

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, the Commissioners Court of Leon County, Texas, met for its 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 Amy Kaiser deputy sitting for 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, EOC Director Jimmy Carrigan, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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

Pastor Don Craft with North Creek Baptist Church 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 Sullivan to approve the Dec. 30, 2022, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

None submitted.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MARTHA JESTER'S ABATEMENT OF LATE TAXES AND/OR FEES (PENALTIES AND INTEREST).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to take no action on this agenda item.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1, JEFF CARR, HERE TO DISCUSS NEEDED REPAIRS AND PROBLEMS WITH OFFICE BUILDING IN BUFFALO AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to take no action on this agenda item.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING DAVID FERGUSON AS AN IT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND APPOINTING ANOTHER MEMBER TO THE IT COMMITTEE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING PEOPLE TO THE EXPO ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (T. J. FOLEY, KYLE WORKMAN, AMY SMITH, BRIAN HILL, TIM EZELL, MIKE KENNEDY, TRAMPUS RODELL, AND POWELL CANNON.)**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to appoint these people to the committee, including a floor nomination from Judge Ryder to include Cassie Ferguson.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COUNTY BUILDING(S) REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to designate Judge Ryder.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MAKING MUCH-NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE OLD COURTHOUSE (INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON EMPLOYEE #940 REQUESTING 520 HOURS FROM THE SICK POOL BANK.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve 260 hours.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MAKING REPAIRS TO A TREE-TRIMMING BUCKET TRUCK PCT. 1.**

No action taken.

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON GENERATOR FOR CLINIC ON LASSITER STREET FOR DSHS USE (48kn/TRANSFER SWITCH).**

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to determine if the generator works and if so, to take it to the work site and purchase a switch.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON NEW SWITCH FOR 529 LASSITER ST. (MEDICAL BUILDING).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEON COUNTY  
COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to have the Communications Committee meet with Commissioner Sullivan (a member of committee) and Commissioner Foley and to bring recommendations to a future Commissioners Court meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**17. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

None submitted.

**18. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

None submitted.

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY  
REPORTS 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.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the submitted reports:

December 2022

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**21. 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:

Senior Nutrition: Dec. 2022 - \$4046

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**22. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to have the Auditor's office go for bids on moving/excavation area for the upcoming Sheriff Justice Center Jail remodeling, once the old building is removed from the site.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**23. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

None submitted.

**24. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

Commissioner Foley commended former Commissioner Grimes for his assistance in the smooth transition and expressed enthusiasm for his term.

**22. ADJOURN.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.**

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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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**