

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 12th day of February, 2024, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for a 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, First Assistant County Auditor Debbie Reader, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, EOC Director Bob Hickman, and County Attorney Keith Cook.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Easterling with Calvary Baptist Church of Centerville opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American 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 the motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the minutes from the previous sessions.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the Jan. 26, 2024 payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CHAPEL ON THE HILL CHURCH TO USE THE SQUARE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024, FROM 9 A.M. – 2 P.M. FOR THE EASTER OUTREACH.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH TO USE THE SQUARE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024, FROM 6:30 P.M. – 10 P.M. FOR MOVIE ON THE SQUARE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON UNITED PRAYER GATHERING (DAVID FASKE) USING THE COUNTY COURTROOM FOR A PRAYER GATHERING AT 6 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 2/20/24, 3/19/2024, 4/16/24, 5/21/24, 6/18/24, AND 7/16/24.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE REPLAT OF TRACT 40 DAWN LAND CO. SECTION 1.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 207 TO FM 1511, TIMCO TIMBER CO.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 45-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POST APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION FOR THE VAWA GRANT 2025 FUNDING PERIOD.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
APPLYING FOR FY 25 VAWA GRANT.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to proceed with the application.

MOTION CARRIED.

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION(S) FOR DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOR SB 22.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPLYING FOR THE FY 25 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve applying for the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPLYING FOR THE FY 25 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve applying for the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY 2023 JUVENILE PROBATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR
426 FOR 6 MONTHS IN PCT. 4 (COMSTOCK).**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE “myEMAapp” FOR RESIDENTS TO UTILIZE FOR ONE TOUCH FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF LEON COUNTY AS WELL AS PROPERTY OWNERS WHO LIVE OUT OF THE AREA TO HAVE INSTANT INFORMATION ON EMERGENCIES RELATED TO WEATHER, ROAD CONDITIONS, RIVER GAUGES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SUCH AS ESCAPED CONVICTS AND/OR MISSING PERSONS.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the purchase, contingent on being able to use ARPA funding for 3-year contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLE AS AN AUTHORIZED COUNTY EMERGENCY VEHICLE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 7, SUBTITLE C, CHAPTER 541 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DISCOVERY PORTAL FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to continue moving forward with negotiations and a final contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO DO A BVCOG GRANT FOR A SIDE-BY-SIDE UTV.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

22. SHERIFF ELLIS TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR YEAR 2023 FOR LEON COUNTY. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR
CIRA SERVICES FOR LEON COUNTY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DIRT WORK FOR STALL BARN AT THE EXPO.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to move the due date to April 15, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING EXPO FEES TO \$800 FOR ARENA 1 AND \$600 FOR ARENA 2 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CREATING A WAIVER OF FEES AT THE EXPO TO BE USED AT THE EXPO MANAGER'S DISCRETION.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR THE COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to formalize the process of appointing volunteers with the Treasurer's office.

MOTION CARRIED.

28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve \$913,259.71 in budget amendments.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY
REPORTS (COUNTY AUDITOR) PER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 114.044.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the following reports:

County Clerk: December 2023

District Clerk: November, December 2023

JP1: October 2023

JP2: October 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

30. 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 Sullivan to approve the following reports:

January 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to accept an in-kind donation from Cross Texas Transmission to Leon County Health Resource Center (list attached.)

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the following donations:

Senior Nutrition: \$585

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

32. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUESTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY PURCHASING APPROXIMATELY THREE ACRES ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING PRECINCT 3 MAINTENANCE FACILITY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING A TIMECLOCK FOR THE EXPO.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SCORING RESULTS FOR RFQ 2024-309 ENGINEER/ARCHITECT/SURVEYING SERVICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to select Schaumburg & Polk.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CARPET IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve Floors for Living bid, with funds to be taken from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

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33. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

34. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

35. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

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