

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**  
**110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas**  
**Commissioners Court July 23, 2024, 9:00 AM**



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<b>Hoppy Haden</b>	<b>County Judge</b>	<b>B.J. Westmoreland</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 1</b>
<b>Teresa Rodriguez</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>	<b>Rusty Horne</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 2</b>
		<b>Ed Theriot</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 3</b>
		<b>Dyral Thomas</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 4</b>

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Judge Haden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Thomas opens the meeting in prayer.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:**

(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.)

Judge Haden leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Danie Teltow County Auditor reminds everyone this week is Open Enrollment.

Carolyn Caro Purchasing Agent reminds County staff that any requisitions need to be submitted by July 31st.

**E. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

At this time any person may speak to Commissioners Court if they have filled out a Caldwell County Commissioners Court Participation Form. Comments will be limited to four (4) minutes per person. No action will be taken on these items and no discussion will be had between the speaker(s) and members of the Court. The Court does retain the right to correct factual inaccuracies made by the speakers. (If longer than 30 minutes, then the balance of comments will continue as the last agenda item of the day.) Citizens' Comments may be submitted to the Court by using the form found at: <http://www.co.caldwell.tx/us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm>

Citizens Comments were skipped.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA:**

(The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion.)

**F.1. To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$529,581.24.**

**F.2. To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$425,331.72 (6/30/2024 - 7/13/2024).** **F.3. To**

**approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$125,273.08 (6/30/2024 - 7/13/2024).** **F.4. To**

**approve ratification of payment for Langford Community Management Services in the amount of**

**\$315,400.84 for GLO/HUD Evacuation Shelter Grant management services.**

**F.5. To accept \$321,868.00 payment for DMV Remittance.**

**F.6. To accept \$359,988.59 payment to DMV Comptroller.**

**F.7.To approve the opening of the non-interest-bearing account for the SIB Loan proceeds at First-Lockhart National Bank.**

**F.8.To accept the June 2024 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**

**F.9.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 June 2024 Report.**

**F.10To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 June 2024 Report.**

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

- F.1 To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$529,581.24.  
7 23 2024 AP Payment Register.pdf  
7 23 2024 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$425,331.72 (6/30/2024 - 7/13/2024). Payroll 06302024 - 07132024.pdf
- F.3 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$125,273.08 (6/30/2024 - 7/13/2024). Payroll Tax 06302024 - 07132024.pdf
- F.4 To approve ratification of payment for Langford Community Management Services in the amount of \$315,400.84 for GLO/HUD Evacuation Shelter Grant management services.  
Immediate Check Memo Request 07.02.24 Evac Shelter Langford.pdf
- F.5 To accept \$321,868.00 payment for DMV Remittance.  
DMV Remittance.pdf
- F.6 To accept \$359,988.59 payment to DMV Comptroller.  
DMV Comptroller.pdf
- F.7 To approve the opening of the non-interest-bearing account for the SIB Loan proceeds at First-Lockhart National Bank.  
Resolution 17-2024 Loan Agreement.pdf
- F.8 To accept the June 2024 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. CCAD June 2024 Report.pdf
- F.9 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 June 2024 Report.  
Constable PCT. 2 June 2024 Report.pdf
- F.10 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 June 2024 Report.  
Constable PCT. 4 June 2024 Report.pdf

**G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- G.4 To consider and take possible action regarding 2024 Transportation Bond. Speaker: Judge Haden/Will Conley/Steve Widacki; Backup: 44; Cost: \$00  
Will Conley Principle with American Structure Point addressed the court with final presentation. If approved a public hearing will be scheduled for August 13th. for November election.  
1 Public Involvement Update 7.9.24.pdf  
2 County Judge Draft Project List109547.pdf  
3 Caldwell County\_Cost Estimates\_Judge Draft Proj List\_R1.pdf  
4 Caldwell Co CIP Scenario Summary (7-12-24).pdf  
5 Caldwell Co \$150mm multi yr CIP (7.17.24).pdf 6  
Public Involvement Update 7.18.24.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."



**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.1 To approve a Proclamation commemorating the 18th anniversary of the death of U.S. Army Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and pay tribute to his memory and service. Speaker: Judge Haden/Randolph Goodman; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00  
Proclamation is read.

Randolph Goodman expressed thanks to the courts recognition of U.S. Army P.F.C. Kristian Menchaca.

7.23.24 Proclamation - Commemorating the Death of Private Kristian Menchaca.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.2 To approve a Proclamation recognizing Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Officers' Week; and 55 years of serving the Criminal Courts of Caldwell, Comal, and Hays Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD). Speaker: Judge Haden/Romelia Elizondo; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Proclamation is read.

Romelia Elizondo Deputy Director and Eric Aguirre CSCD Director introduced office staff members and thanked them for their dedication.

Yvonne Troyano, Supervisor  
Chris Lindsey, CSO II  
Aaron Duron, CSO I  
Robyn Hernandez, CSO I  
Yvette Zriouil, CSO I  
Lizette Lopez - Treatment CSO

7.23.24 Proclamation - Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Officers' Week.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.3 To approve Proclamation designating July 30, 2024, as Hot Air Balloon Memorial Day in Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Licia Edwards; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Proclamation is read.

