

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting September 15, 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.**

- 2014.09.15.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.  
Pastor Viola Lee opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2014.09.15.02 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.
- 2014.09.15.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Commissioner Roland said that he had also attended the conference that Commissioner Buchholtz had attended and was notified that he had won a printer for his office.
- 2014.09.15.04 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).  
No Speakers
- 2014.09.15.04 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 Commissioners Court Minutes for September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - B. To approve new carpet for Juvenile Probation department, 202 E. San Antonio Street.  
**Cost: \$8,767.00.**
  - C. To approve the revised Engineering Consultant Selection Process as requested by TxDOT.
  - D. To authorize the County Judge to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) to contract for consultant engineering services for design of the four county road projects approved by TxDOT for upgrading with SH 130 Concession Funds and to establish a consultant evaluation and selection committee.
- Commissioner Muñoz would like to have items B, C, & D moved from Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve item "A" on Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.09.15.05 Reports.**  
Federal Inmate Report – Larry Roberson  
Larry Roberson gave the Federal Inmate Report for August.

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General Fund Operating Statement – Larry Roberson  
Larry Roberson reported the General Fund Operating Statement for the month ending July 2014.

Sales Tax Report – Larry Roberson  
Larry Roberson gave the Sales Tax Report for August 2014.

Tax Collection Report – Larry Roberson  
Larry Roberson gave the Tax Collection Report for August 2014.

Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey  
Dwight Jeffrey gave the Unit Road Systems Report for August 2014.

San Marcos River Fest – Labor Day weekend – Martin Ritchey  
Martin Ritchey gave a presentation of the participation of County employees and a number of volunteers that attended the San Marcos River Fest on Labor Day weekend. He thanked all that participated and told the Court that the monetary cost to the County could have been between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

**2014.09.15.08 Discussion/Action regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County.**

Martin Ritchey spoke about the weather conditions expected for this week but still advised the Court to keep the Burn Ban in effect. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to leave the Burn Ban on. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.09.15.07 Special Presentations. None.**

**2014.09.15.05 Consent Agenda items continued:**

- B.** To approve new carpet for Juvenile Probation department, 202 E. San Antonio Street.  
**Cost: \$8,767.00.**  
County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that these funds would be used out of the same Certificate of Obligation that is being used for the Luling Precinct office.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve new carpet for Juvenile Probation department, 202 E. San Antonio Street at a cost of \$8,767.00. All Voting "Aye"
- C.** To approve the revised Engineering Consultant Selection Process as requested by TxDOT.  
Michael Aulick explained that the revision is the bolded underlined sentence in first paragraph. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the revised Engineering Consultant Selection Process as requested by TxDOT. Friendly amendment made by Commissioner Madrigal to include the sentence into the motion. It was accepted. All Voting "Aye"
- D.** To authorize the County Judge to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) to contract for consultant engineering services for design of the four county road projects approved by TxDOT for upgrading with SH 130 Concession Funds and to establish a consultant evaluation and selection committee.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. All four Commissioners Voting "Aye. Judge Bonn opposed. Motion Passed

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

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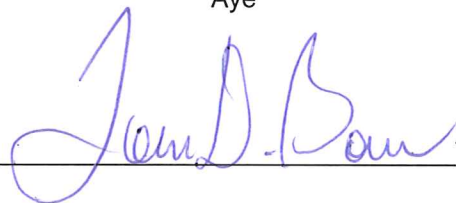
- 2014.09.15.09 Discussion/Action** to open bids for Aggregate, Asphalt Materials, Flexible Base, Fuel (Regular Unleaded and #2 Diesel), Oil & Lubricants for the budget year 2014-2015. Judge Bonn opened the bids and read them aloud. He commented that it seemed that there were more than usual. County Auditor Larry Roberson and Unit Road Administrator Dwight Jeffrey will review the bids and return to Commissioners Court on September 22.
- 2014.09.15.10 Discussion/Action** to approve use of the property around the Scott Annex building for display of gardening vegetables, flowers, and possible rain collection units. Funding provided by Master Gardner Chapter. Michael Haynes spoke about the generous endowments recently. He reported that with the recent endowments that Caldwell County has been given, were the highest amount in the State of Texas. With help from the Master Gardner Chapter, they would like to use the property around the Scott Annex building for display of gardening vegetables, flowers, and possible rain collection units. He also spoke of using native Texas plants in front of the new Justice Center. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve use of the property around the Scott Annex building for display of gardening vegetables, flowers, and possible rain collection units. All Voting "Aye" Commissioner Roland commented that he thought it would be a great idea. Commissioner Roland asked Michael to speak with the City of Lockhart to ensure any permits that may be needed. County Attorney Mack Harrison asked that before any work was done, that plans would be brought back to Commissioner Court for approval. Michael agreed.
- 2014.09.15.11 Discussion/Action** to approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form ) for Hinds Acres. (3.0 acres out of the James Hinds Survey A-14). Kasi Miles told the Court that all fees have been paid and the engineering consultant has given approval. It was only waiting for Commissioner Court approval. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form ) for Hinds Acres. (3.0 acres out of the James Hinds Survey A-14). All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.09.15.12 Discussion/Action** to pay Nick Dornak a stipend of \$500 per month effective fiscal year 2014-15 starting 10/1/14 to administer the Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force with the provision that any grants or donations awarded to or solicited by Mr. Dornak on behalf of the Task force will be issued to Caldwell County and utilized by the County to (1) offset the cost of the stipend, and (2) support continued implementation of the Caldwell County Feral Hog Action Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to pay Nick Dornak a stipend of \$500 per month effective fiscal year 2014-15 starting 10/1/14 to administer the Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force with the provision that any grants or donations awarded to or solicited by Mr. Dornak on behalf of the Task force will be issued to Caldwell County and utilized by the County to (1) offset the cost of the stipend, and (2) support continued implementation of the Caldwell County Feral Hog Action Plan. A friendly amendment from Judge Bonn was accepted that Nick would keep a time sheet for the hours spent on the Hogout Program. It would be submitted to the auditor. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.09.15.13 Discussion/Action** to post notice for a public hearing for the consideration of setting a specified speed limit on County Road 172 in Lytton Springs. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to set a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on October 13, 2014 for the consideration of lowering the speed limit on County Road 172 in Lytton Springs to 30 mph. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.09.15.14 Discussion** regarding update on the status of appraisal report from Menn & Associates for the tax office at 100 E. Market Street and the judicial center at 201 E. San Antonio Street as approved at commissioners court on July 28, 2014. County Auditor Larry Roberson reported that he spoke to Mr. Menn this past week. The appraisal report for the tax office has been prepared but he is still waiting for the report on the County Judicial Center.

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**2014.09.15.15 Discussion/Action** to suspend all pay raises until we can get an official document in writing by the Sheriff that will not negatively affect our 2014-2015 budget.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to table this item until the meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.09.15.16 Adjournment**  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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