

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 16th day of July 2024, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for special called budget meeting at 9 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 Amy Kaiser, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, JP Precinct 2 Jeff Carr, JP Precinct 1 Randee Doak (via phone), VSO Kim Cervantes, Elections Administrator Donna Kominczak, Jeremy Williams, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, County Attorney Keith Cook, and Tax Assessor Collector Victoria Willis.

1. OPEN COURT 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.

None submitted.

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S).

None submitted.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL.

None submitted.

5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY BUDGET ITEMS, TAX RATES, SALARIES, EXPENSES, AND ALLOWANCES FOR 2025-2026 BUDGET.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to establish a hiring freeze effective immediately on any new positions that would be paid from the General Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to pursue the possibility of a new tax note with U.S. Capital Advisors, LLC to prevent an increase on the current tax rate.

MOTION CARRIED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to convert the Veteran Services Officer Kim Cervantes from a volunteer position to a part-time employee, with an hourly rate of \$14 an hour, plus fringe, reporting to Judge Ryder.

MOTION CARRIED.

The court recessed at 11:14 a.m., July 16, 2025

The court reconvened at 11:21 a.m., July 16, 2025

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to raise the part-time maximum hourly rate to \$20 effective immediately countywide if funds are available in each departmental budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to increase the part-time patrol deputy hourly wage up to \$22 effective immediately if budget funds are available.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Judge Ryder to appoint Jeremy Williams as the new Expo Manager at a starting salary of \$50,500 effective retroactive to July 21, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have Precinct 3 sell the Expo a water truck, welding machine and trailer, L-tank, and a possible toolbox for \$30,000.

MOTION CARRIED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to add \$3,000 per each full-time position employed as of Aug. 1, 2025, to each departmental budget. Managers will have the ability to distribute the monies within the department at their discretion but may not increase their own salary by more than \$3,000. Motion includes adding \$1,000 to each district judge salary.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None submitted.

7. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

Commissioner Workman rescinded his motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan.

MOTION CARRIED; MOTION RESCINDED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to increase the annual travel allocation for each JP so that each receives \$12,000 annually.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, 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