

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 11th day of October 2023, 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
Paul Bing – Commissioner Pct. No. 2
Kyle Workman – Commissioner Pct. No. 3
T. J. Foley – 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, EOC Director Bob Hickman and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Commissioner Sullivan opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American Flag and Texas flag were rendered.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the claims due.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve all proposed minutes from previous minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the Oct. 6, 2023, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

**6. PAM GROBA WITH TEEA (TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION)
HERE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.**

Presentation only; no action taken.

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST APPROVAL LIFTING
THE BURN BAN THAT WAS PUT INTO PLACE ON JULY 21, 2023, AND WAS
LIFTED ON OCTOBER 5, 2023.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to post approve the lifting of the ban.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT TO CDBG LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION AGREEMENT FOR GRANT WORKS TO ADD CONCORD ROBBINS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND FLO COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AS PARTICIPANTS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR FY 2024 SAVNS GRANT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DONATION(S) TO PROPER ENTITY(IES) FROM UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON JP 1 BUILDING (RENT, BUY OR BUILD) (THIS HAS BECOME A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION).

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING 9-1-1 ADDRESSING OFFICE TO COMMUNICATE ALL NEW COUNTY PERMITS TO THE LEON APRAISAL DISTRICT AFTER REDACTING ALL PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the communications with redactions.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (COMSTOCK) FOR CR 344, CR 350, CR 379, PCT. 3 FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 236 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS PCT. 2.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 224 FOR A PERIOD OF
120 DAYS PCT. 2.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING A LONG-RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR LEON COUNTY AND/OR PRECINCT 3**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH MARK
THACKER TO UPDATE THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE LEON COUNTY EXPO.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH MARK THACKER FOR THE 1913 JAIL STEEL DOORS RESTORATION PROJECT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH MARK THACKER FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE COURTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTING JIM NASH III
AND GEORGE HOLLEMAN TO BE DIRECTORS ON THE MID-EAST
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the re-appointments.

MOTION CARRIED.

**21. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LEON COUNTY 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT
REPORT.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the report.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LEON COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the investment policy.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING TONYA FOSTER TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT BVCOG.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Judge Ryder to approve the appointment.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH SCHAUMBURG & POLK, INC. FOR EXPO CENTER PER MARK THACKER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

B. REPAIR THE WATER WELL AT THE EXPO THAT WAS HIT BY LIGHTENING, THE FIGURES BELOW WERE PROVIDED BY KIM JANNING: REPLACEMENT COST VALUE: \$7,837.48, LESS DEPRECIATION (\$1,923.34), ACTUAL CASH VALUE (\$5,914.14), LESS DEDUCTIBLE (\$5,000), PAYMENT \$914.14.

This needs to be repaired to cut back on Flo Water usage, the well will be needed for the dirt work on the horse stall barn.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to contract with Limestone Water Well Drilling.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOVING FORWARD WITH THE DIRT WORK FOR THE HORSE STALL BARN WITHOUT A CURRENT TOPO FROM THE ENGINEER.

TOPO serves NO purpose whatsoever, we are building the barn in a low area that will be back filled with suitable materials to the same elevation as Arena 1, once we start cutting and filling all this work is out the window and useless, it's all going to change. The dirt work is free! We are not concerned about how many yards of dirt we are moving, it costs nothing! And winter is upon us.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOVING HORSE STALL BARN TO THE EAST 50 FEET LEAVING A 200 FT OPENING BETWEEN THE BARN, KEEPING IN LINE WITH ARENA 1 ON THE NORTH AND EAST SIDE.

I have calculated backing room for trucks and trailers at an angle instead of backing straight in, this will make it easy to maneuver.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

25. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

26. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the following reports:

JP Precincts 1, 2 and 4: September 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

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28. 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 Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the following reports.

September 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

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

County Treasurer Brandi Hill submitted the following donations:

Senior Nutrition - \$981 September 2023

Expo Center - \$7,500 from Delta Waterfowl

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the donations.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 1 TO TRADE IN 2 BACKHOES AND PURCHASE A BACKHOE USING GRANT FUNDING.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

Regular session closed at 10:21 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

32. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

33. DISCUSS PERSONNEL AT THE EXPO.

34. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

35. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 10:44 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

36. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON HIRING AN ADDITIONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AS A TRANSPORT DRIVER TO TAKE PRISONERS TO THE EXPO AND HELP WHEN NEEDED ELSEWHERE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to hire an additional part-time employee at the Sheriff's office at the rate of \$15 per hour, with funds to be taken from the general fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

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37. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

38. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Judge Ryder reminded the Court of the upcoming Veterans Appreciation Day at the Expo.

39. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Byron Ryder, County Judge

Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

Paul Bing, Commissioner Pct. No. 2

Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3

T.J. Foley, Commissioner Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk