

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting June 23, 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.

- 2014.06.23.01** **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.
The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
- 2014.06.23.02** **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.
- 2014.06.23.03** **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
***Caldwell County has the approval from TXDOT to commence construction
on the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.***
Commissioner Buchholtz invited everyone to attend the Luling Watermelon
Thump this weekend. Commissioner Madrigal also looks forward to the event.
Commissioner Roland was pleased about the turnout for the events held for
celebration of Juneteenth. Judge Bonn spoke about the upcoming opening of a
Blacks BBQ in Austin.
- 2014.06.23.04** **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).
Speaking on behalf of EPICC. They have concerns about the contamination of
water supplies that may be harmed with the incoming of the landfill. There is also
concerns about the GBRA having control of the Wetlands.
- 2014.06.23.05** **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 \$268,198.66 for June 23rd, 2014.
- B.** To approve Commissioners Court Minutes for June 16th, 2014.
- Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to
approve Consent Agenda item A& B. All Voting "Aye"

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2014.06.23.06

Reports.

Building Maintenance Report – Curtis Weber

Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber gave the report for May 2014. He spoke about the concerns and work that has been done to deter the pigeons and other projects that have begun.

Emergency Management Report – Martin Ritchey

Martin Ritchey gave the Emergency Management Report for May. He spoke about the swift water rescue on May 27, 2014. Martin spoke about the forecast for the next week and warned to “turn around don’t drown.”

Environmental Investigator Report – Mike Bittner

Mike Bittner is in training today. The report will be given at a later date.

Human Resources Report – Deborah Kortan

Deborah Kortan gave the Court a copy of her report. She spoke about the continuance of the new Employee Manual and will be meeting with Judge Bonn this week to discuss it. Deborah explained the planning of a County Health Fair and the Countywide Wellness Programs that are to be kicked off before the open enrollment in September.

IT Report – Mark Hinnenkamp

Report was not given.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Report – Carissa Wilhelm & Michael Haynes

Carissa Wilhelm gave the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Report for May 2014 and talked about the plans for the near future and the events that have taken place in June.

2014.06.23.07

Special Presentations. None.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2014.06.23.08

Discussion/Action regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to leave the burn ban off. All Voting “Aye”

2014.06.23.09

Discussion/Action to approve a joint transfer of the H.T. Wright Memorial Park from Caldwell County and City of Lockhart to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust. Jeff Crosby spoke to the Court and discussed the transfer of the wetland to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust. He discussed educational opportunities and other possibilities for the area.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve a joint transfer of the H.T. Wright Memorial Park from Caldwell County and City of Lockhart to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust.

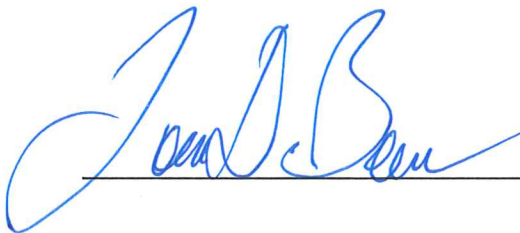
Roll Call Vote- Precinct 1-Yes, Precinct 2-Yes, Precinct 3-Yes, Precinct 4-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes. Motion Passed

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- 2014.06.23.10** **Discussion/Action** to approve a Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property located off FM 1386. (William J. Sneed Survey A-265) (Applicant: Rachel Lake)
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve a Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property located off FM 1386, for applicant Rachel Lake. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.11** **Discussion/Action** to review and approve the design and coordination of the driveway and parking area associated with the added property south of the future Caldwell County Judicial Center.
Motion made by commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the design and coordination of the driveway and parking area associated with the added property south of the future Caldwell County Judicial Center at a cost of \$29,350.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.12** **Discussion** to review and approve color selection for the new Judicial Service Center.
Architect Robert Steinbomer shows the color schemes that were chosen for the Courtrooms and the other offices at the new Judicial Center. They were agreed upon previously and the materials have been delivered now.
- 2014.06.23.13** **Discussion/Action** concerning the name of the New Judicial Center located at 1703 South Colorado Street, Lockhart Texas.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve "Caldwell County Justice Center" for the name of then new Caldwell County Judicial Center located at 1703 South Colorado Street, Lockhart Texas. All Commissioner's Voting "Aye". Judge Bonn "Opposed" Motion Passed.
- 2014.06.23.14** **Discussion/Action** to approve a list of roadway projects utilizing SH 130 Concession Payments allocated to Caldwell County by the Texas Transportation Commission in February 2013.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve a list of roadway projects utilizing SH 130 Concession Payments allocated to Caldwell County by the Texas Transportation Commission in February 2013. Friendly amendment offered by Judge Bonn and accepted by Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Muñoz for the Caldwell County roads paving projects to be completed first and the residual money to be used for the construction feasibility/environmental impact. The Yarrington Road extension and the FM 150 extension will be extensions into Caldwell County. Roll Call Vote- Precinct 1-Yes, Precinct 2, Precinct 3-Yes, Precinct 4-Yes, Judge Bonn- Yes. Motion Passed.
- 2014.06.23.15** **Discussion/Action** to approve hiring either Kelly Hart or Scanlan, Buckle & Young for conducting a takings impact assessment regarding proposed amendments Section 4.1 (E), Section 4.1 (G), Section 4.1 (G) Second bullet, Section 4.1 (G) Third Bullet and Section G.1 APPENDIX G for development ordinance. **Cost:** Not to exceed \$4,725
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to hire Scanlan, Buckle & Young for conducting a takings impact assessment regarding proposed amendments Section 4.1 (E), Section 4.1 (G), Section 4.1 (G) Second bullet, Section 4.1 (G) Third Bullet and Section G.1 APPENDIX G for development ordinance. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2014.06.23.16** **Discussion/Action** regarding the use of the remaining balance of funds from the proceeds of the 2010 Certificate of Obligation.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to move to use the remaining balance of funds of the 2010 Certificate of Obligation, that we get the specs brought back to the Court for approval, on July 14, 2014, for the roof over the old jail that is used for storage and finish the Precinct 2 job that is in progress. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.17** **Discussion/Action** concerning disposition of retired EMS ambulance that is currently parked at the Unit Road Department.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to transfer the vehicle from Unit Road property to Emergency Management. Judge Bonn asked Martin Ritchey to keep the Commissioner's Court advised with the status of the vehicle and how it will be used for Emergency Management. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.18** **Discussion/Action** to increase travel advance amount to employees when traveling for training from \$100.00 to \$200.00.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to increase travel advance amount to employees when traveling for training from \$100.00 to \$200.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.19** **Discussion** concerning salaries for elected County and Precinct offices to be posted in the newspaper pursuant to §152.013 of the Local Government Code. No vote will be taken as this is a discussion only item.
Judge Bonn discussed an across the board raise for Elected & Non-Elected County employees but no amounts were discussed since the budget is still being worked on. It will not be determined from the 5-year plan. County Auditor Larry Roberson stated that the newspaper posting would be set for July 1, 2014.
- 2014.06.23.20** **Discussion/Action** to adopt .05 mile of Old Lockhart Road between Caldwell-Travis county line and State Highway 21 and bring it into the county road system.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to reinstate the .05 mile of Old Lockhart Road between Caldwell-Travis county line and State Highway 21 into the county road system. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.21** **Discussion/Action** concerning Civil District Attorney/Commissioners Court.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to table this item until July 14, 2014. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.06.23.22** **Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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