

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 25th 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, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Mr. Don Craft with North Creek Baptist Church 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 Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the Oct. 20, 2023, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Judge Ryder announced a fund raiser named Operation Safe Shield, which is to raise money for all police vehicles in Leon, Madison, and Robertson Counties. Operation Safe Shield purchases windshields and side windows with safety glass for officer protection. Please consider this quickly because money needs to be turned in by Monday, October 30, 2023.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING A BURN BAN FOR LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON JP 1 BUILDING REPAIRS.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve emergency repairs, with monies to be taken from Contingency. The court's motion included a request for bond and insurance to be submitted to the Auditor, and to approve the formal contract (once reviewed by the County Attorney), bid and warranty, with Henry Herren to serve as project lead.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DECIDING WHAT LEON COUNTY WOULD ALLOW WITNEY AND ASSOCIATES TO DO IN REFERENCE TO PARCEL P00061036 (INTERSECTION OF FM 1512 AND HWY 79) DEALING WITH THE HWY 79 PROJECT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to allow Witney and Associates to perform an inspection without County personnel being present. The Auditor office will research and provide all expenses and price of recent land purchase to the Court for review.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RE-APPOINTING DR. JENKS TO BE THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the re-appointment.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GETTING ASHLEY DAVIS, THE VICTIM'S ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, A CELL PHONE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR 2024 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve donations as follows: \$2,000 to CASA, and \$10,000 to the Leon County Child Welfare Board.

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 Foley to take no action

MOTION CARRIED.

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 Workman to take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

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 Workman to take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 298 AND CR 225 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**17. 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.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NEW HIRE DRUG TESTING.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the non-CDL 10-panel testing option for new hire drug testing.

MOTION CARRIED.

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING MAINTENANCE
SOFTWARE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the Coast to Coast software, pending County Attorney contract review and review of spec by TechBundle.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING EXPO
AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**C. 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.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

21. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

22. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

**23. 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 Bing to approve the following reports:

County Clerk: July 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

24. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

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

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the purchase of the 420 Catapillar, with no trade in (the road precincts will be selling/purchasing existing equipment within precincts). The cash from the inter-precinct sales, together with the Precinct 1 ARPA allocation, will be used to purchase the 420 Catapillar for Precinct 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION FOR IFB 2024-306 HORSE STALL BARN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

Regular session closed at 10:22 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

28. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

29. DISCUSS PERSONNEL AT THE EXPO.

30. DISCUSS EXPO MANAGER.

31. DISCUSS CONTRACT LABOR FOR THE EXPO.

32. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

33. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

34. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON HIRING A PART-TIME AND/OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE AT THE EXPO.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to hire a replacement full-time employee at the Expo.

MOTION CARRIED.

35. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXPO MANAGER.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

36. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACT LABOR AT THE EXPO.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

37. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

Commissioner Foley announced the Marquez Volunteer Fire Department will host their fund raiser on Nov. 4, 2023 at 4 p.m.

38. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

39. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley 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