

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 26th 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
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 Andrew Thompson with Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church Buffalo 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 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 Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the Feb. 21, 2025, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. STEPHEN RAPPOLEE HERE TO DISCUSS LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW EQUIPMENT SHED IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL AND DISCUSS LEASE AGREEMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to table this agenda item for County Attorney Keith Cook to review the proposal.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FY 2026 VAWA RESOLUTION.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING SCOTTY'S HOUSE TO USE THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE ON APRIL 3, 2025, FOR ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING KRISTIN CARRIGAN TO USE THE GAZEBO TO HAVE A PRAYER MEETING EVERY TUESDAY FROM 5:30-7 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND MASTER GARDENERS FOR A GARDEN DEMONSTRATION AREA.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to table this agenda item for County Attorney Keith Cook to review.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

11. HALEY ACORD (AGRILIFE) HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE FERAL HOG ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND ITS IMPACTS ON LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 102 SOUTH OF FM 977 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM).

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley 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 318 NORTH OF HWY 7 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENTS FOR CR 344, CR 381, CR 385, CR 386, CR 424, CR 425, CR 427, CR 427, CR 428, CR 429, CR 430, CR 431, CR 432, CR 434, CR 435, CR 436, CR 437, CR 440, CR 442, CR 443, CR 444, CR 445, CR 446, CR 449, CR 450, CR 467, CR 470, CR 473, CR 474, CR 382, CR 384, CR 4261, CR 4262, CR 4263, CR 4421 (COMSTOCK) FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPIES FOLLOW)

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR
334 (COMSTOCK) FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 348 AND CR 3461 (COMSTOCK) FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR CR 347, CR 348, AND CR 391 (PINNACLE).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENTS FOR CR 314, CR 317, CR 321, CR 322, CR 325, CR 347, CR 348, CR 360, CR 362, CR 363, CR 391, CR 392 (PINNACLE).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 430 AND CR 431 (PINNACLE).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE JUST TRANSITION FUND
(JTF) FOR BROADBAND IN OUR COUNTY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to allow Judge Ryder to continue discussions with JTF for Broadband.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING SAMANTHA KING TO TAKE FRANCIS THOMPSON'S PLACE ON THE MHMR AUTHORITY OF BRAZOS VALLEY FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. (FEB. 26, 2025 – FEB. 24, 2027)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTERVILLE ISD AND LEON COUNTY AND OAKWOOD ISD AND LEON COUNTY.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE OIL AND GAS LEASE AND
ADDENDUM FOR 1 ACRE OF LAND AT THE CORNER OF FM 1512 AND HWY. 79.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the lease with the terms of 23 percent, at \$500 per acre.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN THE JAIL.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve \$46,550, with the Sheriff's budget funds to be used first, with the rest to be paid by Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to require a process to be established, with the application to include the price and that each Commissioner has the right to remove the sign off of their road at any time.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**27. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE BLEYL ENGINEERING
CONTRACT FOR CR 305.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to table this agenda item in order to investigate further options.

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

Discussion only.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**29. 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 take no action.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

30. 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 approve the list, with the changes indicated with County Attorney Keith Cook and District Clerk Cassandra Noey.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$1,898,821.47.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

31. A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE EXPO OVERTIME LINE ITEM (EST. \$1800 PER MONTH)

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to increase the line item to \$12,600 for 7 more months, with the stipulation that the Hotel and Tax Funds be used first, then the rest from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

31. B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PAY BASE ELECTRICAL CHARGES AT THE EXPO FROM HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 (APPROXIMATELY \$3,000 PER MONTH x 7 MONTHS) TAKEN OUT OF CONTINGENCY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to increase the line items as requested, with the stipulation that the Hotel and Tax Funds be used first, then the rest from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

32. 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 Bing to approve the following reports:

County Clerk: January 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

33. 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.

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

January 2025

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the following donations:

January - Senior Nutrition: \$1,113

MOTION CARRIED.

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

None submitted.

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

No executive session was held.

37. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

38. DISCUSS ANY COUNTY ISSUES WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY.

39. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

40. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

No executive session was held.

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

No executive session was held.

42. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

None submitted.

43. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

None submitted.

44. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing 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