7.23.24 Proclamation - Hot Air Balloon Memorial Day in Caldwell County.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.5 To authorize the County Judge to release the lien of County on property the subject of Caldwell County Commissioners Court Resolution 16-2024 and recorded as #2024-004624 on June 11, 2024, in the real property records of Caldwell County, Texas. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 19; Cost: \$0.00

Payoff Letter - Lien Release (Resolution 16-2024).doc  
Resolution 16-2024 -Assessing Cost of Abatement.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.6 To approve Resolution 19-2024 calling for a public hearing for the creation of the Prairie Lea Public Improvement District (PID). Speaker: Judge Haden/Ross Martin/Will Conley; Backup: 17; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 19-2024 is read.

7.23.24 Resolution 19-2024 Accepting Prairie Lea PID Petition.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.7 To consider a request from Ramon Rivera, Smithville Workforce, to install a one-acre gravel parking lot for CDL driving instruction. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden requests to be authorized to receive quotes and to present them at the next Commissioner's court meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.8 To approve the Preliminary Plat for Lantana Subdivision consisting of 469 residential lots on approximately 150.319 acres located on County View Road. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00

Preliminary Plat - Lantana Subdivision Plat.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.9 To approve the Final Plat for Cotton Gateway, Phase 1, consisting of 294 lots on approximately 139.718 acres located at Farm to Market 21 and William Pettus Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 10; Cost: \$0.00

Cotton Gateway, Phase 1 - Final Plat.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve . All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.10 To approve public streets and drainage in Cool Water Acres as complete and ready to begin the two -year performance period as evidenced by a maintenance bond in the amount of \$229,947.73 and release the construction bond back to the developer. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Horne/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00

Bond No. HSHNSU0858190.pdf

Bond No. S7A2SU0003050.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.11 To approve public improvements in Monte Sagrado Subdivision for permanent County maintenance and release the two-year maintenance bond back to the developer. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Bond No. PB03016800856.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.12 Regarding the burn ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00  
Hector Rangel Chief EMC provides fire updates and recommends keeping the burn ban off.

Burn Ban Order 7.23.24.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.13 To approve Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates REQ #03161 in the amount of \$64,893.71 for FY 2023 End Year Audit. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$64,893.71

REQ03161.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.14 To approve Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates Invoice #59661 in the amount of \$64,893.71 for Audit Services FY 2023. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$64,893.71

Invoice #59661 - 06-30-24.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.15 To approve the award of RFQ 24CCP01Q Courthouse Master Plan Development Services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00  
Carolyn Caro Purchasing Agent announces award to Ford Powell & Carson Architects & Planners, Inc. for Courthouse Master Plan Development Services.

07.23.2024 Agenda Award RFQ 24CCP01Q.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.16 To approve final draft, solicitation, and Evaluation Committee for RFP 24CCP03P Caldwell County Justice Center Remodel-PSAP. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 34; Cost: \$0.00

Carolyn Caro Purchasing Agent informs the court that the Evaluation Committee for Caldwell County Justice Center Remodel- PSAP consists of County Judge Hoppy Haden, County Sheriff Lane, Building Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber, Executive Assistant Ezzy Chan, and County Purchasing Agent Carolyn Caro.



07.23.24 Agenda Approve RFP24CCP03P.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve.  
All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.17 To approve final draft, solicitation, and Evaluation Committee for RFQ 24CCP02Q Caldwell County Development Codes Revision. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 31; Cost: \$0.00

Carolyn Caro Purchasing Agent requests approval of an evaluation committee for the Caldwell County Development Regulations Revision Services, recommending County Judge Hoppy Haden, Pct. 3 Commissioner Ed Theriot, Sanitation Supervisor Kasi Miles, 1st Assistant Auditor Gabi Saldana, and County Attorney Richard Sitton.

07.23.24 Agenda Approve RFQ24CCP02Q.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.18 To approve Chuck Nash REQ #03175 in the amount of \$67,992.30 for a new SB 22 truck for the Sheriff's Office. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 2; Cost: \$67,992.30 REQ03175.pdf

Revise 2 Caldwell County.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session opens at 9:45 a.m. and closes at 10:48 a.m.

H.1 Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 551.071(1): Consultation with counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers involving a claim by Mauricio Martinez. Speaker: Chase Goetz; Backup: 1; Cost: TBD

**No Action Taken.**

H.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Atomic Element. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Judge Haden/Emily Mathes; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

**No Action Taken.**

H.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Thor. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Judge Haden/Emily Mathes; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

**No Action Taken.**

H.4 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Nora. Speaker: Judge Haden/Emily Mathes; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

**No Action Taken.**

H.5 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Exodus. Speaker: Commissioner /Judge Haden/Emily Mathes; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

**No Action Taken.**

H.6 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Electro Lite. Speaker: Commissioner /Judge Haden/Emily Mathes; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

**No Action Taken.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Court adjourns at 10:50 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Adjourn. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

I, TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings held by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on July 23, 2024.

*Teresa Rodriguez*

TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

