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CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		NETO MADRIGAL	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct.4

Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by Judge Schawe at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Roland was not present at this time. Due to the delay start time for the County and flooding in the area, Judge Schawe made the motion, second by Commissioner Munoz to recess until 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Meeting called back to order by Judge Schawe with all members present.

2015.05.26.01 **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.

Rev. Randall Frye, First Christian Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

2015.05.26.02 **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.** (Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible).

Judge Schawe led all present in the Pledge to both flags.

2015.05.26.03 **Announcements.** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Commissioner Munoz announced that the Memorial Service at the cemetery was very touching and commended Dave Francis for what he did. Also, tomorrow (May 27th) at 10:00 a.m., Rep. John Cyrier is having a resolution read for Liz McGinty who was very involved in the community. Commissioner Munoz also commended all the First Responders, Volunteer Firefighters, Martin Ritchey, American Red Cross, and all volunteers who helped with the floods in the area. **Commissioner Moses** also commended VFD and Martin Ritchey for all they did. He also thanked the Unit Road Dept., Luling Fire Dept., Luling Police Dept., EMS and the Sheriff's Dept. for being on hand during the flooding. **Commissioner Madrigal** thanked Martin Ritchey for working with the Firefighters and volunteers for their actions evacuating people from their homes with no casualties. **Commissioner Roland** thanked all emergency helpers and the Unit Road Dept. for all their hard work. **Commissioner Madrigal** also thanked Dwight Jeffery and all his crew for the work that they did. **Judge Schawe** commented that one positive for him was seeing how everyone from state and county levels to volunteers how they came together for endless hours to get the job done. He could not thank Martin Ritchey enough for all he did.

been in contact with FEMA.

Martin Ritchey commented that there were hundreds of volunteers over the past few weeks and past few days who worked tirelessly to help rescue and evacuate people. There were a number of rain events this month with resources being sent out to Hays Co. and Bastrop Co. in weeks prior to Caldwell County flooding. On Friday, plans were made with the Fire Chiefs and swift water rescue to come up with a plan of attack and implementation of that plan. Surrounding counties played a big part in getting real time weather reports together to make decisions to evacuate. Without all these teams working together to evacuate people along the river there would have been great loss of lives. Fifty to sixty emergency rescues, including helicopters, were made. There were 330,000 people who went to the Facebook page for information, some as far away as Australia, to offer prayers and support. This recovery will be long and deep. The County and State have been declared a disaster. The next steps will be recovery and damages assessed for the county and state. Before he left, Martin recommended leaving the burn ban off.

2015.05.26.04

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).

Analota E. McDonald, Country Glen Subdivision, asked Commissioners Court to include them in their disaster relief program. She addressed the court about prior flooding in the subdivision in 1985-1986 after which a berm was added. This subdivision is not in the river plain. After the flood of 1998 the berm is no longer working. Ms. McDonald asked the court for assistance with repairing the berm or water drainage issues.

Cory McDonald, Country Glen Subdivision, spoke to the court about the 10 ft. County easement in the back of the property that could allow the County access to relieve some problems. He spoke of concerns with the Walton Group adding a subdivision next to the County Glenn Subdivision and the drainage issues it will create. Minor things could be done to make major improvements. Any help would be appreciated.

water shed of Caldwell County and any implementation for storm water.

Pete Islas, Country Glen Subdivision, spoke about concerns that residents had with road conditions in the subdivision. Anything the county could do would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Islas invited Commissioner Madrigal to a BBQ on Sunday to discuss these issues.

2015.05.26.05

Consent Agenda. (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion. Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be pulled for separate discussion and/or action).

A. To pay county invoices in the amount of \$174,768.38.

Motion made by Commissioner Munoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve Consent Agenda item A. All voting "Aye"

Judge Schawe noted that he is looking into the expenses for Dept. 7620-County Welfare, along with the DA, which pays for another county to file paperwork for Caldwell County State Hospital Commitments.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2015.05.26.06

Discussion/Action regarding the burn ban for Caldwell County.
Cost: None. Speaker: Commissioner Roland. Backup 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye"

2015.05.26.07

Discussion/Action to consider approval to dispose of lead paint on county - owned bridge on Oak Grove Road. **Cost: \$850.00. Speaker: Commissioner Moses. Backup 1.**

Commissioner Moses and Judge Schawe explained that the previous amount of \$850.00 was incorrect and that the State has already removed the paint.

