

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 ABSENT  
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, Assistant County Auditor Debbie Reeder, County Attorney Keith Cook, EOC Director Bob Hickman, and Sheriff Kevin Ellis.

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

Tuffy Loftin with Cowboy Church of Leon County opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American and Texas flag were rendered.

**2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE.**

Commissioner Foley 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 Foley 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 Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the March 24, 2023, payroll.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.**

Jana Seale Cox made public comments on the state of CR 452, and the condition of county roads in Precinct 4, and commended Commissioner Foley on the improvements to the local dump.

O'Neal Norris made public comments on CR 455 and the possible need to clear the brush around the curves.

Audee Reed made public comments on the trash opposite the waste dump site on Highway 39.

**6. GREG AND JUDY JACKSON HERE TO DISCUSS ANIMAL CONTROL IN LEON COUNTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. FIRE CHIEFS OF LEON COUNTY WANT TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROVIDING A SPECIFIC EASEMENT TO HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP ON BEHALF OF LIFECYCLE POWER AT THE EXPO CENTER. LIFECYCLE IS AN ADJACENT LANDOWNER WHO IS REQUESTING AN EASEMENT TO SECURE 3-PHASE POWER FOR THEIR BUSINESS. LIFECYCLE HAS OFFERED TO FABRICATE/INSTALL BARRICADES AS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE APPURTENANCE FROM DAMAGE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to grant the easement provided that LifeCycle Power documents the easement, and ensures that both the temporary and permanent barricades are installed following Commissioner Workman's direction.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM LEON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS (LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE) TO OBTAIN A PIECE OF PROPERTY BEHIND ANNEX 1.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF JEWETT.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve this 2-year agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PARKING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE LEON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #1. (LCESD #1)  
AND LEON COUNTY.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE CITY OF  
CENTERVILLE PLAT/MAP PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CITY OF  
CENTERVILLE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.**

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON TEXAS CATTLEMEN'S TRAIL  
RIDE APPLICATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY/MASS GATHERING MARCH 31, 2023-  
APRIL 2, 2023.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANT REQUEST FORM FOR THE VICTIM COORDINATOR (COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR THE VICTIM  
COORDINATOR (COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**



**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GRANT REQUEST FORM FOR THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE).**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REPLACING JIMMY CARRIGAN WITH BOB HICKMAN, AND APPOINTING MARK GRAY, CARL COLLINS, AND TJ FOLEY AND RE-APPOINTING THE CURRENT LIST TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the replacement with Mr. Hickman, the new appointments, and the re-appointments, with the exception of removing Commissioner Workman from the committee.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SELECTING A PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS PROGRAM (LHMPP) FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to select GrantWorks as the planning/management service provider.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO SELECT A PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS PROGRAM (LHMPP) FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PERSONNEL  
POLICY CHANGES TO: SECTION 2.01, 2.02, 2.04, AND 4.02.**

Based on the recommendations of the Personnel Committee, Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the changes.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING THE BUDGET FOR EOC OFFICE TO COVER EXPENSES FOR EDUCATION, TRAVEL AND GAS, OIL AND GREASE FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 23.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve \$2,500 (\$500 for training, \$2,000 for gas, oil, grease) for the budget.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**24. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CROWN INMATE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT AT THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**25. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DEEMING SCRAP METAL AT EXPO AS NO VALUE AND HAVE A SCRAP BIN BROUGHT IN TO HAUL IT OFF.**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to deem the scrap material as no value and to approve the bin, with any sale of the scrap material to send proceeds back to the Expo budget.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**26. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDING CULVERTS AND ROCK BETWEEN ARENA 1 AND ARENA 2 AT THE EXPO PRIOR TO THE COUNTRY SHOW IN APRIL 2023.**

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the culverts and rock, with funds to be taken from the Contracted Services in the Expo budget.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve line item transfers in the amount of \$196,561.87.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

None submitted.

**30. 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.

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

None submitted.

**32. PURCHASE AND/OR SELLING REQUEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.**

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRECINCT 2 PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A 1-TON DUMP TRUCK (NEW/USED).

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to buy/lease a 1-ton truck.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON JP 1 ROOF ASSESSMENT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to go out for bids based on the assessment.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(COPY FOLLOWS)**

C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON BID TABULATION FOR IFB 2023-281 PCT. 3 SALE OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the sale of the Precinct 3 truck to M. Herren for \$2,200.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the sale of the grapple to J. Miles for \$701.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to solicit proposals for quarterly service of all generators and possibly to test backup batteries as well.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

E. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR A TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR COUNTY OFFICES.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to solicit proposals.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

F. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON OBTAINING A 2<sup>ND</sup> CREDIT CARD FOR COUNTY EXPENSES.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> credit card.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

G. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT TO SECURE A SUPPLY RATE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE.

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to select TXU for a 3-year agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**33. CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.087 REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT (APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FILED BY MISAE SOLAR IV LLC) AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY).**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to take no action on Agenda Items 33-38.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**34. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**35. DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT (APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FILED BY MISAE SOLAR IV LLC).**

**36. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**37. RESUME REGULAR SESSION.**

**38. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT (APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FILED BY MISAE SOLAR IV LLC).**

**39. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.**

No comments.

**40. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.**

No comments.

**41. ADJOURN.**

Commissioner Bing 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**