

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting January 21, 2014 9:00 a.m.



TOM D. BONN County Judge  
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

ALFREDO MUÑOZ Commissioner Pct. 1  
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct. 2  
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct. 3  
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct. 4

Call Meeting to order.

- 2014.01.21.01 Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.  
Brian Dziadik-Willingham from Grace Lutheran Church opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2014.01.21.02 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 Bonn led all present in the Pledge to both Flags.
- 2014.01.21.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Commissioner Roland said that the Martin Luther King march yesterday was the largest ever. They marched from City Hall to Cedar Hall. A very diverse crowd and a great turnout.
- 2014.01.21.04 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).  
**James Greene** spoke on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church in Lockhart. It is has been on the property for many years and has worked well with the neighboring businesses maintaining the parking lot and the shared space around it. He has asked that the County considers them when the property around them is put on the market to be sold. This could hurt the church, should the agreement with the a new owner not continue, as they only own half of the parking spaces. Judge Bonn replied that he could not discuss at this time but it would be taken into consideration.
- 2014.01.21.05 Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of January 13, 2014 Minutes.  
No action taken.
- 2014.01.21.06 Consent Agenda.** (Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda to be moved to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and action).  
**A.** To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 161592218 for Mercedes Regalado, Deputy Court Clerk for JP #1 for Caldwell County in the amount of \$1,000 beginning February 11, 2014 and ending February 10, 2015.  
Cost: \$50.

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- B. To approve Caldwell County Budget Amendment #2013-03 – Unit Road Departments in the amount of \$14,528.
- C. To approve Caldwell County Budget Amendment #2013-04 – Constable Precinct #1 in the amount of \$6,000.
- D. To approve Caldwell County Budget Amendment #2013-05 – Constable Precinct #4 in the amount of \$6,000.
- E. To approve the appointment of volunteer Martin Ritchey as Caldwell County's Emergency Management Coordinator. This appointment is retroactive from January 1, 2014 due to Jimmy Parker's retirement.
- F. To approve grant applications to FEMA and State of Texas for Emergency Services Grants. FEMA will pay 75% this year (State (EMPG) will pay 50% next year.) This will allow for needed assistance to EMC of Caldwell County with management of reimbursable storm damage and mitigation projects.  
Commissioner Roland did not want to remove letter E, but did recognize Martin Ritchey for the work that he has done so far. The other members of the Court also commented on the thorough job that he has done. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.01.21.07 Reports.**

**Maintenance Report – Curtis Weber**

Curtis Weber updated all present on the progress in Luling at the Precinct 2 offices. The renovation is proceeding as planned with the A. D. A. entrance and the renovation of the interior.

**Tax Collection Report December 2013 – Larry Roberson**

Larry Roberson, Caldwell County Auditor read the Tax Collection report for the month of December 2013.

**Accident Report & Updated on Training – Captain Mike Lane**

Captain Mike Lane reported that so far, eight (8) of the Deputies had been through the Driver Safety course at the San Marcos Police Department. They had favorable feedback and when another class became available, the Sheriff's Office would send more for training.

**2014.01.21.08 Special Presentations.**

Digital Imaging Project for Caldwell County Clerk – Carol Holcomb, Carol Holcomb, County Clerk presented examples of the books from Deed Records, one that was awaiting preservation and one that had been processed by Cogniserv. Lance Gonzales of Cogniserv explained the process and answered questions that the Court had. County Auditor, Larry Roberson explained that the cost comes from the preservation fund and not from the County Clerks budget.

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**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

- 2014.01.21.09** **Discussion/Action** regarding enactment of Emergency Order Prohibition of Outdoor Burning in Caldwell County.  
Emergency Management Coordinator Martin Ritchey spoke to the Court updating the past weeks concerns in the County. He said that he had talked to a few of the Fire Chiefs and they had had expressed the need to leave the burn ban in effect, that Travis and Hays Counties had enacted theirs today. Judge Bonn had enacted the Emergency Order last Wednesday. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to leave the burn ban on at this time.
- 2014.01.21.10** **Discussion/Action** concerning a private entrance to the restroom from Judge's office in Precinct 2 located at 505 Fannin Street, Luling, Texas. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; No Action Taken.
- 2014.01.21.11** **Discussion** on purchase of 42 Dell Used Laptops in the amount of \$46,438 for the Elections Department. **Cost:** \$46,438 Mark Hinnenkamp  
Mark Hinnenkamp spoke to the Court explaining the process he had taken for estimates to purchase laptops for the elections department. Elections Administrator Pam Ohlendorf spoke to the Court and explained that after calculating, there was a need for 26 additional laptops, she has 14. The use of laptops with E-Poll would minimize chances of voter fraud as well as any mistakes or security during the elections. It would also save the elections employees when transferring data for updating the voting records and data in the registrar's office. County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that the funds for this purchase, if made, would come from Reserves. Judge Bonn said that there would be further discussion on the subject.
- 2014.01.21.12** **Discussion/Action** regarding insurance claim for county vehicle involved in November 22, 2013 accident.  
Explaining that this process is usually taken care of by TAC, County Auditor explained that Dairyland Ins. has offered the County 80% of the fair market value of the 1995 truck that was in the accident. Because of age and condition, it wasn't worth a lot. County Attorney Mack Harrison explained the situation and Motion made by Judge Bonn, second by Commissioner Roland for Mack to reply to the insurance company with the offer of 100% of fair market value and they take possession or for 80% of fair market value and the County would keep the remains of the vehicle. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.21.13** **Discussion** regarding location of County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone. Commissioner Buchholtz updates the Court and the public with the maps describing the location and the area recommended for the County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone. He updated everyone with the process that's being used and the members selected. Discussion among the court concerning the areas with wells and where there may be new drilling. Changes to the proposed area will be discussed.

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- 2014.01.21.14** **Discussion/Action** after due notice and a public hearing conducted on December 21, 2013, the Commissions Court will consider and to take possible action regarding the creation of one County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone, pursuant to 222.1071 of the Transportation Code, as well as the appointment of an Advisory Board to serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioners Court regarding such County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone, pursuant to Section 222.1072, Texas Transportation Code. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until next week. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.21.15** **Discussion/Action** to consider retaining Allison, Bass & Associates to assist in the creation and administration of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ) and preparation and submission of an Application for CETRZ Grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, pursuant to 222.1071 and Chapter 256 of the Texas Transportation Code.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal. second by Commissioner Roland to retain Allison, Bass & Associates to assist in the creation and administration of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ) and preparation and submission of an Application for CETRZ Grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, pursuant to 222.1071 and Chapter 256 of the Texas Transportation Code.  
Roll Vote: Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-No, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn-No. Motion passed.
- 2014.01.21.16** **Adjournment**  
Motion made by Judge Bonn, second by Commissioner Roland to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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TOM D. BONN, County Judge