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Munoz to spend the \$982.13 to take care of the lead paint and extra work on bridge. All voting "Aye"

...to consider a purchase or lease option of two copiers for the Human Resource Office and the Treasurer's Office. **Cost: TBD. Speaker: Judge Schawe. Backup 0.**

Copiers still need to be checked for fax server capabilities and whether to lease or purchase.

Motion made by Judge Schawe, second by Commissioner Munoz to table until next meeting, June 8, 2015. All voting "Aye"

2015.05.26.09

Discussion/Action to consider approval of Resolution No. 06-2015 authorizing application by the Sheriff's Office for the Victim's Assistance Grant for the period beginning September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. **Cost: None. Speakers: Judge Schawe/Licia Edwards. Backup 1.**

Motion made by Commissioner Munoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve Resolution No. 06-2015 authorizing application by the Sheriff's Office for the Victim's Assistance Grant for the period beginning September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. All voting "Aye"

2015.05.26.10

Discussion/Action concerning approval of an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Brite Starr Ranches on FM 86. **Cost: None. Speakers: Commissioner Moses/Kasi Miles. Backup 1.**

Kasi Miles stated the property will be subdivided into 4.138 acres out of the original 28 acres with approval letter from Tracey Bratton.

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Munoz to approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Brite Starr Ranches on FM 86. All Voting "Aye"

2015.05.26.11

Discussion/Action to authorize the County Judge to execute a License Agreement with the Lockhart Youth Pop Warner to use the Justice Center parking lot for football and cheer registration on the following Saturdays: June 06, June 20, July 11, and July 25, 2015. Hours of use are 9:00am – 12:00 noon. **Cost: None. Speaker: Commissioner Roland. Backup 0.**

Sheila Hanna, Board Member Lockhart Youth Pop Warner, explained to the court that prior locations for registration were not available due to the construction on Hwy 183 and requested Saturday, May 30th as well.

Commissioner Munoz explained to the court that he has spoken to Civil Attorney, Jordan Powell about having Lease Agreements for liability purposes for anyone who wants to use County property. **DA, Fred Weber**, stated to the court that he thinks the agreement is best practice and beneficial to both parties. This is something the county should have been doing all along.

County Pop Warner to use the Justice Center parking lot for football and cheer registration on the following Saturdays: May 30th, June 6th, June 20th, July 11th, and July 25, 2015 with the hours of use being 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All voting "Aye"

2015.05.26.12 **Discussion/Action** to consider allowing the County Treasurer's Office to utilize room 100 of the County Courthouse (old Commissioners Court room) as storage space. Cost: None. **Speakers: Commissioner Roland/Lori Rangel. Backup 1.**

Treasurer, Lori Rangel, explained to the court that due to lack of space in her new office she did not have room for two file cabinets and would like to use the old Commissioners Court room put the cabinets in. Kasi Miles, stated she did not have a problem with letting Lori use the space. Judge Schawe offered his office to the Treasurer and that he would find another office.

Motion by Commissioner Munoz, second by Commissioner Roland to allow the County Treasurer's Office to utilize room 100 of the County Courthouse (old Commissioners Court room) as storage space. All voting "Aye"

11:06 a.m. Executive Session begins.

2015.05.26.13 **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding pending and/or contemplated litigation involving Caldwell County. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court. **Speaker: Judge Schawe.**

Those present during closed session were Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Moses, Commissioner Madrigal, Commissioner Roland, Judge Schawe and District Attorney, Fred Weber.

11:12 a.m. Executive Session ends.

No action was taken in closed session.

No action taken in open court.

2015.05.26.14 **Adjournment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Munoz, second by Commissioner Moses to adjourn. All voting "Aye"

Carol Holcomb

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CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
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