

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
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, Elections Administrator Donna Kominczak, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

**1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.**

Brother Sexton, First United Methodist Church-Normangee opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American flag 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 Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the Nov. 28, 2025, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Leon Republican Chair Carol Milder addressed the Court about the ballot deadline, and the open forum for candidates at the Jewett Civic Center on Feb. 12, 2026.

Ann McCoslin addressed the Court regarding the potential data center and how to fight it.

Michael Rice addressed the Court regarding the potential data center and its possible water use.

Jeff Bell addressed the Court regarding the potential data center and his proximity to the potential site.

Daniel McCoslin addressed the Court regarding the potential data center and its possible impacts on the environment and residents.

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON JOINT RESOLUTION AND  
STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR JOINT PRIMARY RESOLUTION FOR THE  
ELECTIONS OFFICE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RE-APPOINTING BRENT LATHROP AND SHERRY BOYD AND APPOINTING RANDY HELMCAMP TO THE NORTHEAST LEON COUNTY ESD #4 BOARD.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the re-appointments and appointment.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A QUOTE TO REPAIR A COUNTY BUILDING ON HIGHWAY 7 EAST.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ARENA PRICING FOR TEXAS  
YOUTH RANCH RODEO ASSOCIATION AT THE LEON COUNTY EXPO.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion to sign a one calendar year contract for \$700 for the lease of Arena 1 and the concession stand. Lack of second.

**MOTION FAILED.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to sign a one calendar year contract for \$500 for the lease of Arena 1 and the concession stand.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing

No: Workman

Abstain: Foley

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT  
BETWEEN BIG CREEK CONSTRUCTION AND LEON COUNTY TO USE LAND  
LOCATED AT COUNTY ROAD 200 AND HIGHWAY 7.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the contract, contingent upon the addition of the verbiage setting the price of millings at \$10 per ton.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 4 PARTNERSHIP WITH RONNIE GAFFORD ON MR. DINKINS PLACE TO CLEAR ONLY FENCE ROW ON A BLIND CURVE. THE LANDOWNER WILL REPLACE THE FENCE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE TXDOT RAILROAD GRANT**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to post-approve applying for the grant.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR A BVCOG SOLID WASTE GRANT.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to apply for the grant.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESD AUDITS.**

No action taken.

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

Discussion only.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve budget adjustments in the amount of \$1,046,889.02.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**18. 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 Workman to approve the following reports:

October 2025: County Clerk, JP Precinct 1

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**19. 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 Bing to approve the following report:

November 2025

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

Senior Nutrition: \$565

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**21. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUESTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COUNTY ROAD 305 GLO PROJECT #24-065-036-E531.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID GLO PROJECT #24-065-039-E531.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to select the base bid plus alternate 2 (asphalt).

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RFP #2026-353 REFURBISHED COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT SHELTERS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to refuse the bid.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH STARLINK.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Regular session closed at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025.

**23. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**24. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

**25. DISCUSS DPS IN BUFFALO MOVING OFFICES.**

**26. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**27. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

Regular session reopened at 11:28 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025.

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

None submitted.

**29. DISCUSS DPS IN BUFFALO MOVING OFFICES.**

No action taken.

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

County Attorney Keith Cook submitted a legal opinion on the Auditor's authority.

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**31. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

Daniel McCoslin addressed the Court that Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District was unaware of the potential data center coming to Marquez.

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**32. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

Commissioner Sullivan discussed the ongoing fencing project in his precinct.

**\*\*\*SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM\*\*\***

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION REGARDING EQUINE EVENTS AT THE LEON COUNTY EXPO CENTER TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL LARGE SCALE PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO ONGOING EHV-1 OUTBREAK IN TEXAS EQUINE POPULATION.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to open the Expo Center until the next regular Court session, provided that all equines submit proper documentation, and that contact information for each horse is recorded in case of another outbreak.

**MOTION CARRIED.****33. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**Byron Ryder, County Judge**

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**Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1**

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**Paul Bing, Commissioner Pct. No. 2**

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**Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3**

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**T.J. Foley, Commissioner Pct. No. 4**

**ATTEST:**

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**Amy Kaiser, Leon County Clerk**