

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LEON**

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

On this the 10th day of August 2026, 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 Pct. 3
T. J. Foley – Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Together with County Clerk Amy Kaiser, serving as an ex-officio member of the Commissioners Court, County Attorney Keith Cook, County Auditor Melissa Abney, and District Attorney Caleb Henson.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGES.

Brother Davis with Celebration Church-Buffalo opened the meeting with prayer; pledges to the American flag 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.

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a. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLAIMS DUE (LGC 130.908, “LAME DUCK”

-COUNTY JUDGE

- 10-401 COMISSIONERS COURT**
- 10-409 NON-DEPARTAMENTAL**
- 10-415 KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL**
- 10-420 JANITORIAL**
- 10-426 COUNTY COURT**
- 10-510 COURTHOUSE & BUILDINGS**
- 10-630 HEALTH & WELFARE**
- 12-400 TAX NOTE**
- 12-417 TAX NOTE ‘24**
- 12-418 TAX NOTE ‘25**
- 13-422 DEBT SERVICES**
- 21-400 HOTEL TAX**
- 21-455 HOTEL OCCUPANCY**
- 24-498 VETERANS SERVICE FUND**
- 25-455 EXPO**
- 52-427 EOC**
- 55-402 911 MAPPING**
- 56-400 GRANTS**
- 56-468 GRANT FUND**
- 58-415 CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- 60-406 TOWERS**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the claims.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the minutes from the previous meeting(s).

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYROLL TO BE ISSUED.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the July 24, 2026, payroll.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1.

The following people submitted a request to speak:

Michael Rice, Zant Tatum, Carol Milder and Bard Ewald, Sylvia Guzman, Ann McCoslin, Kat Wall.

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6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2026-2027. (VERY IMPORTANT ROLL CALL VOTE.)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON 2026/2027 ROAD & BRIDGE ALLOCATION.

Judge Ryder made a motion to choose Scenario 1, including a cap of \$100,000 carryover.

MOTION FAILED.

Judge Ryder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to choose Scenario 1, including a cap of \$100,000 carryover, and a \$50,000 oil sand allowance for Precinct 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

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8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ANY ACTION ON ANY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FY 2026-2027.

None submitted.

9. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PRELIMINARY 2026/2027 BUDGET TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND PLACE ON WEBSITE (FIRST FILING).

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to file the preliminary budget with the approved changes.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RIGHT-OF-WAY/MASS GATHERING PERMIT REQUEST FOR CENTERVILLE RANCH RIDERS CR 204, 209, FM 1511 AND CR 207 SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve the permit.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THREE LOT LAND COMPNAY SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 347 AND CR 348 IN PCT. 3 (COMSTOCK).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND/OR
PIPELINE AGREEMENT FOR CR 156 IN PCT. 1 (SPECTRUM).**

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve this 45-day agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PERMIT #46146
(WINDSTREAM/KINETIC) FOR CR 307, 3315E, AND 329.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve this 45-day agreement, contingent on approve mediation plan for CR 392.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON GOLD STAR SERVICES FOR
SEISMIC SURVEYS ON LEON COUNTY CITIZENS.**

Based on County Attorney Keith Cook's recommendation, Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bing to approve both permits as amended.

VOTE BREAKDOWN:

Yes, Ryder, Sullivan, Bing, Workman

No: Foley

MOTION CARRIED.

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**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LICENSE AGREEMENT AND
STATE LAW ADDENDUM BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM FOR SENSOR EQUIPMENT (SEISMIC
DATA.)**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027 (TX DEPT MOTOR VEHICLES.)**

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to approve the same fees as approved last year.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**18. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION
CONTRACT BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY FOR THE TEXAS CONVICTION REPORTING (TXCR) APPLICATION.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**19. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
COOPERATION CONTRACT FOR STORAGE AND IMAGING SERVICES
(DISTRICT CLERK).**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

**20. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A SUB-AGREEMENT OF THE
MOU BETWEEN LEON COUNTY AND JEWETT EMS FOR AN AMBULANCE USING
THE H.B. 3000 GRANT FUNDS.**

Based on County Attorney Keith Cook's recommendation, Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the sub-agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

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**21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR THE SENATE
BILL 22 GRANT FOR THE SHERIFF'S CONSTABLE'S, COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICES FOR FY 27.**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**22. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CLARIFYING THE AWARD FOR
THE TDA CDBG PROJECT CDV23-0053, AWARDED TO CROCKETT
CONSTRUCTION.**

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to award the project in the amount of \$587,255.00 with D2 in lieu of D1.

MOTION CARRIED.

**23. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY
2025 AUDIT.**

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED; ITEM TABLED.

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25. COUNTY ATTORNEY KEITH COOK TO UPDATE THE COMMISSIONERS ON BUILDING COMMITTEE AND IT COMMITTEE IF NECESSARY.

None submitted.

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

Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the amendments as submitted in the amount of \$639,400.18.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

None submitted.

28. 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.

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

None submitted.

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

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT SHELTERS FOR THE COUNTY'S RADIO COMMUNICATION TOWERS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to go out for bids.

MOTION CARRIED.

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B. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE RADIO COMMUNICATION TOWERS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to go out for bids.

MOTION CARRIED.

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C. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR THE MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE CONCRETE FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to go out for bids.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

D. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOLICITING BIDS FOR THE MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR FENCING FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS.

Commissioner Foley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to go out for bids.

MOTION CARRIED.

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E. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SOUTHERN HEALTHCARE AGREEMENT.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

F. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT RENEWAL AGREEMENTS.

Commissioner Bing made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to renew the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

G. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON LEASE/FINANCING FOR THE NEW 911 ADDRESSING TRUCK.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Workman to purchase the truck using contingency funds.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

H. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SPYGLASS SERVICES.

Based on the County Auditor's office recommendation, Commissioner Workman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(COPY FOLLOWS)

31. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2.

The following people submitted a request to speak:

Ann McCoslin

32. COMMISSIONERS OPEN FORUM.

Commissioner Workman made two comments:

The budget he submitted at the previous Commissioners Court was a proactive starting point to begin discussion and to outline the possible expenses associated with the construction of a new data center.

The abatement guidelines posted on the county website were expired and has caused some confusion.

33. ADJOURN.

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

MOTION CARRIED; MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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