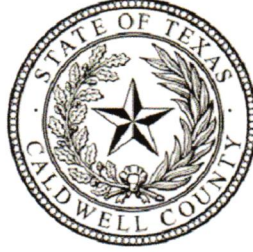


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court August 13, 2024, 9:00 AM



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

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.

No Announcements.

No Staff Announcements.

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>

Alma Morales, a Caldwell County resident who resides in Precinct 3, addressed the court of celebratory gunfire in her neighborhood.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

F.1.To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,077,672.81.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$414,224.41 (6/30/2024 - 7/13/2024).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$120,963.14 (7/14/2024 - 7/27/2024).

F.4.To accept the July 2024 Indigent Burial Report.

F.5.To accept the amended semi-annual long-term debt for Caldwell County for the month of February 2024.

F.6.To approve the Caldwell County 3rd Quarter Investment Report ending June 30, 2024.

F.7.To accept Disclosure Report/Financial Accounts June 2024 regarding Hot Check, Escrow, Discretionary Fund, Asset Forfeiture, Asset Forfeited, and DA LEOSE accounts.

F.8.To accept the Adopted 2025 Appraisal District Budget from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.

F.9.To accept the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department Commissary Audit for FY 2022 - 2023.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- F.1 To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,077,672.81.
8 13 2024 AP Payment Register.pdf
8 13 2024 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$414,224.41 (6/30/2024 - 7/13/2024). Payroll 07142024 thru 07272024.pdf
- F.3 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$120,963.14 (7/14/2024 - 7/27/2024). Payroll Tax 07142024 thru 07272024.pdf
- F.4 To accept the July 2024 Indigent Burial Report.
July 2024 Indigent burial rep.pdf
- F.5 To accept the amended semi-annual long-term debt for Caldwell County for the month of February 2024.
Amended Long Term Debt for Feb 2024.pdf
- F.6 To approve the Caldwell County 3rd Quarter Investment Report ending June 30, 2024.
Caldwell County Investment Report Qtr. 3 April-June 2024.pdf
- F.7 To accept Disclosure Report/Financial Accounts June 2024 regarding Hot Check, Escrow, Discretionary Fund, Asset Forfeiture, Asset Forfeited, and DA LEOSE accounts. Disclosure Report / Financial Accounts June 2024.pdf
- F.8 To accept the Adopted 2025 Appraisal District Budget from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.
Adopted 2025 Appraisal District Budget.pdf
- F.9 To accept the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department Commissary Audit for FY 2022 - 2023. Letter to Commissioner Court.pdf
FY 23 Caldwell County Commissary Audit Report.pdf

G. PRESENTATION:

- G.1 To discuss possible changes to TCDRS for Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Tim Krause; Backup: 20; Cost: \$0.00

Tim Krause with TCDRS provides a presentation with the current and proposed plan to increase employer match.

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5% w 225% w \$200K Contribution.pdf

7% w 225% w \$0 Contribution.pdf

7% w 225% w \$200K Contribution.pdf

- I.2 To approve Resolution 24-2024 regarding Early Elections Day Voting Locations and Hours for the November Election and the combination of certain election precincts. Speaker: Judge Haden/Devante Coe; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Resolution is read.
Resolution 24-2024 Polling Places.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.5 To approve Order 11-2024 for an Election to be held in Caldwell County as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Devante Coe; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Order 11-2024 is read.

Judge Haden lists voting locations and hours. Devonte Coe, Elections Administrator states voting hours need correction on the Spanish portion of flyers.

Order 11-2024 - November General Election Order 2024.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.

All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H. PUBLIC HEARING @ 9:30 A.M.:

H.1 Proposed Reauthorization of the County's Tax Abatement and Reinvestment Zone Guidelines and Criteria.

Public Hearing opens at 9:34 a.m. and closes at 9:35 a.m.

There are no speakers.

8.13.24 Resolution 20-2024 Tax Abatement & Reinvestment Zones.pdf
Guidelines - Caldwell County Tax Abatement Policy 2024-2026.pdf

H.2 Replat of Country Line Ranchettes, Lot #1 and Lot #2 consisting of 4 residential lots on approximately 5.244 acres located on Old Colony Line Road.

Public Hearing opens at 9:35 a.m. and closes at 9:38 a.m.

There are no speakers.

7.11.24 Public Notice - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg
7.18.24 Public Notice - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg
7.25.24 Public Notice - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg
Replat of County Line Ranchette- Lot # 1 & #2

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

I.1 To approve Resolution 20-2024 regarding the proposed reauthorization of the County's Tax Abatement and Reinvestment Zone Guidelines and Criteria. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 20-2024 is read.

8.13.24_Resolution_20-2024_Tax_Abatement__Reinvestment_Zones.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.4 To consider and take possible action regarding a public information program for the 2024 Transportation Bond. Speaker: Judge Haden/Jeff Barton/Kara Bishop Buffington/Will Conley; Backup: 16; Cost: \$0.00

Will Conley with American Structure Point spoke on product budget cost. Jeff Barton with GAP Strategies provided a presentation on the public information program plan.

Motion to postpone Item I.4 for August 27th Commissioners Court for clarity on CIP.

8.6.24 Public Information Proposal .pdf

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

MOTION TO POSTPONE APPROVED.

