFEITED PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY 15.24 ACRES TO BE LISTED WITH HENSON LAND & RANCH CO. TO ENSURE THE FAIR MARKET VALUE PRICE IS OBTAINED FOR THE PROPERTY.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the contract with Henson Land & Ranch to sell the Chapter 59 property in Precinct 4.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE  
LAME DUCK STATUTE LCG 130.908.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the resolution, with the addition of the waste stations in Precinct 4.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON R&B, PCT. 2 ROAD PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LGC 130.908: CR 275 PROJECT; CR 277 PROJECT; CR 271 PROJECT; CR 279 PROJECT.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WIDENING AND REMOVING SITE DISTANCE OBSTACLES ON BLIND CURVES, ETC. FROM CR 271 IN PCT. 2.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve this project.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAKING PRIVATE ROAD 1464 INTO COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept PR 1464 into county maintenance, because the road meets the county road requirements.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOU BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND BUFFALO ISD (INTERNAL POLICE DEPARTMENT).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EMPLOYEE #860 REQUESTING  
240 HOURS FROM THE SICK POOL BANK.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN HOUSTON COUNTY AND LEON COUNTY FOR THE HOUSING AND  
CARE OF INMATES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON OBTAINING QUOTES ON INSURANCE BONDS FOR COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE SURETY BOND FOR GENE DARBY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MONTHLY REPORTING AND DEPOSITS AND OTHER INTERNAL CONTROLS (LGC CHAPTER 114).**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the finance, revenue and transaction reporting requirements for the Expo Center in accordance with government standards as outlined in the following handout.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND CONTRACT(S) FOR THE LEON COUNTY EXPO CENTER.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to amend the policies and procedures to include the government standards regarding required Coggins testing for equines and health inspections for poultry.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPIES FOLLOW)**

**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT UTILIZING ARPA FUNDING, ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to select the highest scoring bid, DRG Architecture.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Ferguson, Grimes

No: Workman

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT UTILIZING ARPA FUNDING, ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCY.**

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

**VOTE BREAKDOWN:**

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Ferguson, Grimes

No: Workman

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT  
WITH BELT HARRIS PECHACEK TO CONDUCT THE FY 22 AUDIT(S).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to enter the contract.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SALES ORDER (AVENU) FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE (BEING PAID FOR OUT OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRE-APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A 1,000 GALLON AND A 2,000 GALLON SEPTIC TANK FOR THE EXPO CENTER ARENA 2 FACILITY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to pre-approve the purchases.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GOING OUT FOR INFORMATION AND BIDS FOR POSSIBLE NEW WEBSITE FOR LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to have the Auditor's office go out for bids.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$65,660.35.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve line-item transfers in the amount of \$30,234.71.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

**31. 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.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AMBER ALERT NETWORK BRAZOS VALLEY DONATION.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to take no action on this agenda item, as it was a request for the 2023 budget year.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FINANCIAL SOFTWARE FOR COUNTY AUDITOR AND COUNTY TREASURER.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to state that Tyler Technologies may be considered and may bid on this project

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH GREG LONG SEPTIC SERVICES FOR THE SEPTIC INSPECTION OF THE EXPO CENTER FACILITIES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION IFB 2022-265 SALE OF BUILDING.**

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to rebid this project with a minimum bid of zero, and to extend the advertisement to an additional 30 days, and if no bids are submitted, to allow the demolition of said building.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**34. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**35. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

Commissioner Sullivan announced that all of the dirt work is completed on the new HealthPoint pad site.

**36. ADJOURN.**

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