

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 12th day of October 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, EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan, District Attorney Caleb Henson, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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.

a. Discuss and possibly take action on claims due (LGC 130.908, “Lame Duck”).

- **Commissioner – Pct. 2**
 - **R&B, Pct. 2**
 - **R&B Admin Pct. 2**
 - **Expo Center**
 - **Senior Nutrition**
 - **Social Services**
 - **Forestry – 2/3**
- **Commissioner – Pct. 4**
 - **R&B, Pct. 4**
 - **R&B Admin Pct. 4**
 - **Forestry 1/4**
 - **Waste 4**
- **Justice of the Peace – Pct. 1**
- **Justice of the Peace – Pct. 2**
- **87th District Court**
- **Capital Projects**

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 Oct.7, 2022, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Veterans Appreciation Day is this Saturday at the Expo Center.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF HILLTOP LAKES AND SHIRLEY KEEN FOR THE CANCELLATION AND/OR REMOVAL OF DEDICATED EASEMENT WITH A SUBDIVISION OF HILLTOP LAKES.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to authorize the County Attorney to fully research this issue and to make the determination of legality and to draft any needed paperwork for approval on Oct. 26.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING A BURN BAN IN LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING AMANDA HILL TO HAVE A BREAST CANCER BENEFIT ON THE SQUARE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2022, FROM 11 A.M. – 4 P.M. (BBQ PLATES WILL BE SOLD.) NO ELECTRICITY NEEDED.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the use of the square.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING THE CENTERVILLE MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP LEADERS TO USE THE COUNTY COURTROOM FOR UNITED PRAYER GATHERING FOR THE COMMUNITY ON DECEMBER 13, 2022, FROM 6 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the use of the square for this event on Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING MITCH GATSON, CHIEF OF BUFFALO ISD POLICE, TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the addition of Mr. Gatson.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RELEASING BOND FOR HALEY CREEK FARMS ON CR 231 AND CR 232.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to release the bond.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ARCHITECT ENGINEER'S CONTRACT FOR JAIL EXPANSION AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (ARPA MONEY).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE BVCOG CONTRACT FOR SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT PROGRAM.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON JAIL CONTRACTS FROM DRG ARCHITECTS FOR REMODELING AND ADD-ONS AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE SUPPORT LETTER TO HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S REQUEST FOR THE NTIA MIDDLE MILE GRANT PROGRAM (BROADBAND).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to ratify the letter.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE
TEXANS FEEDING TEXANS GRANT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRE-APPROVAL DOWN PAYMENT REQUEST FROM CELLSITE SOLUTIONS LLC FOR A CHANGE-ORDER TO THE FY 23 CENTERVILLE TOWER SHELTER PROJECT.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to pre-approve the down payment request of \$697.50.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROJECTS ON COUNTY ROADS 236, 223, 221, 222, 225, 212, 278, 271, AND 239.

Commissioner Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the projects to extend, widen, remove blind curves, move fences, remove dead trees, etc., and to have the Auditor call for bids on the project on CR 271.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

20. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

21. 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:

August 2022: District Clerk, JP 2

September 2022: JP 1, JP 2, JP 4

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. 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.

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

None submitted.

24. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR CLEARING 2 ACRES OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED AT HWY 79 AND FM 1512.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the soliciting of bids to clear the lot and to fence the area, and to haul or stack the cleared material, depending on the cheaper option.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

26. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

27. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 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