I.6 To accept the roads located in Caldwell County as permanent County maintenance in the Blue Sky Estates Subdivision. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Horne/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.7 To approve the preliminary plat for Union Hill Road Subdivision consisting of seven residential lots on approximately 16.77 acres located on Union Hill Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 6; Cost: \$0.00

Preliminary plat- Union Hill Road Subdivision

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.8 To approve fiscal security for construction of Cotton Gateway Phase 1 with a subdivision bond in the amount of \$9,856,694.10. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Bond No. 30221056.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.9 To approve a variance request from the Caldwell County Development Ordinance, Section 3.3.1, to remove the 5-year provision pertaining to the Family Land Grant for David & Marissa Childress due to a hardship for construction loan purposes. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 13; Cost: \$0.00

Variance Request- Childress

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.10 To approve the Short Form Plat for Edwards Acres consisting of two residential lots on approximately 2.605 acres located on Dry Creek Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Short Form Plat- Edward's Acres

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.11 To approve the final plat for Sunset Oaks, Section VII consisting of a 3-lot subdivision- (1) commercial lot and (2) Multi Family lots on approximately 47.25 acres located east of Highway 21 & FM 1966. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Final Plat- Sunset Oaks, Section VII

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.12 To approve the preliminary plat for Acorn Grove Estates consisting of 14 residential lots on approximately 61.546 acres located at the corner of Sierra Drive and Acorn Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Preliminary Plat- Acorn Grove Estates

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.13 To discuss tax rate for FY 2025 and schedule public hearing to approve tax rate. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 21; Cost: \$0.00

Danie Teltow, the County Auditor stated that last year's tax rate was .4692 the no new revenue rate to be considered is .4391 with a drop of 3 cents from last year. A public hearing is scheduled for August 27th.

2024 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets - Caldwell County.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.14 To approve Resolution 21-2024 regarding an Interlocal Agreement between Caldwell County and other participating entities for the implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 21-2024 is read.

8.13.24 Resolution 21-2024 - Approving Amendment to GBRA Interlocal Agreement.pdf
2024 PLUM CREEK INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.3 Consideration and approval of an Order by the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas calling a Bond Election to be held in Caldwell County, Texas; making provision for the Conduct of the Election; and resolving other matters incident and related to such Election. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 14; Cost: \$0.00

8.7 Letter.pdf

1. Bond Election Order.pdf
2. Clerk Certificate - Bond Election Order.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.15 To discuss the County assisting Workforce for a gravel pad at a facility to train CDL drivers. Speaker: Judge Haden/Ramon Rivera; Backup: 1; Cost: \$14,747.47

Commissioner Theriot exits the Courtroom.

Judge Haden states the Workforce Commission has requested a gravel pad alongside the future Evacuation Center for CDL driver training.
CDL Pad - Expenses.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.16 Regarding the burn ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00 Hector Rangel Chief EMC recommends burn ban off.

Recess at 10:12 a.m.

Burn Ban Order 8.13.24.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.17 To approve 2025 Sheriff and Constable Service Fees. Speaker: Judge Haden/Clemente Verastegui;

Backup: 1; Cost: 0.00

Court is back in session 10:20 a.m.

Commissioner Theriot returns to the courtroom.

Clemente Verastegui, Constable Precinct 1 states there are no changes to service fees.

Sheriff and Constable Service Fees 2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.18 To consider the approval of submitting a grant application for the County Feral Hog Abatement Grant through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/Sean Melvin; Backup: 9; Cost: \$5,000.00

Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator requests to submit a County Feral Hog Abatement Grant application aiming more towards the bounty collection with a County match requirement of \$5,000.00 if the full amount is rewarded.

Request for County Feral Hog Grant.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.19 To accept award for the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) - Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 44; Cost: \$0.00

To accept a grant of \$ 10,000.00 for the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) - Child Victims and Witnesses Support to be used on materials for Victims services.

Award Letter & Contract.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.20 To accept award for the FY 2024 Indigent Defense Formula Grant.

Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Amber Quinley Grants Administrator requests to accept FY 2024 Indigent Defense Formula Grant of \$33,851.00.

Caldwell, FY24 Formula SGA.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.21 To consider approval of an amendment for the reallocation of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding for Unit Road. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.22 To approve Resolution 22-2024 regarding the termination of certain Xerox contracts and to enter into a contract with Toshiba for the provision and maintenance of reproduction and copying equipment. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 23; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 22-2024 is read.

Resolution 22-2024 Xerox Toshiba.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.23 To approve final draft and solicitation of RFB 24CCP02B Unit Road Materials. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 31; Cost: \$0.00

RFB 24CCP02B Unit Road.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.24 To approve final draft and solicitation of RFB 24CCP03B Jail Food Services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 36; Cost: \$0.00

RFB 24CCP03B Jail Services.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.

All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.25 To approve the County to begin discussions to enter into a Sourcewell agreement with WEX Exxon/Mobile for fleet fuel services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

ExxonMobil Proposal - Caldwell County (July 2024).pdf
WEX_20Contract_20080620_20v2.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.26 To approve the transfer of two county vehicles for the School Constable Security Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Agenda Unit transfer.pdf
08.13.24 Agenda Approve Agenda Unit transfer.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.27 To approve the designation of various pieces of equipment as Surplus/Salvage. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Agenda Auction.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.28 To approve Addendum No. 01 to RFP 24CCP03P Caldwell County Justice Center Remodel - PSAP. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Carolyn Caro, Purchasing Agent states that a site walk-through was conducted for (PSAP) Public Security Answering Point remodel project at Caldwell County Justice Center.
Addendum No 1 RFP 24CCP03P.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.29 To approve Addendum No. 01 to RFQ 24CCP02Q Caldwell County Development Regulations Revision. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Carolyn Caro, Purchasing Agent stated that an extension was requested until August 16th for Caldwell County Development Regulations Revision.

Addendum No 1 RFQ 24CCP02Q.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.30 To approve Resolution 23-2024 authorizing the County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Capitol Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System Database Management FY 2025. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 38; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 23-2024 is read.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

J. ADJOURNMENT:


Court adjourns at 10:46 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas 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 August 13, 2024.




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