

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 29th day of January 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 ABSENT
Kyle Workman – Commissioner
T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

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

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.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the January 10, 2025, and the January 24, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CRYSTAL WILLIAMS TO USE THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING GENEALOGY TO STORE RECORDS IN THE RESEARCH DEPOSITORY FOR COUNTY RECORDS AT SAM HOUSTON UNIVERSITY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the storage with the depository, contingent on allowing the District Clerk and County Clerk to review the list before depositing the files.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE JUST TRANSITION FUND (JTF) FOR BROADBAND IN OUR COUNTY (ZOOM).

Discussion. This agenda item will be revisited on the Feb. 10 commissioners court hearing.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CHAPEL OF THE HILLS CHURCH TO USE THE SQUARE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025, FROM 9 A.M. – 2 P.M. FOR THE EASTER OUTREACH.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESD #1 BOARD MEMBERS; MIKE PRICE RESIGNED AS OF JANUARY 14, 2025, AND LANCE WOOD WILL BE REPLACING HIM AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ESD #4 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve both the 2022 and 2023 reports.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DOUBLE G TOWING (BLAIRE GAGE) ADOPT-A-ROAD APPLICATION FOR CR 304, CR 305, AND CR 350.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ORDER ON A PAUPER'S
CREMATION AT WALTERS FUNERAL HOME.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POSSIBLY CLOSING AND/OR ABANDONING THE END OF CR 213 IN PCT. 2.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE OIL AND GAS LEASE AND ADDENDUM FOR 1 ACRE OF LAND AT THE CORNER OF FM 1512 AND HWY. 79.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to counter the lease offer with a \$500 payment and at 23 percent.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION RESOLUTION APPLICATION FOR
THE RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT FOR THE SHERIFFS
DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the resolution application, to include the sheriff's department and constables.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CEO/LAW ENFORCEMENT
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCE FORM.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 475 WEST OF CR 490 IN PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to revoke all active Spectrum permits in Precinct 4.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 455 IN PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 474 PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 426 AND CR 428 IN PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 432, CR 435, AND CR 429
IN PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 4821 IN PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 490 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 428 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 495 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to table agenda items 19-27.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING EXPO ITEMS DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE EXPO COMMITTEE:

- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TERMINATING THE MOWING CONTRACT AT THE EXPO CENTER.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LEON COUNTY EXPO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK AND THE LEON COUNTY EXPO FEE SCHEDULE:
 - PAGE 2: LEON COUNTY EXPO CENTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY RENTAL OF THIS FACILITY TO ANY PERSON OR GROUP.
 - PAGE 6: A CREDIT CARD WILL BE PUT ON FILE FOR ANY DAMAGES, INCIDENTALS, AND CLEANING FEES ASSESSED.
 - PAGE 19: ARENA DISCOUNTS:
 - RENT 200 STALLS PLUS 70 RV SPOTS AND THE ARENA FEE IS WAIVED. (MINIMUM 2 CONSECUTIVE-DAY RENTAL REQUIRED TO QUALIFY)
 - RENT 100 STALLS PLUS 50 RV SPOTS AND THE ARENA FEE IS 50% DISCOUNTED (MINIMUM 2 CONSECUTIVE-DAY RENTAL REQUIRED TO QUALIFY)
 - PAGE 19: INDIVIDUAL DAILY EXERCISE/RIDING: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY FROM 9 A.M.-4 P.M. FOR HORSE RIDING AND EXERCISING HOURS. THIS IS ONLY ALLOWED WHEN THE EXPO IS AVAILABLE AND REQUIRES A \$35 PER PERSON FEE AND A SIGNED WAIVER.
 - PAGE 19: CHANGED NUMBER OF STALLS TO 208.
 - PAGE 20: CHANGED NUMBER OF RV SITES TO 70.
 - PAGE 20: CLEANING FEE: A CLEANING FEE OF \$100 PER HOUR WILL BE ASSESSED AT THE EXPO CENTER'S DISCRETION. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD THAT IS ON FILE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve all of the above changes to the policy and procedures handbook and fee schedule.

MOTION CARRIED.

**29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COUNTY CLERK'S
INVESTMENTS REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ESTATES CODE
1355.052.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

None submitted.

31. 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:

JP #2: 10/25/2023-12/31/2024 Report

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

32. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

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

Regular session closed at 11:16 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

36. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

37. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

38. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

39. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 11:39 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

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

No action taken.

41. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

42. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to revoke all active Spectrum permits in Precinct 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

43. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan 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