

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 24th day of September 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, Elections Administrator Donna Kominczak, Tax Assessor Collector Victoria Willis and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Matthews, Cedar Branch Baptist Church Grapeland 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 Sept. 5, 2025, and Sept. 19, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING AND PLACING A HISTORICAL MARKER ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE TO HONOR D.W. BURLEY, WHO WAS ONCE OF THE TWENTY-THREE AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN ELECTED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION-ERA TEXAS LEGISLATURE. THE MARKER WILL BE PLACED IN 19 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT TEXAS (SB667 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE.)

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the marker, with placement to be determined.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

7. 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 Bing to table this agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TEEA (TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION) WEEK PROCLAMATION. (MIKE MCBRIDE)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DECLARING OCT. 5-11, 2025, AS NATIONAL 4-H WEEK AND ALLOWING 4-H TO HANG A SIGN ON THE CORNER OF THE SQUARE AS WELL AS FLY THE 4-H FLAG ON THE FLAGPOLE AT ANNEX 1 FOR THAT WEEK. (CASSIE)

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the declaration and for placement of the sign and flag on the square.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2025.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE LEON COUNTY
NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to appoint Commissioner Foley.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTING WADE HEDRICK
TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR A 4-YEAR TERM
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to make the reappointment.

MOTION CARRIED.

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FFY 2026 SENIOR MEAL
CONTRACT PLUS RATE SETTING.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS' COMBINED SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM "COMBINED PARTICIPATION FORM" WITH LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION
FORM AND RELEASE FORM WITH LEON COUNTY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST-APPROVAL OF THE
2026 SAVNS GRANT CONTRACT.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to post-approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE HOG
ABATEMENT GRANT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE ORDER TO
AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LEON COUNTY, TEXAS TAX NOTES,
SERIES 2025.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to adopt the order to authorize the issuance and sale of Leon County, Texas, tax notes, series 2025, to BOK Financial Securities.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CITY OF NORMANGEE'S UNPAID INVOICE FOR TAX COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MODIFYING THE CURRENT ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to rescind the existing modifications to the chemical dust control clause in the current road use agreement and pipeline agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION RELATED TO CHEMICAL DUST CONTROL LANGUAGE IN ROAD USE AND PIPELINE AGREEMENTS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to include new chemical dust treatment verbiage drafted by County Attorney Keith Cook to the current road use agreement and pipeline agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SPECTRUM ISSUES WITHIN LEON COUNTY.

Discussion only.

23. 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.

**24. 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 approve the 90-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 304 IN PCT. 3. (SPECTRUM)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 90-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 344, 382, 383 & 384 (PCT. 3 AND 4) (PINNACLE)**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 317, 314, 360, 327, 313, 329, 309, 308, 328, 331, 330,
334, 323 (PINNACLE)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the road use agreement for all listed roads in the agenda item, and to approve the pipeline agreement for the above except for CR 330.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COMMISSIONERS' COURT DATES TO BE EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH (SOME MOVED DUE TO HOLIDAY LIST).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve holding commissioners court every second and fourth Monday each month moving forward.

MOTION CARRIED.

29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2026 LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT DATES.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Discussion only.

**31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUILDING UTILIZATION
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS.**

None submitted.

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

Discussion only; no action taken.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the budget adjustments in the amount of \$873,962.25.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

None submitted.

35. 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.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the following donations from Tommy Cunningham:

Cobra 29 LTD CB Radio – 2 @ \$129.99 = \$259.98

Magnetic Mount 36" CB Antenna – 2 @ \$47.81 = \$95.62

Craftsman Toolbox 20" - \$22.98

Dewalt 20 Volt Cordless Driver Kit - \$116.75

6' Double Hook ¾" Chain Sling with D Ring - \$522.46

Heavy Duty 24" Zip Ties – 3 Bags @ \$25.99 = \$77.97

12" Zip Ties 1000 Pack – 2 Bags @ 23.95 = \$47.98

Total = \$1143.74

MOTION CARRIED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TYLER TUTORING TRAINING FOR JP OFFICES, COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK OFFICES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve \$7,351 for training, with funds to be taken from Fund 58.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Regular session closed at 11:02 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

39. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

40. DISCUSS PART-TIME POSITION IN AUDITORS OFFICE.

41. DISCUSS RESOLUTION DEALING WITH THE POSSIBLE LITIGATION AND/OR CONTRACT DISPUTE FOR THE CLEANING CONTRACT IN LEON COUNTY.

42. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

43. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

44. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session opened at 11:35 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

45. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PART TIME POSITION IN AUDITORS OFFICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to authorize employing a part-time employee at the request of a district judge.

MOTION CARRIED.

46. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POSSIBLE LITIGATION AND/OR CONTRACT DISPUTE FOR THE CLEANING CONTRACT WITH LEON COUNTY.

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

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

No action was taken.

49. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

50. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Discussion on 18-wheeler traffic on Highway 39.

51. 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