

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting January 27, 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.

- 2014.01.27.01 Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
Pastor Rob Clopton with First Methodist Church opened the meeting.
- 2014.01.27.02 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 leads those present in the Pledge to both Flags.
- 2014.01.27.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
None
- 2014.01.27.05 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. Pay Bills in the amount of \$155,209.30 for January 21, 2014.
 - B. To approve January 13th, 16th and 21st, 2014 Commissioners' Court Minutes.
 - C. To approve the continuation of the Emergency Order Prohibition of Outdoor Burning in Caldwell County.
 - D. To approve the placement of an advertisement for a Contractor to assist Homeland Security/Emergency Management Coordinator to work on FEMA recovery efforts from the Halloween floods.
 - E. To approve the authorization of the Emergency Management Coordinator, Martin Ritchey, to work with the civil attorney to draw up an Interlocal agreement to work with the Executive Director of Plum Creek Conservation and the City of Luling elected officials to coordinate FEMA recovery efforts with one proposed contractor.
 - F. To approve the completion of 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2013 by Tina Morgan, Caldwell County District Clerk. Attached.
Commissioner Muñoz would like to have item "D" removed for discussion. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent items A, B, C, E & F. All Voting "Aye"

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2014.01.27.04 **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). Deborah Bissonnet commented on the possibility of Xeroscaping or rainwater collection or any other ways to reduce the use of water use at the new Justice Center. She also asked the Court to possibly consider creation of a team or choose a few citizens that would do a walk thru the new Justice Center. This would take place with proper safety precautions and at the milestones of the process. It would help the citizens in the County to see the bigger picture.

2014.01.27.06 **Reports.**
Greater San Marcos Partnership Report - Mike Kamerlander
Greater San Marcos Partnership President Adrianna Cruz reported on the trip to Israel in 2013, the marketing progress and the interaction with prospective groups and businesses that may move into the Central Texas area. They also discussed the water conservation processes that may be optional for the future.

2014.01.27.07 **Special Presentations. None.**

Item "D" from Consent Agenda

Discussion to hire a "Contract employee" or "temporary position" for this position will be decided at a later time. The position will be filled due to the abundance of work that it will entail. This position will work on the FEMA forms and documentation for the grant with Martin Ritchey. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to advertise for a temporary worker to assist homeland security with FEMA regarding the Halloween flood. All Voting "Aye"

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

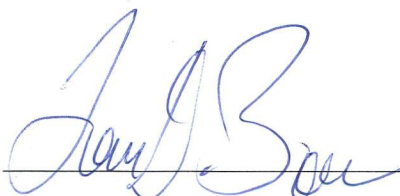
2014.01.27.08 **Discussion/Action** to approve the list of savings for the Caldwell County Judicial Center and for savings to be placed in an owner's contingency fund account. Estimated savings are: Skylight - \$8,500; Clocks - \$1,800; A/V at multi-purpose room - \$30,000; Landscape island demolition - \$8,000; Casework/Millwork - \$166,545; and Wage scale - \$99,890.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve savings of \$314,735.00 included in the list of savings for the Caldwell County Judicial Center and for savings to be placed in an owner's contingency fund account. Estimated savings are: Skylight - \$8,500; Clocks - \$1,800; A/V at multi-purpose room - \$30,000; Landscape island demolition - \$8,000; Casework/Millwork - \$166,545; and Wage scale - \$99,890. All Voting "Aye"

2014.01.27.09 **Discussion/Action** to authorize Third Party Inspection services for the Caldwell County Judicial Center Project. Les Reddin explains the requirements for the inspections and asks the court to authorize him to choose a service company. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal authorizing Third Party Inspection services for the Caldwell County Judicial Center Project. All Voting "Aye"

2014.01.27.10 **Discussion** regarding Early Voting locations for the March 4th, 2014 Primary Election. Early Voting Locations will once again be held at the Luling Civic Center, 300 East Austin St., Luling, Texas 78648, and the Caldwell County Annex building, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas. Commissioner Court meetings for Tuesday February 18, 2014 and Monday, February 24, 2014 will be relocated. Locations will be posted on the Agenda for those days.

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- 2014.01.27.11** **Discussion/Action** to amend Section 1.02 "Regular Meetings" of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum to allow an "8:00 A.M." or "8:30 A.M." work session to receive information on county issues.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to amend Section 1.02 "Regular Meetings" of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum to allow an "8:00 A.M." or "8:30 A.M." work session to receive information on county issues. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.27.12** **Discussion/Action** authorizing the County Auditor to sell as surplus property the county's Genie S-85 telescopic boom aerial platform lift and the county's Load Meter truck scales as allowed by Local Government Code Chapter 263, subchapter D.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal authorizing the County Auditor to sell as surplus property the county's Genie S-85 telescopic boom aerial platform lift and the county's Load Meter truck scales as allowed by Local Government Code Chapter 263, subchapter D. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.27.13** **Discussion** regarding location of County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone.
Commissioner Buchholtz reported the progress that has been made with the creation of the Reinvestment Zone. Commissioner Roland said that he had spoken with Mr. Bass. They presented a map that showed the zone that has been established and that if necessary to add a new zone, it could be at a later time. The importance was to create a zone to begin with and apply for the grant on schedule.
- 2014.01.27.14** **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 Roland to approve the Caldwell County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone #1 as outlined on our map. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.27.15** **Discussion/Action** to approve Application for County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program and 10% cost to Caldwell County.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Application for County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program and 10% cost to Caldwell County. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.27.16** **Discussion/Action** to allow the county treasurer's office to learn all aspects of the hardware of the county auditor's office concerning finance.
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to table this item until next meeting. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.01.27.17** **Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"

 TOM D. BONN, County Judge