

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 ABSENT  
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 Jimmy Carrigan, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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

Brother Alan Crosby opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

**2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

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

Commissioner Foley made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing 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. 13, 2023, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

None submitted.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXISTING MOU BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND CENTERVILLE ISD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the amended MOU to include the verbiage CISD Police Department.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PLACING KASEY WOOD AND CLAYTON WOOD ON THE EXPO COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve one of the two proposed persons.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MAKING MUCH-NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE OLD COURTHOUSE (INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EMPLOYING J. W. ROOF CONSULTANTS LLC TO ASSESS THE ROOF CONDITIONS OF THE LEON COUNTY JP 1 AND DPS OFFICE IN BUFFALO. (SUGGESTION: TAKE MONEY FROM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NON-DEPARTMENTAL.)**

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Sullivan, Foley, Workman

No: Bing

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PIPELINE AGREEMENT IN PCT. 4 FOR CR 432, CR 429, AND CR 427. (COMSTOCK OIL AND GAS, LLC.)**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WANTING TO RETAIN LINDSAY NICKLEY TO CONTINUE HANDLING OUR CYBER CASE OR WANT TO REMAIN WITH LEWIS BRISBOIS FIRM, OR SELECT A NEW ATTORNEY UNRELATED TO THE LEWIS BRISBOIS FIRM OR LINDSAY NICKLE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to retain Lindsey Nickley, per TAC recommendation.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES – TOBACCO SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to apply for this grant.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (BVCOG) – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM (VAWA).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have the District Attorney apply for a grant and to have the DA identify the matching \$12,000 required in next year's budget.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR JEREMY CARRIGAN.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the \$1.25 hourly rate increase, and to pay this while the employee attends jailer school, effective next pay period.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$1,028.65.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve line-item transfers in the amount of \$4,624.00.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

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

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

District Clerk: November 2023, December 2023

County Clerk: December 2023

JP Precincts 1, 2: December 2023

JP Precinct 4: November 2023 and December 2023

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**18. 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.

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

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

Sheriff Office: \$100 training

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**20. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION**

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANCHORING THE CENTERVILLE TOWER SHELTER.

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON XEROX COPIER LEASE RENEWAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**



C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON XEROX COPIER LEASE RENEWAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON XEROX COPIER LEASE RENEWAL FOR THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**21. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**22. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

County Attorney Keith Cook notified the Court of impending battery/solar farm activity coming to Leon County.

**23. ADJOURN.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley 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**