

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 11th day of August 2025, 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. 3
T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with County Clerk Amy Kaiser, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Attorney Keith Cook, Tax Assessor Collector Victoria Willis, District Attorney Caleb Henson and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Ray Payne, Ephesus Baptist Church Jewett, 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 Bing 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 Bing 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 July 25, 2025, and Aug. 8, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Oneal Norris addressed the Court about CR 455 and the need for oil sand.
Jana Seale Cox addressed the Court about CR 452 conditions and ditches.

**6. MCCREARY VESLKA BRAGG & ALLEN HERE TO GIVE COLLECTION
REPORT PRESENTATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Presentation. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to allow County Attorney Keith Cook to work with MVBA to pursue accurate assessment and collection of Hotel & Occupancy Tax.

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7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING ART IN THE PARK ON THE SQUARE NOVEMBER 1, 2025, FROM 9 A.M. – 2 P.M. (SHELLY PAYNE).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CHRISTMAS MARKET ON THE SQUARE (DATES TBD). (SHELLY PAYNE).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the use of the square, on Dec. 13, 2025, from 3-8 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**9. PRESENT PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK
AND PUT ON THE WEBSITE (FIRST FILING).**

Discussion, no action taken.

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RE-APPOINTING DR. JENKS TO
BE THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR LEON
COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2026.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing, to approve the appointment of Dr. Jenks.

MOTION CARRIED.

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONSOLIDATING POLLING
LOCATIONS FOR THE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING A BURN BAN IN LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANNUAL OPTIONAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FEES FOR 2026.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 2026 sheriff and constable fees, same as last year.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SUBSIDIZING PRECINCTS 1 & 2
ROADS USING TAXES COLLECTED FROM THE CITIZENS IN PRECINTS 3 & 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to state that citizens of Precincts 3 and 4 do not subsidize Precincts 1 and 2.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Foley Workman

No: Sullivan, Bing

MOTION CARRIED.

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOCATING AD VALOREUM
TAXES (INCLUDING ALL DERIVATIVES) COLLECTED, OR PROJECTED TO BE
COLLECTED, TO THE PRECINCT ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS IN COMPLIANCE
WITH TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE 252.108 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2025/2026.**

Audio conference with Mr. Allison on Transportation Code. Discussion. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to ensure Precinct 3 receives \$1,649,356.13, and presented his Precinct 3 detailed budget.

VOTE BREAKDOWN

Yes: Workman, Foley

No: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing

MOTION FAILED.

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17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOCATING MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES (INCLUDING ALL DERIVATIVES) COLLECTED, OR PROJECTED TO BE COLLECTED, TO THE PRECINCT ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to split the funds 25 percent per precinct.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Workman, Foley

No: Sullivan, Bing

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PRECINCT 4 AND U.S. MARSHALL SERVICES.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the MOU between the Precinct 4 Constable and the U.S. Marshall Services.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR
261 IN PCT. 2 (MITSUI).**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 180-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 413 AND CR 477 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 317 AND CR 314 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 304 IN PCT. 3. (SPECTRUM)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 428 AND CR 427 IN PCT. 4 (SPECTRUM)

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the agreement for 90 days.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROADWAY CROSSING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND MISAE SOLAR IV, LLC.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 180-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GETTING QUOTES ON
LEVELING THE PCT. 1 WASTE SITE.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have the Auditor's office to get 3 quotes on leveling.

MOTION CARRIED.

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ENTERING A CONTRACT WITH
ONSOLVE.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CHANGING PHONE SERVICE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OVER TO BVCOG.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING UTILITIES TO CURRENT PIPELINE AGREEMENT.

Discussion only; no action taken.

29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING DUST CONTROL TO ROAD USE AGREEMENT.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to include verbiage on chemical dust control that will be required at the discretion of the precinct commissioner.

MOTION CARRIED.

30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ESD AUDITS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE LEON COUNTY 2ND QUARTER '25 INVESTMENT REPORT.

County Treasurer Brandi Hill presented the report. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the report.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

ABSTAIN: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

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32. COUNTY ATTORNEY KEITH COOK TO UPDATE THE COMMISSIONERS ON BUILDING COMMITTEE AND IT COMMITTEE.

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

None submitted.

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

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

JP Precincts 1, 2 and 4: Monthly reports from October 2023 to June 2025

JP Precinct 4: July 2025

District Clerk: Monthly reports from June 2023 to June 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

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35. 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 Foley to approve the following reports:

July 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

Senior Nutrition: \$1,252 July 2025

Precinct 4: 30 loads concrete from Clinton Manning (\$2,500) for CR 410, CR 408

25 loads concrete from Best Materials (\$4,000) for CR 386

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to select Tradition Energy as the county electric provider.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

No special session was called.

39. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

40. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

41. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

42. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

No special session was called.

43. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

No special session was called.

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

No special session was called.

45. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

Republican Party of Leon County Precinct Chair Sam Anderson made comments regarding this meeting's agenda items 15 and 16.

46. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Workman stated that Precinct 3 is prepared to engage an attorney to help collect its funds.

47. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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:

Amy Kaiser, Leon County Clerk