

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 11th day of March, 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, EOC Director Bob Hickman, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, and County Attorney Keith Cook.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Judge Ryder 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.

None submitted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Hank Dembosky with Southwest ESD #2, presented the annual report, audit and update. Judge Ryder will place this on the next court agenda for approval.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING DAVID FASKE WITH CENTERVILLE MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP TO USE THE GAZEBO FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 2, 2024, AT 6 P.M. MR. FASKE ALSO WANTS PERMISSION TO HANG A “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER” BANNER ON THE GAZEBO 2 WEEKS PRIOR.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the use of the property.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TEXAS CATTLEMEN’S TRAIL RIDE APPLICATION TO BE HELD APRIL 19, 2024 – APRIL 21, 2024, THEN AGAIN IN OCTOBER OF 2024.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE ORDER DATED MARCH 1, 2024, TO LIFT THE BURN BAN IN LEON COUNTY THAT WAS PUT INTO EFFECT ON FEB. 26, 2024.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to ratify the order.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PARKING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE LEON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #1.
(L.C.E.S.D.#1), AND LEON COUNTY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 122 AND CR 124 FOR A
PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreements.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 278 FOR A PERIOD OF
120 DAYS.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTING MAYOR JACKIE MORROW, BUFFALO POLICE CHIEF JASON SULLIVAN, BUFFALO POLICE DEPUTY VICTOR SMITH, LEON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER BOB HICKMAN, LEON COUNTY JUDGE BYRON RYDER, LT. WILLIAM TRAMMEL, CARL COLLINS, AND BUFFALO MAYOR JERROD JONES, AND APPOINT SGT. TOMMY PAGE (LCSO), SGT. JON STUBBLEFIELD (LCSO), CHIEF DEPUTY BRENT WALTER (LCSO), LEON COUNTY ASSISTANT AUDITOR MORGAN DRISKELL, DARREL SEVERS, AND LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER T. J. FOLEY, TO THE BVCOG HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the re-appointments and appointments.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to send a response to the vendor via the Auditor's office outlining the issues.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROGRESS OF PAYMENT
REQUEST FROM ELECTRA LINK FOR THE AV PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT
COURTROOM.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve \$31,700, in second draw.

MOTION CARRIED.

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DOWN PAYMENT REQUEST
FROM ARMOR PLUMBING FOR MATERIALS FOR THE JAIL BOILER PROJECT.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the \$54,640 down payment.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

17. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LEON COUNTY 4TH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 4th quarter report.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND
TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve \$232,969.30 in budget amendments.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**19. 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 Foley to approve the following reports:

County Clerk: January 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

February 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

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

County Treasurer Brandi Hill submitted the following donations:

Senior Nutrition: \$895 February 2024

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

MOTION CARRIED.

21A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING A DRONE BEING DONATED FROM BOB HICKMAN TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

22. 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 PROPOSAL FOR COUNTY PHONE SYSTEM.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the new phone system for the sheriff's department, using ARPA funds, and paying the monthly fees annually.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABLUATION FOR IFB 2024-310
CR 305 SUBGRADE AND SURFACE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to rebid.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Regular session closed at 10:36 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024.

24. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

25. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH ATTORNEY.

26. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

27. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 11:18 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024.

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

29. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

30. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

31. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman 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