

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 29th day of November 2023, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for a special called 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.

Commissioner Sullivan 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 Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the November 17, 2023, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Judge Ryder expressed his condolences to the Donnie Mordecai family in their time of grief. Judge Ryder commended the Leon County Master Gardeners on their efforts decorating the square and the tree lighting ceremony.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DETERMINING HOW TO USE THE REMAINING \$610,000 (APPROXIMATELY) ARPA FUNDS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have the Auditors office issue a RFQ for engineering and architect work for repairs and improvements in and around the Expo Center in accordance with GrantWorks guidance in using ARPA funds.

MOTION CARRIED.**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY 23 TAX NOTE EXPENDITURES.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to use the available funds to be split into the four road and bridge precincts.

MOTION CARRIED.**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRE-APPROVAL FOR DOWNPAYMENT REQUEST FROM TEXAS METAL STRUCTURES FOR MATERIALS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the downpayment of \$24,000.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INMATE DETENTION
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOUSTON COUNTY AND LEON
COUNTY.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the two-year agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RIGHT OF WAY/MASS
GATHERING APPLICATION FOR THE ELITE PLATINUM RIDERS TRAIL RIDE
TO BE HELD 12/1/23-12/2/23.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING WADE HEDRICK TO THE MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER DISTRICT. WADE HEDRICK WILL BE REPLACING MRS. JONES FROM NUCOR.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 3 BURNING AND BURYING STORM DEBRIS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT CR 334 AND CR 330.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the burning and burying.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOVING HORSE STALL BARN TO THE EAST 50 FEET LEAVING A 200 FOOT OPENING BETWEEN THE BARN, KEEPING IN LINE WITH ARENA 1 ON THE NORTH AND EAST SIDES.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE HORSE BARN LOCATION AT THE EXPO CENTER.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

14. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

15. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

17. 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.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the donation of a set of wheels to Precinct 3.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to select South Central Texas Walls System bid to use the ARPA funds already set aside.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXECUTING A CHANGE ORDER FOR IFB 2024-306 HORSE STALL BARN.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to execute the change order, extending the date from Jan. 15, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RFP 2024-305 RADIO SYSTEM NETWORK.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LOCKBOXES FOR THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE BUILDINGS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

E. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR TREE CUTTING AND/OR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to have the Auditors Office solicit bids by precinct.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 4 TO PURCHASE A MOTOR GRADER USING GRANT FUNDING.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to purchase the motor grader using grant funding.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON OBTAINING FINANCING FROM GOVERNMENT CAPITAL AND THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING A MOTOR GRADER FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to obtain financing and to sign the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

H. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ENTERPRISE LEASING AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR NUTRITION.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

20. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

21. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

22. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan 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