

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
City of Lockhart, Glosserman Room,  
308 West San Antonio Street  
Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting October 20, 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

- 2014.10.20.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.  
Pastor Bryan Dziadik-Willingham with Grace Lutheran Church opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2014.10.20.02 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.
- 2014.10.20.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Commissioner Muñoz reminded everyone about the 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off, Auction and Gun Raffle on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Delhi Community Center. It is at 4:00 p.m.  
Commissioner Roland said that on Sunday he had visited a new church and the pastor reminded citizens to vote, but told them incorrect voting rules. Commissioner Roland reminded everyone to turn the ballots over even if you vote straight ticket, because on the other side there may be non-party contests.
- 2014.10.20.04 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.
- 2014.10.20.05 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 Commissioners Court Minutes for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
Motion made by Judge Bonn second by Commissioner Roland to table Consent Agenda for lack of dialogue until the next meeting. All Voting "Aye"
- Judge Bonn recognized Judge Blomerth in the Court. He was accompanied by members of Adult Probation.
- 2014.10.20.20 Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution #17-2014 regarding the Acceptance of Grant #2667602 from the Criminal Justice Division for funding of the Caldwell County Challenge Court.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Resolution #17-2014 regarding the Acceptance of Grant #2667602 from the Criminal Justice Division for funding of the Caldwell County Challenge Court. All Voting "Aye"

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**2014.10.20.06 Reports.**

Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey

Dwight Jeffrey gave the Unit Road Systems Report thru the ending of September 2014.

Veterans Report – David Francis

David Francis gave the Veterans Report for August & September 2014. He reported that the decisions during this time seem to be primarily positive. Judge Bonn thanked him for his work.

Update on Status of County Surplus Property – Curtis Weber

Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber stated that there would be an opportunity to view the surplus at the Juvenile Probation office on October 31, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted until November 7, 2014, 5:00 p.m. This will be advertised in local newspapers for 2 weeks and opened in Commissioner Court on Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Federal Inmate Report

County Auditor Larry Roberson gave the Federal Inmate Report. He asked the Court to read the e-mail that he sent to them. He will not be attending the Commissioner Court meetings for reports anymore. There are end of the year audits and other responsibilities in his office to be attended to.

General Fund Operating Statement

County Auditor Larry Roberson gave the General Fund Operating Statement.

Sales Tax Report

County Auditor Larry Roberson gave the Sales Tax Report.

Tax Collection Report

County Auditor Larry Roberson gave the Tax Collection Report.

**2014.10.20.07 Special Presentations. None.**

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**2014.10.20.08 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"

**2014.10.20.09 Discussion/Action** to consider approval of two invoices for the brush truck repairs and the purchase of a fire tanker truck per the contract with the City of Luling to be disbursed through 2013-2014 fiscal year budget.

