

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 VIA PHONE CONFERENCE  
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, County Attorney Keith Cook, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

**1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.**

Brother Matthews with Cedar Branch Baptist Church, Grapeland, Texas, 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 Workman to approve the claims due.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Commissioner Bing 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 Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the September 20, 2024, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

None submitted.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON 4-H PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WHICH IS OCTOBER 6-12, 2024, AND FOR PERMISSION TO PLACE A BANNER AT THE CORNER OF THE COURTHOUSE, AND PERMISSION TO FLY THE 4-H FLAG BY ANNEX 1 DURING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to permit the banner.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to permit the flag.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**7. KATHLEEN BUCHANAN WITH CHC HERE TO DISCUSS A MARKER FOR THE ALABAMA CROSSING AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED**

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**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING FAMILY AND  
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD TO HAVE “MOVIE ON THE SQUARE”  
NOVEMBER 16, 2024.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the use of the square, and to approve the electrical set up.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE POST-APPROVAL OF THE  
BRAZOS VALLEY AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT FOR SENIOR CENTER  
OPERATIONS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT FOR MEALS PROGRAMS IN LEON COUNTY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLOSING THE BUFFALO SENIOR CENTER FOR THE GOVERNORS SUMMIT HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024, ALL DAY.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to allow the center to close that day for the event.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 239 AND CR 240 IN PRECINCT 2 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXTENDING ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS FOR CR 321, CR 325, AND CR 3221 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 6 MONTHS IN PRECINCT 3, (COMSTOCK).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to extend the agreement for 6 months.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EXTENDING ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS FOR CR 346 PCT 3 (PINNACLE GAS TREATING, LLC).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the extension for 60 days.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 410 IN PCT. 4 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON OBLIGATING REMAINING ARPA FUNDS.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

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**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR  
THE SAVNS/VINE GRANT FOR FY 25.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT-EXPO CENTER.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to accept the audit.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT-TAX  
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to accept the audit.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT-JUSTICE  
OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to accept the audit.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**21. 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 amendments in the amount of \$515,254.03.

**MOTION CARRIED,**

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

None submitted.

**23. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASING CARDIA SOLUTIONS AED'S USING ARPA FUNDS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the purchase, using ARPA funding for the Sheriff Office mobile vehicles.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP RUNNING ELECTRICITY AT THE EXPO CENTER USING ARPA FUNDS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the project, using ARPA funding.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE CHANGE ORDER OPTION LETTER FOR IFB 2024-315A EXPO EQUIPMENT BUILD.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the change order option letter, appointing Commissioner Foley ad delegate with the ability to approve change orders up to \$10,000.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Regular session closed at 10:34 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

**27. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**28. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH ATTORNEY.**

**29. DISCUSS HOLIDAY TIME USAGE.**

**30. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**31. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

Regular session resumed at 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

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

**33. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HOLIDAY TIME USAGE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to extend the deadline to use unused last year's holiday time to November 1, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**34. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**35. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

None submitted.

**36. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**Byron Ryder, County Judge**

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**Joey Sullivan, Commissioner Pct. No. 1**

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**Paul Bing, Commissioner Pct. No. 2**

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**Kyle Workman, Commissioner Pct. No. 3**

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**T.J. Foley, Commissioner Pct. No. 4**

**ATTEST:**

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**Christie Wakefield, Leon County Clerk**