

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 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, Social Services Director Samantha King, Expo Manager Dennis Mizell EOC Director Bob Hickman and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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

Rosemary Matthews with River of Life Church Centerville 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.**

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**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 Sept. 22, 2023, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

None submitted.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT: CAGEN BALDREE OR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BVCOG  
HERE TO TALK ABOUT ACTIVE ATTACKER COURSES.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON 4-H PROCLAMATION FOR  
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WHICH IS OCTOBER 1-7, 2023.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**8. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).**

No executive session was called.

**9. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**10. DISCUSS TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND THE PROPOSED LEON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE WITH ERIC MAGEE WITH ALLISON, BASS, & MAGEE.**

**11. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**12. RESUME REGULAR MEETING.**

No executive session was called.

**13. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING THE TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2007, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND REGARDING PROPOSED LEON COUNTY ORDINANCE; AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN LEON COUNTY, AND PROVIDING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES. [EXECUTIVE SESSION IS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D. SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)].**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the takings impact assessment.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to pass the new ordinance.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY24 CONTRACT FOR  
CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the new contract that is fully funded by AAA.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING THE CENTERVILLE  
ISD TO HAVE A PEP RALLY ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE WEDNESDAY, OCT.  
18, 2023, DUE TO THE BURN BAN BEING IN EFFECT.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING FAMILY  
COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE TO USE THE SQUARE ON NOVEMBER 11,  
2023, FOR MOVIE ON THE SQUARE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REPAIRING THE ZERO-TURN  
MOWER AT THE EXPO (APPROXIMATELY \$3,200).**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to repair the machine.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXPO FEES TO BE EFFECTIVE  
OCTOBER 1, 2023.**

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to go back to the fees as they were on Jan. 1, 2023, with the additional fee of \$500 for rolling and \$9 per bag of shavings.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING 2 DONATED RADIO REPEATERS AND POSSIBLY ANTENNAS FROM MADISON COUNTY AT NO CHARGE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FIRST AID TRAINING FOR LEON COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RELATED MATERIALS NEEDED.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to explore this further.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**



**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DECLARING OLD FENCING AND POSTS REMOVED FROM CR 330 AS SCRAP.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to declare the old fencing and posts as scrap.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**A. 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 Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing 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.**

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 Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman 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.**

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.**

**D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DECREASING THE RENTAL RATE OF ARENA 1 AND 2.**

With the increase in other additional items that are currently not charging for, we can see how we fare on these items and increase later if need be.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**E. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON VISITING WITH JEFF WITH PINWOODS PRINTING VIA TELEPHONE 936-632-3059 ON INCORPORATING STALL AND RV LINK INTO OUR LEON COUNTY EXPO WEBSITE, THIS WILL ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS FOR RV SPACES, STALL AND SHAVING AND WILL GENERATE REPORTS.**

This will be very helpful to the Expo office and will minimize the use of cash.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have the Auditors office contact Jeff and then relay the information to John White at TechBundle.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

**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.**

None submitted.

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

County Treasurer Brandi Hill submitted the following donations:

\$2305 – Senior Nutrition, August 2023

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 1 USING GRANT FUNDING TO PURCHASE A TRACTOR TRUCK.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Regular session closed at 11:08 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

**31. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**32. DISCUSS PERSONNEL AT THE EXPO.**

**33. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**34. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

Regular session resumed at 12:24 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

**35. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON PERSONNEL AT THE EXPO.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**36. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**37. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

**38. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**Byron Ryder, County Judge**

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**Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1**

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**Paul Bing, Commissioner Pct. No. 2**

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**Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk**