

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 28th day of June 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 County Clerk Christie Wakefield, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Auditor Melissa Abney, County Attorney Keith Cook, EOC Director Bob Hickman, Expo Manager Dennis Mizell, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Commissioner Foley 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.

None submitted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

None submitted.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON POST-APPROVAL OF LEON COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO SEVERE STORMS IN LEON COUNTY JUNE 21, 2023.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to post-approve the declaration.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON VOICES FOR CHILDREN (CASA)
REQUESTING \$2,000 FROM LEON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the \$2,000 donation, from the same line item as last year.

MOTION CARRIED.

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON STETSON RANGE SUBDIVISION
PLAT APPROVAL.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the plat; no roads are approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (SPECTRUM) FOR CR 317 NORTH OF CR 359, CR 495
WEST OF FM 39, CR 475 WEST OF CR 490.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR PCT. 2, CR 275 FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS (ATMOS
ENERGY AND PERCHERON LLC).**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SHOWSTOPPERS TRAIL RIDE TO
BE IN LEON COUNTY JULY 15, 2023.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ALLOWING TRIPLE D RYDERS
TRAIL RIDE TO BE HELD IN LEON COUNTY ON AUGUST 19, 2023.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
BETWEEN BEDIAS CREEK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #428
AND LEON COUNTY.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE FACILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN HEALTHPOINT AND LEON COUNTY.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE INTERLOCAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUFFALO AND LEON COUNTY DEALING WITH THE ELECTRICAL BILLING AT THE SENIOR CENTER (BUFFALO)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CREATING A PARALEGAL POSITION IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the additional full-time paralegal position.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING JIMMY CARRIGAN AND LINDA RICHARDSON FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BVCOG) AND ADDING BOB HICKMAN AND CARL COLLINS TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the removal and additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. REVIEW AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE LEON COUNTY BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve contract with Citizens State Bank.

ABSTAIN: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET INCREASE FOR PCT. 3
WASTE DISPOSAL STATION.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to increase the budget by \$5,000 from Contingency.

MOTION CARRIED.

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE CONTRACT
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FERTILIZING PREVIOUSLY CUT HAY FIELDS AT THE EXPO TO BE ABLE TO SELL HAY TO THE PUBLIC.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve fertilizing the fields, with monies to be taken from Hotel/Occupancy Fund, then from Expo Revenue in that order.

MOTION CARRIED.

22. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

23. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

None submitted.

24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS PER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 114.044.

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

County Clerk: April 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

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25. 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.

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

None submitted.

27. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GOING OUT FOR BIDS DUE TO ROOF DAMAGE TO PCT. 1 ROAD AND BRIDGE FACILITY.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to have the Auditors office go out for bids.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION FOR IFB 2023-288 PORTABLE STALLS AND DIVIDERS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to select Morgan Livestock Equipment, with the additional unexpected \$17,000 to be used from ARPA funds.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes: Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Foley

No: Workman

MOTION CARRIED.

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C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CURRENT CONTRACT RENEWALS.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to have the Auditors office offer renewals on all qualified vendor contracts.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to have Auditors office go for bids on Solid Waste.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to have the Auditors office go for bids on pug mix.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

28. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION ON OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS).

Regular session closed at 10:22 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

29. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

30. DISCUSS PERSONNEL FOR INMATE TRANSPORTATION.

31. DISCUSS PERSONNEL ADMIN AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

32. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

33. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

Regular session resumed at 10:58 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

34. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INMATE TRANSPORTATION.

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

35. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADMIN AT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to allow the Sheriff to use his funds to send Sarah Hammond to training, with 75 percent of the training fee to be reimbursed by BVCOG.

MOTION CARRIED.

36. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

Commissioner Workman identified a communications issue between Leon County government and Navasota Valley Electric Cooperative, and is intent of having this resolved as soon as possible.

Commissioner Workman also identified an issue with Enterprise, our contract for county vehicles. He needs to trade in a vehicle and wishes to look for other vendors.

37. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Expo Manager Dennis Mizell thanked the court for allowing ONCOR to use the Expo as a staging site for materials for repairs in the area due to storm damage.

The Court acknowledged EOC Director Bob Hickman on keeping the Court informed of local damage and the overall disaster declaration.

EOC Director Bob Hickman informed the Court that BVCOG has a sign machine that Leon County could receive, along with a grant of \$2,000 to offset the \$2,300 price.

38. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

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