

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 22nd day of December 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 VIA ZOOM AUDIO
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, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Boyd King with Centerville Church of Christ opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American flag and Texas flag were rendered.

Judge Ryder read a statement in open court.

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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.

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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 session.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the Dec. 12, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

The following individuals made a public comment about the proposed data center in Marquez:

Patrick Yee
Daniel McCoslin
Susie Rathburn
Michael Rice
Tara Brothers
Shelly Charlton
Red Shinedling
Carly Hickman
Kathaleen Wall
Sylvia Guzman

The following signed up for public comments, but deferred their comment to Agenda item 31:

Cheryl Schwenke
Ann McCoslin
Teresa Klepac

Several emails were included in the Public Comment Section regarding the proposed data center in Marquez.

Leon Republican Party Chair Carol Milder briefly spoke about the upcoming Feb. 12 Meet the Candidates at 5:30 p.m. in Jewett Civic Center, a New Year's Eve event at Kathaleen Wall's ranch, and today's meet and greet at 11 a.m. today at Woody's Smokehouse.

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6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO EXTEND THE REFUNDS FOR PLANNED EVENTS TO THE EHV-1 OUTBREAK.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OR RE-APPOINTMENT FROM THE FOLLOWING: GARY COOGLER, HUGO ELLISON AND JACKIE MORAN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve Gary Coogler and Jackie Moran for ESD 3.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT TRAILER AND CONTENTS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING FEES FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS FOR MISDEMEANOR CASES IN LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RENEWAL
ADDENDUM BETWEEN UNITI AND LEON COUNTY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING STARLINK
REDUNDANCY FOR THE SQUARE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLEYL ENGINEERING ON COUNTY ROADS 212 AND 213 RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECT.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the agreement, using Professional Services funds.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH CROWE
LLP TO CONDUCT THE FY 2026 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 392 (WELL LOCATION CONSTRUCTION
DRILLING AND COMPLETIONS) (COMSTOCK).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 6-month agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 392 (WATER TRANSFER) (COMSTOCK).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 6-month agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

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16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 367 (COMSTOCK).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 6-month agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

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17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 347 AND CR 348 (COMSTOCK).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 45-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 221, 222, 223, 224, 257, 258 & 263 (PINNACLE).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 314, 317, 321, 322, 325, 347, 348, 360, 362, 363, 391, 392. (PINNACLE).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 204 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR'S 385, 366, 377, 373, 374, 375 IN PCT. 3
(SPECTRUM).**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 347 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR'S 391 AND 348 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 325 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 391 NORTH OF CR 348 IN PCT. 3. (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 386 IN PCT. 4 (SPECTRUM).

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 90-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

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27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 493 IN PCT. 4. (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 4 USING GENERAL OR TAX NOTE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH BRIDGE GRANT REPLACING 3 WOODEN BRIDGES IN PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve \$65,000 from general fund, with Precinct 3 to repay amount in equal payments over the next 3 years, to widen the right of way, clear brush, replace fencing and water gaps for replacement bridges on county roads 427, 428, and 459.

MOTION CARRIED.

29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SEISMIC SURVEY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to deny seismic exploration on the Expo Center parcel.

MOTION CARRIED.

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30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADDITIONAL COUNTY CLERK FEES ASSOCIATED WITH TEXAS PROPERTY CODE 53.171-53.174 BONDS TO INDEMNIFY: \$100 CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT SERVICE AND \$8 NOTICE ISSUANCE FEE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the fees effective immediately, based on County Clerk Amy Kaiser's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED.

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31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DATA CENTERS IN LEON COUNTY.

Discussion only; no action taken.

32. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESD AUDITS.

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

Discussion only.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve budget adjustments in the amount of \$464,244.07.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**35. 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:

November 2025: JP Precinct 4

MOTION CARRIED.

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36. 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.

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

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

\$10,000 donation for CR 4821 in Precinct 4

Precinct 4 donated 87 loads of clay to JP Precinct 4, valued at \$3,654.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FINANCING A NEW VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to select Cadence Bank for financing.

MOTION CARRIED.

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B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING WATER TRUCK, BAT WING SHREDDER, AND CASE LOADER AT EXPO.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to sell the equipment via Rene Bates Auctioneers Inc., with no minimum bid.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

No executive session was held.

40. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

41. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

42. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

43. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

No executive session was held.

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

None submitted.

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

No executive session was held.

46. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

Mr. Red Shinedling inquired about the County's investment policy.

47. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Foley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the County employees for all of their efforts throughout 2025.

48. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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