County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that he had become aware of the invoice at the beginning of the month. He also recommended that the contract between the City of Luling and the County be reviewed since it has been in effect for 30 years. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve two invoices for the brush truck repairs and the purchase of a fire tanker truck per the contract with the City of Luling to be disbursed through 2013-2014 fiscal year budget in the amount \$70,084.08. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2014.10.20.10 Discussion/Action** to approve budget amendment #2014-01 to amend/increase Veteran Service Officer's budget by \$500, adding new line item for purposes of emergency shelter for homeless veteran(s).  
David Francis explained what had arisen with a Veteran this past month and why he was approaching the Court with this request. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve budget amendment #2014-01 to amend/increase Veteran Service Officer's budget by \$500, adding new line item for purposes of emergency shelter for homeless veteran(s). All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.20.11 Discussion/Action** to approve budget amendment #2014-02 for Constable #3 used vehicle not to exceed \$5,000.  
The purchase of a vehicle would be to replace the 1998 Crown Victoria that is inoperable. It will be sold at auction. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve budget amendment #2014-02 for Constable #3 used vehicle not to exceed \$5,000. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.20.12 Discussion/Action** to approve budget amendment #2014-03 for the funds for thirteen (13) two-way communications enhancements to the Caldwell County Judicial Center for the Sheriff's office, not to exceed \$56,036.50.  
Judge Bonn said that he had contacted Jim Allison with the question of "can the 800 MGZ radios be purchased with the confiscated seizure funds?" The answer is "Yes", they can be. Judge Bonn asked Chief Deputy David Brent if he had any reply from the Sheriff concerning the purchase. He replied that he did not. Motion made by Judge Bonn, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve budget amendment for the funds for (10) two-way 800MGZ and for the Sheriff's office to pay for the (3) remaining radios from the confiscated seizure funds. Commissioner Roland said that the decision could not be made for the Sheriff. Commissioner Buchholtz and Judge Bonn voting "Aye", Commissioners Muñoz, Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland Voting "No". Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve budget amendment #2014-03 for the funds for thirteen (13) two-way communications enhancements to the Caldwell County Judicial Center for the Sheriff's office, not to exceed \$56,036.50. Commissioner Muñoz, Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland Voting "Aye" Commissioner Buchholtz and Judge Bonn Voting "No"
- 2014.10.20.13 Discussion/Action** to consider approval of repairs to the main power breaker at Scott Annex and adding appropriate connections for backup generator.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item. Motion and second was withdrawn. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve repairs not to exceed \$25,000.00 to the circuit box, transfer switch and installation to have the building operational. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.20.14 Discussion/Action** to consider approval of change order for additional work to be done at 505 Fannin building, Luling for a total amount of \$17,375.  
Commissioner Madrigal asked the auditor if it was required by statute to rebid if work was changed. Larry Roberson said that if done with change order, no rebid was necessary, if it was stopped and restarted later, a rebid would have to be done. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to not approve the change order for additional work to be done at 505 Fannin building, Luling for a total amount of \$17,375. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.20.15 Discussion/Action** to consider approval for a new John Deere Z915B gas lawn mower for maintenance department at a cost of \$6,150. **Cost:** \$6,150  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the purchase for a new John Deere Z915B gas lawn mower for maintenance department at a cost of \$6,150. Commissioner Muñoz, Commissioner Madrigal, and Commissioner Roland Voting "Aye". Commissioner Buchholtz and Judge Bonn Voting "No"

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- 2014.10.20.16 Discussion/Action** concerning the petition to pave Oak Trail Drive (CR 400)  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table indefinitely.  
All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.20.17 Discussion/Action** to approve interlocal agreement for subdivision regulation within  
extraterritorial jurisdiction of City of San Marcos.  
Commissioner Madrigal is concerned with the details in the contract. He would like to have  
someone representing the City of San Marcos appear in Court to answer some of the questions  
and clarify items. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Judge Bonn to table until  
November 27, 2014 and for Mack Harrison to contact the City of San Marcos to send a  
representative from their office to answer some questions concerning the agreement. All Voting  
"Aye"
- 2014.10.20.18 Discussion/Action** to authorize Nick Dornak and county auditor to seek bids and approve the  
sale of a 40' feral hog drop net system. Proceeds from the sale to be applied to future costs  
associate with the Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Judge Bonn to authorize the County Auditor  
to seek bids and approve the sale of a 40' feral hog drop net system. Proceeds from the sale to  
be applied to future costs associated with the Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force. All Voting  
"Aye"
- 2014.10.20.19 Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution #16-2014 to designate the main entrance of the new  
Caldwell County Judicial Center, located at 1703 S. Colorado St., Lockhart, Texas 78644, as the  
location for posting public notices and holding public sales of real property.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Judge Bonn to approve Resolution #16-  
2014 to designate the main entrance of the new Caldwell County Judicial Center, located at  
1703 S. Colorado St., Lockhart, Texas 78644, as the location for posting public notices and  
holding public sales of real property. All Voting "Aye" Commissioner Buchholtz discussed  
keeping the posting at the Courthouse but County Clerk Carol Holcomb explained that this would  
be more convenient for the citizens to have it at the new Justice Center.
- 2014.10.20.21 Discussion** regarding mailbox identification for the Caldwell County Justice Center.  
None of the stakeholders had voiced any concerns. No Action Taken.
- 2014.10.20.22 Adjournment**  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All  
Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge