

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 28th 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
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, Tax Assessor/Collector Victoria Willis, and EOC Coordinator Bob Hickman.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Judge Byron 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 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 July 11, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COLT LAKE IN HILLTOP LAKES.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to abandon Colt Lane on the 911 map; rename Colt Lane to Meadowood, reducing the length of Colt Lane by 170 feet so that Meadowood dead ends; and to change the 911 addresses from Colt Lane to Meadowood.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

Court recessed at 11:37 A.M., reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SETTING SALARIES, EXPENSES, AND ALLOWANCES FOR LEON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL FOR 2025/2026 BUDGET.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to raise the constables salary to match the elected officials salary effective Oct. 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to increase the JP allocation to \$1,000 per month effective Oct. 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman, to increase the salaries of the district judges by \$1,000 for the year.

MOTION CARRIED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing, to raise all full-time salaries of employees by \$3,000 for the year.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. TAX ASSESSOR SUBMITS THE APPRAISAL ROLL TO THE COURT (TOTAL APPRAISED ASSESSED AND TAXABLE VALUES) (DUE BY AUGUST 1ST.)

Discussion, no action taken.

9. SUBMIT TOTAL VALUES OF NEW PROPERTY TO COMMISISONERS COURT. (DUE BY AUGUST 1).

Discussion, no action taken.

10. TAX ASSESSOR CERTIFIES A COLLECTION RATE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ON OR BEFORE JULY 28TH (SEND INFO OUT).

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ANY BUDGET ITEMS FOR THE 2025-2026 BUDGET.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to acquire 3 new vehicles for each constable, effective Oct. 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to, upon buying the equipment from Precinct 3, sell the water truck and case, with minimum bid to be determined.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to engage Gilley to draft a proposal for a \$2.5 million tax note for 5 years, ensuring the wording in the note matches the law outlining use, with allocation of four \$250,000 payments from the note, one for each road and bridge precinct.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Sullivan, Bing, Workman, Foley

No: Ryder

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2025-2026 (VERY IMPORTANT) (ROLL CALL VOTE).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to not increase the tax rate.

MOTION CARRIED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.419296, which is the same rate from the previous year.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SETTING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF BUDGET HEARING WHICH WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 9:30 A.M., 113 WEST MAIN ST., CENTERVILLE, TEXAS 75833, ANNEX 1.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to set the budget hearing date for Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, 9 a.m., 113 West Main St., Centerville, Texas, 75833, Annex 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE 278TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTER'S SALARY FOR FY 2026 PER LGC 52.051(c).

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the \$508 increase for the year effective Oct. 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- OLD COURTHOUSE – REPAIR-BACK PORCH**
- JUV/ADULT PROBATION – ROOF**
- BUILDING IN OAKWOOD (FOOD PANTRY/ELECTIONS 50 X 80)**
- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-USE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MONEY TO PURCHASE VESTS AND WINDSHIELDS**
- EXPO-PURCHASE SKID STEER**
- SELL OR GET RID OF SURPLUS ITEMS AT THE EXPO AND ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY (SELL OR THROW AWAY)**
- FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEM.**
- TAX NOTE**

Discussion only. No action taken.

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO BE
ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE AT BVCOG FOR A TWO-YEAR
PERIOD. (SEE ATTACHED LIST.)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the members as listed.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT BVCOG (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST: WINTER ADAMS, JERROD JONES, NOVALENE THURSTON, YAHAIIRA VARSEK, CHRISTINE EBERT (FILL IN FOR YAHAIIRA VARSEK)).

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the members as listed above.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 413 AND CR 477 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 317 AND CR 314 IN PCT. 3 (SPECTRUM)

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 251 IN PCT. 2 (FERROVIAL)

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

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR
213, 223, 2160 IN PCT. 2 (PINNACLE)**

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

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. SCRIVENER'S ERROR-NO AGENDA ITEM 22.**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 432, 429 AND 427 IN PCT. 4. (PINNACLE)**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 180-day agreement with the following stipulations:

CR 432 can only be accessed via F.M. 3.

CR 429 and CR 427 may only be accessed on the North end.

If dust control becomes an issue, it will be addressed at that time.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROADWAY CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND MISAE SOLAR IV, LLC.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD ENGINEER FOR CR 429 IN PCT. 4.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have the Auditors office get bids for an engineer.

MOTION CARRIED

26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY 2026-2027 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOUTHERN HEALTH CARE
AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RE-CONTRACTING WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO CHANGE UPFITTERS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to re-contract with the new upfitter, Halos 36.

MOTION CARRIED

30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MASS GATHERING APPLICATION FOR BACK ROAD RIDERS FOR A TRAIL RIDE AUGUST 15-16, 2025, CR 123 AND 124 TO FM 811.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the application.

MOTION CARRIED

(COPY FOLLOWS)

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IPAWS EMERGENCY SYSTEM FOR LEON COUNTY.

Discussion only, no action taken.

32. 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.

33. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HAVING THE UTILITIES SWITCHED OVER AT THE SOUTHEAST WATER BUILDING (WATER, ELECTRIC & GAS).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve having the utilities switched over to Leon County as soon as the closing occurs.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Discussion only.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to have the Auditor's office move forward with getting a bid on new phone service with new numbers.

MOTION CARRIED.

36. 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 \$180,161.82.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

None submitted.

**38. 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 Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the following reports:

June 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the following donations: Senior Nutrition: June 2025 - \$795

MOTION CARRIED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING EXPO TRUCK THAT IS BROKEN DOWN CURRENTLY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELLING ROPING CHUTES AND LEAD UPS AT EXPO.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to sell the chutes and lead ups via Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. and if none received, via local papers.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING A LIFT FOR LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have the Auditors office go for bids for a mid-size lift, either new or used for purchase effective Oct. 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 4 SELLING TRUCK/BELLY DUMP AND A 12 M MAINTAINER.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to sell the truck and belly dump via Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. (unless Pct. 3 buys both from Pct.4 first); also, to sell the maintainer in local papers with a minimum bid of \$125,000.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SECURING A NEW ENERGY BROKER AFFILIATED WITH A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have the Auditors office secure a new energy broker.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

No special session was called.

42. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

43. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

44. DISCUSS TAX ISSUE IN LEON COUNTY.

45. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

46. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

No special session was called.

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

No special session was called.

48. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TAX ISSUE WITH LEON COUNTY.

No special session was called.

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

50. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

No special session was called.

51. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

52. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Sullivan 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