

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 29th day of October 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, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Pastor Stephen Johnson with River of Life Church 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 Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the Oct. 17, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

Mrs. Sandra Davis addressed the Court about water quality and submitted a water report for inclusion into the Court minutes.

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**6. TEEA (TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION) HERE TO MAKE A
PRESENTATION.**

Presentation only.

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**7. MIKE MCBRIDE HERE FROM TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION HERE TO
MAKE PRESENTATION ON THE 2025 STATE OF HEALTH REPORT.**

Presentation only.

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8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PLACING THE “VICTORY OR DEATH” LETTER PLAQUE OF WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS AT THE ALAMO ON THE LEON COUNTY SQUARE.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE BURN BAN THAT WAS PUT INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 17, 2025.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to ratify the burn ban.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LIFTING THE BURN BAN THAT
WAS PUT INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 17, 2025.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to ratify lifting the burn ban on Oct. 27, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING GREG CHASE TO BE
A NEW COMMISSIONER OF ESD #1.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**12. 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 Bing to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR'S 317, 318, 319, 320, 415, 420, 498 IN PCT. 3 AND PCT. 4 (SPECTRUM).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the 60-day agreement for Precincts 1 and 3.

MOTION CARRIED.

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14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 435, CR 431, AND CR 424 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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**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 218 IN PCT. 2 (COMSTOCK).**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 431 IN PCT. 4 (AETHON ENERGY).

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the road-use-only agreement for 180 days.

MOTION CARRIED.

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17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WIDENING CR 223 AND CR 279 IN PCT. 2.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the project to widen both roads to 60 feet.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RAISING THE INDIGENT DEFENSE FEES FOR LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to maintain the status-quo fees as of today, based on the recommendations from the district judges.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LEON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the plan as presented. GrantWorks will vet the approved plan through TDEP and FEMA for approval. The final plan will be adopted at a later court date.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR THE HOG ABATEMENT FUNDING.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the agreement. This program will run from January to January each year. Collection will be bi-monthly, with the County to match the \$7840 grant. Payout will be \$5 per tail, with a 10-tail minimum submission effective Jan. 1, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT WITH VERTICAL BRIDGE ON PLEASANT SPRINGS TOWER.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH VERTICAL
BRIDGE ON OAKWOOD TOWER.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

23. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LEON COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY.

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

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24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

Abstain: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing, to have the County send a letter to ESDs 1, 3 and 4 restating the CEU requirements, with a January deadline to comply.

MOTION CARRIED.

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26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUILDING UTILIZATION COMMITTEE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

None submitted.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the following reports:

JP Precinct 4: September 2025

District Clerk: July, August and September 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

30. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A CHANGE ORDER ADDENDUM WITH VESTED NETWORKS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

No executive session was called.

34. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

35. DISCUSS COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

36. DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING LEON COUNTY PERSONNEL

37. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

38. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

No executive session was called.

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

None submitted.

40. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING LEON COUNTY PERSONNEL.

None submitted.

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

No executive session was called.

42. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

43. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Foley commended Constable Precinct 4 Victor Smith for helping to enforce the county dump laws and helping to deter illegal dumping.

Judge Ryder gave a brief summary of the Veterans Appreciation Day.

44. 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