

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 10th day of February 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 ABSENT
Joey Sullivan – Commissioner Pct. No. 1
Paul Bing – Commissioner Pct. No. 2
Kyle Workman – Commissioner
T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with County Clerk Amy Kaiser, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Treasurer Brandi Hill, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Attorney Keith Cook, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Easterling with Calvery Baptist Church Centerville 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 Foley 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 Foley to approve the minutes from the previous sessions.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

None submitted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING CRYSTAL WILLIAMS TO USE THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE JUST TRANSITION FUND (JTF) FOR BROADBAND IN OUR COUNTY (ZOOM)(STEPHEN BASS-GRANTWORKS/NATALIE ROPER-JUST TRANSITION FUND).

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POSSIBLY CLOSING AND/OR ABANDONING THE END OF CR 213 IN PCT. 2.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDRESS SIGNS FOR THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – SHSP REGULAR PROJECTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE AGENCY ITEMS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES NON-FINANCIAL AGREEMENT.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPAIRS (MARK THACKER).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING TERRY THURMAN TO THE ESD #1 BOARD.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve Mr. Thurman's appointment.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON WORK EXPERIENCE AGREEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, JUDGE'S OFFICE, AND TAX OFFICE. (WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 420 AND CR 413 (PCT. 1) BILLY ROWE, B&N LOGGING FOR 120 DAYS.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the agreement for CR 420 only.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS FOR
CR 224 & CR 2612 (PCT. 2) FOR MITSUI ENERGY PARTNERS.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS FOR
CR 268 (PCT. 2) FOR MITSUI ENERGY PARTNERS.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 120-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ROADS IN PCT. 3 FOR SPECTRUM. ANY PERMITS PROVIDED BY PCT. 3 WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS PROVIDED IN THE EMAIL TO PHILLIP GUNN DATED JANUARY 2, 2025, FROM COMMISSIONER KYLE WORKMAN AND ANY OTHER PROVISIONS RECENTLY DISCUSSED.

- CR 359 WEST OF CR 314 APPROVED
- CR 373, FM 1146 (NOT OURS) & CR 368 APPROVED
- CR 330, CR 332 AND CR 336 APPROVED
- CR 317 APPROVED
- CR 336 AND CR 337 APPROVED
- CR 389 AND FM 1147 (NOT OURS) APPROVED
- CR 324 EAST OF CR 321 APPROVED
- CR 347 WEST OF FM 39 APPROVED
- CR 344 EAST OF CR 350 APPROVED

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the above agreements, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 475 WEST OF CR 490 IN
PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 455 IN PCT. 4.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 474 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 426 AND CR 428 IN PCT.**

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Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 432, CR 435, AND CR 429
IN PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 4821 IN PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 490 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 428 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS
AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 495 PCT. 4.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this agreement, contingent on Spectrum signing the amendment to each agreement, and to reinstate the Spectrum road and/or pipeline permits for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

28. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION APPLYING FOR TPTF FY 26 GRANT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to apply for the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**29. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO
DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE 2023 TEXAS CDBG
PROGRAM, GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER CDV23-0053.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the resolution for this grant for CR 305.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**30. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING
CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the resolution for the grant for CR 305.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

31. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPT-A-ROAD APPLICATION AMENDMENTS.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

Discussion only.

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33. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH CROWE LLP TO CONDUCT THE JUVENILE PROBATION AUDIT.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

34. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PCT. 4 DEEMING 2 OLD CATTLE GUARDS AND 10-15 PIECES OF SCRAP METAL AS NO VALUE AND DISCARDING.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to deem the guards and scrap metal as no value and to discard.

MOTION CARRIED.

35. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE LEON COUNTY HOG ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to add \$10,000 to this fund from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

36. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING “HAY FEES” BACK TO THE EXPO FEE SCHEDULE.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to add the \$65 hay fee for small rolls back to the fee schedule.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

37. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRIBUTOR APPLICATION FOR EAST LAKE VETERINARY HOSPITAL AT CENTER RANCH FOR THE EXPO.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

38. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH FUND OF DEPARTMENTS OF THE BUDGET.

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

MOTION CARRIED ITEM TABLED.

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**39. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUIRED PFIA HOURS FOR THE LEON COUNTY
TREASURER FOR 2024.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

40. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 4TH QUARTER 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**41. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET FOR COUNTY-PAID
RETIREE HEALTH AND MEDICARE INSURANCE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve \$2300 from Contingency for this new budget line item.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**42. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXPOOL INVESTMENT POOL.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

None submitted.

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

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

JP Precinct 4: January 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

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45. 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.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY RESIDENT DONATING IRON ORE TO PCT. 2. FROM HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY ON CR 223.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to accept the clay donation.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE DONATION OF A SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE TO LEONA VFD.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the donation of the 2015 Chevy Tahoe worth \$3,500.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION FOR IFB 2025-330 PCT. 4 SALE OF MOTOR GRADER.

Discussion only; no action taken.

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B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION FOR IFB 2025-329
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION FOR NEW EXPO BARN.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve Ezell Air Conditioning & Electrical, using tax note funds.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Regular session closed at 11:29 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.

49. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

50. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

51. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

52. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 11:44 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing, to allow the County Attorney to enter into negotiations and to bring back the final offer for approval by Commissioners Court.

MOTION CARRIED.

54. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

55. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

56. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Foley 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