

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting March 17, 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.

- 2014.03.17.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.
Pastor James Green from First Presbyterian Church opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2014.03.17.02 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.
- 2014.03.17.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Judge Bonn told everyone that he had performed his first double ring ceremony this past Saturday.
- 2014.03.17.04 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).
Pastor James Greene spoke to the Court concerning the right of way and use of the parking lot between the Church and the Judicial Center on Commerce St. He said that the past bodies of County Government had made verbal agreements with the Church, who owned half of the parking lot. He would like for the County to discuss this with whoever considers purchase of the building that is presently the Judicial Center.
- 2014.03.17.05 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. To approve of Commissioners Court Minutes for March 10th, 2014.
 - B. To designate \$155,285 of Caldwell County Judicial Center owner's contingency fund to pay for the following: technology package (\$92,870), courtroom seating (\$59,340), and fire alarm annunciation device (\$3,075). This will not affect the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Judicial Center.
Commissioner Muñoz would like to have item "B" moved out of Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Consent Agenda item "A". All Voting "Aye"

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2014.03.17.06

Reports.

Federal Inmate Report – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson submitted three pages to the Court and gave update on the Federal Inmate Report for February 2014.

General Fund Operating Statement – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the General Fund Operating Statement for four months ending January 31, 2014.

Sales Tax Report – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the Monthly Sales Tax Collection Report.

Tax Collection Report – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson read the Tax Collection Report for February 2014.

Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey

Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffrey presented the Unit Road System Report for the month of February. He updated the Court and those present on the bridge repairs that will begin soon.

Veteran's Officer Report – David Francis

Veterans Service Office David Francis updated the Court on the activities in his office for the month of February 2014.

Accident Report – Sheriff Daniel Law

N/A *NO SHOW*

2014.03.17.07

Special Presentations. None.

Consent Agenda item B.

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Les Reddin explained the designation of funds and answered the questions from the Court. There will be an example of the Courtroom Seating for them to see presented at the update meeting next Monday. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve designation of \$155,285 of Caldwell County Judicial Center owner's contingency fund to pay for the following: technology package (\$92,870), courtroom seating (\$59,340), and fire alarm annunciation device (\$3,075). This will not affect the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Judicial Center. All Voting "Aye"

Judge Bonn moved this item forward. It was discussed during the report from Dwight Jeffrey and previously by Commissioners Court. The Budget Amendment is awaiting approval.

2014.03.17.11

Discussion/Action to discuss and approve Budget Amendment #7 for the payment of \$118,135 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the culvert replacement on Oak Grove Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Budget Amendment #7 for the payment of \$118,135 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the culvert replacement on Oak Grove Road. All Voting "Aye"

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(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2014.03.17.08 EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 for consultation with attorneys regarding *Katharina Harper v. Caldwell County*; Cause Number 1:10-CV-00631 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. No action will be taken in executive session.

Executive Session: 9:29 a.m.

Executive Session ends and meeting reconvenes: 10:05 a.m.

2014.03.17.09 Discussion/action regarding *Katharina Harper v. Caldwell County*; Cause Number 1:10-CV-00631 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. No Action Taken

2014.03.17.10 Discussion/Action to review and approve annual audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. Lewis Crain reviewed the data from the annual audit and answered questions from the Court. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. All Voting "Aye"

2014.03.17.12 Discussion/Action regarding Burn Ban declared on January 15, 2014 for Caldwell County. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to leave the Burn Ban off at this time. All Voting "Aye" Commissioner Roland asks the newspapers to please encourage the public to use safety while burning, due to the high winds even though we are getting a little rain in the area.

2014.03.17.13 Adjournment
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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