

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 28th day of February, 2024, 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. No. 3
T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with County Clerk Christie Wakefield, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, Elections Administrator Donna Golden, Sheriff Kevin Ellis, and County Attorney Keith Cook.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Pastor Kelley Sexton, First United Methodist Church of Normangee, 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 Workman 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 Workman 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 Feb.9, 2024, and Feb. 23, 2024, payrolls.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A PREDATOR HUNTING EVENT TO BE ABLE TO CHECK IN THEIR ANIMALS AT THE OLD TUMA PROPERTY ON HWY 7 EAST ON MARCH 17, 2024, FROM 11 AM – 1 PM.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the use of the property.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST-APPROVAL OF THE LEON COUNTY GRANT REQUEST FORM FOR SENIOR NUTRITION.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to post-approve the grant request.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REPLAT OF A TRACT IN THE CROW LAND COMPANY. THE SUBDIVISION IS LOCATED OFF OF CR 224 AND HWY 79 EAST IN THE OAKWOOD AREA.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR THAT WAS APPOINTED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION ON THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 2024, PER TEXAS ELECTION CODE SEC. 31.032.

Elections Administrator Donna Golden introduced Kathleen King as the new elections administrator. She will begin in May 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING EXPO FEES TO \$800 FOR ARENA 1 AND \$600 FOR ARENA 2 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) AND ANY ADDITIONAL EXPO FEE CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the fees effective March 1, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CREATING A WAIVER OF FEES AT THE EXPO TO BE USED AT THE EXPO MANAGER'S DISCRETION.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR THE COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FERAL HOG ABATEMENT PROGRAM IN LEON COUNTY: APPROVE RULES, APPLICATION, MONEY PAID PER TAIL, AMOUNT OF COUNTY FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM, AND STARTING DATE (MAY, 1, 2024).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this program, with collection occurring the first Tuesday of each month, classes to begin late April, reward is \$10 per tail, and to mark \$10,000 for payout from Contingency. When the funds are depleted, the program will end for current budget year. Participants MUST be residents of Leon County.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made an amendment, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to add an additional \$500 from Contingency for administrative expenses.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MINOR GRADING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY NEAR CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH ON CR 330.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT(S) FOR CR 3461 AND CR 348 IN PCT. 3 (COMSTOCK).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 6-month agreements.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DOWNPAYMENT REQUEST
FROM FLOOR FOR LIVING FOR THE DISTRICT COURTROOM PROJECT.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the downpayment of \$4,859.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXECUTING A CHANGE ORDER FOR IFB 2024-306 HORSE STALL BARN PROJECT.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve \$705,150.52 in budget amendments.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Sullivan also made the request for County Treasurer Brandi Hill to cash his CD and place the funds in his Miscellaneous budget line item for Precinct 1.

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

None submitted.

20. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY PURCHASING APPROXIMATELY THREE ACRES ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING PRECINCT 3 MAINTENANCE FACILITY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR COUNTY PHONE SYSTEM.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE BOILER AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to select Armor Plumbing, with the \$68,300 to be taken from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

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23. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

24. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

25. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

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:

Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk