

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 14th day of July 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 ABSENT
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, EOC Coordinator Bob Hickman, District Attorney Caleb Henson, and County Attorney Keith Cook.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Commissioner Workman opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.

Commissioner Bing 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 Bing 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 Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the June 27, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

**6. JOHN FRANKS (CONST. PCT. 2) PRESENTING PEACE OFFICER LICENSE PER
GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 86.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to accept the license into the court minutes.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRIVATE PARTNERS FOR BROADBAND PROJECT FOR LEON COUNTY (NO FUNDS EXPENDED BY THE COUNTY).

Katie Smith with GrantWorks reported that no bids were submitted. Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND INTENT TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR BROADBAND FOR LEON COUNTY. (NO FUNDS EXPENDED BY THE COUNTY.)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT AN UPDATED RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE 2023 TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM, GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER CDV23-0053.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the resolution with the updated County Clerk name.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. KATHLEEN BUCHANAN HERE TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DAR 250TH
ANNIVERSARY MARKER AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Discussion only.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DAR HERE TO PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve Judge Ryder's signature on both proclamations.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A REPLAT IN
HALEY CREEK FARMS SUBDIVISION.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the replat of Lot 85.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REPLAT OF COUNTRY PLACE
PHASE II.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the replat of Lot 5.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTINUING THE LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR LEON COUNTY DUE TO SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, AND WIND THAT OCCURRED STARTING JUNE 8, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 12, 2025, FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

15. PRESENT ESTIMATED 2025 APPRAISAL ROLL OF LEON COUNTY.

Roll was presented.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. ANNOUNCEMENT: THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED
AUGUST 11, 2025. (FIRST FILING).**

Announcement only; no action taken.

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING THE TAX
ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE THE NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE
(EFFECTIVE) AND VOTER APPROVAL RATE (ROLL BACK) FOR TAX YEAR 2025,
TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to appoint Leon County Tax Assessor-Collector Victoria Willis to perform the calculations for the July 28 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WAIVING THE EXPO RENTAL
FEES FOR A BENEFIT FOR LEON COUNTY DEPUTY BILL SULLIVAN ON
AUGUST 2, 2025.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to waive the Expo fees for this event.

MOTION CARRIED.

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CATERING LUNCH FOR (3) DAYS
OF BUDGET MEETING WORKSHOPS WEDNESDAY, JULY 16-FRIDAY, JULY 18,
2025.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the lunch for up to 3 days.

MOTION CARRIED.

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTING JUDGE RYDER
AND JIM SCOTT TO THE BVCOG BOARD FOR THREE ADDITIONAL YEARS
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2028.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

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 LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MHMR, DSHS, AND WORKFORCE ON LASSITER STREET PROPERTIES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to authorize Judge Ryder to sign the agreements once received.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 220, 221, AND 222, PCT. 2 (COMSTOCK).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR
354, PCT. 3 (BRG LONE STAR LTD.)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 318 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 330, 332, AND 336 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 336 AND CR 337 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 389 AND FM 1147 (NOT OURS) IN PCT. 3
(SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 373, FM 1146 (NOT OURS) IN PCT. 3
(SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**32. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 498 IN PCT. 4 (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement for this Precinct 3 agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**34. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 410 IN PCT. 4 (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

37. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLEARING AND FENCING AT THE TRASH SITE ON HIGHWAY 7 NORTH OF CENTERVILLE.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the expenditures, with funds to be paid from Capital Projects line item 58.

MOTION CARRIED.

38. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS AND/OR REPAIRS AT THE EXPO.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the bid from Greg Long, provided that Mr. Long signs the proper bid form.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

39. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE HOG ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to add \$7,500 to the program from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Discussion only.

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

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

None submitted.

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

None submitted.

44. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

**A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING PRECINCT 3 140M MOTOR
GRADER.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to sell this via local advertising with a minimum bid to be provided by Commissioner Workman's office.

MOTION CARRIED.

**B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SHERIFF'S OFFICE SELLING A 2018
DODGE RAM 2500 AND A 2004 FORD E350 VAN.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve Sheriff Ellis's recommendation of accepting the \$19,000 bid for the Dodge and \$6,000 bid for the Ford, if the bidding process properly conformed with the Local Government Code. If not, then these two vehicles will be rebid.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT TO SECURE A SUPPLY RATE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 84-month contract from TXU Electric, once the Auditor's office verifies all of the addresses listed on the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

No executive session was needed.

48. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

49. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

50. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

51. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

No executive session was needed.

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

No executive session was needed.

53. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

54. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

55. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman 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