

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 26th day of July 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, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, and EOC Director Bob Hickman.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Davis with Celebration Church of Buffalo 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 Workman 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 Workman 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 July 12, 2024, and July 26, 2024, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Sheriff Ellis announced that Deputy Jerry Nichols was awarded the 2024 Texas Lawman of the Year Greg McFarlin-Max Banks Award.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REPLAT IN THE HUDSON LAND COMPANY.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve Brookewood Subdivision, a new subdivision that contains a replat of a portion of two surveys in the existing Hudson Land Subdivision, with an additional lot.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRECINCT DUMP SITES
PERSONNEL UP TO \$20 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to give the supervisors approval to adjust the hourly rate of up to \$20 per hour for dump site personnel, effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED.

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLEANING AND CLEARING OF
THE MASTER GARDENERS AREA UP TO \$4,999.00.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have the Auditors office obtain quotes and to move forward in clearing the area if the costs don't exceed \$4,999.00, with funds to be taken from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON PIPELINE AGREEMENT AND
ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 426 IN PCT 4. (PINNACLE GAS TREATING, LLC)**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the agreement for 120 days.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PARKING AGREEMENT WITH
ESD #1.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF DR 4781.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR HOG ABATEMENT GRANT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OAKWOOD ISD AND LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COUNTY ATTORNEY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTRACTING WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WIND FARMS IN LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COMMAND TRAILER.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A POSSIBLY ALTERNATIVE DRUG TEST FOR THE TWO PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTS STILL AWAITING RESULTS DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTAGE AT PINNACLE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve Rapid Test from Anywhere Analysis for pre-employment candidates for the next 30 days.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST APPROVAL OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS REQUEST.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to post-approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SETTING SALARIES, EXPENSES,
AND ALLOWANCES FOR LEON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPOINTED
OFFICIALS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL FOR THE 2024/2025 BUDGET.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the salaries, including the amendments made by the County Auditor.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

20. TAX ASSESSOR TO SUBMIT APPRAISAL ROLL TO COURT. (TOTAL APPRAISED ASSESSED AND TAXABLE VALUES).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**21. TAX ASSESSOR TO SUBMIT TOTAL VALUES OF NEW PROPERTY TO
COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept the total values of new property.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. TAX ASSESSOR CERTIFIES A COLLECTION RATE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the collection rate of 99 percent.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FY 2024/FY 2025 BUDGET.

None submitted.

24. DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2024/2025 BUDGET AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to establish the tax rate at the 2024-2025 voter approval rate, then reducing it by .000001.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. PRESENT PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND BE PUT ON WEBSITE. (MUST BE DONE ON OR BEFORE JULY 30, 2024) (FIRST FILING).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to file the preliminary budget with the County Clerk and to post it on the county website.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

None submitted.

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

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

County Clerk: May 2024, June 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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.

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR HISTORICAL DOOR RESTORATION IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NALCOM RFP 2024-305 RADIO SYSTEM NETWORK FOR THE LEON COUNTY COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION CONTRACTING WITH MISSION CRITICAL ON THE COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE IN LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to authorize County Attorney Keith Cook to work with Mission Critical to make some adjustments to the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to appoint Commissioner Foley as the point of contact with Mission Critical to make decisions in moving forward.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON OBTAINING FINANCING FROM GOVERNMENT CAPITAL AND THE RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PCT. 4.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

31. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) AND 551.074 (PERSONNEL).

No session needed. Meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and resumed at 1:15 p.m.

32. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

33. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH ATTORNEY.

34. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

35. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

36. DISCUSS EXECUTIVE SESSION ISSUE(S) AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

No session needed.

37. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

38. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Sullivan updated the court on some land activities.

39. 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