

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting November 10, 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

Commissioner Roland arrived @ 8:35 a.m.

8:30 A.M.

WORKSHOP (No Action): Report from program manager on remodeling of the new Caldwell County Judicial and Service Center. No action will be taken at this time. Project Manager Les Reddin showed slides and reviewed the progress that has taken place the past two weeks. The project is at 95% complete and the Certificate of Occupancy is expected to be received on November 17, 2014.

Commissioner Madrigal arrived @ 8:55

Call Meeting to order.

Judge welcomes everyone to the meeting today.

- 2014.11.10.01** **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.
Pastor Rob Clopton with First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2014.11.10.02** **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.
- 2014.11.10.03** **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Judge Bonn announced a few times and locations for the Veterans Day gatherings for Tuesday. He asked for everyone to keep Marie Cavanaugh's daughter in prayer as she was undergoing surgery. Commissioner Roland thanked God. Commissioner Madrigal said "Amen" to that. Commissioner Buchholtz congratulated Eddie Moses for winning the election for Commissioner Precinct 2, beginning January. He also congratulated Commissioner Roland for being re-elected and Kenneth Shawe for being elected County Judge.
- 2014.11.10.04** **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
- 2014.11.10.05** **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 \$845,689.08 for November 10th, 2014.
 - B. To approve Commissioners Court Minutes for October 27th and October 31st, 2014.
 - C. To approve Invoice #213 for October 2014 timesheet for Les Reddin, LongLife Projects in the amount of \$8,700 for the Justice Service Center project management work.

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- D. To approve Application and Certificate for Payment #10 for Braun and Butler Construction in the amount of \$602,799.70 for the Caldwell County Justice Center.
- E. To approve Invoice #9 from Aulick & Associates in the amount of \$4,125 (33 hours at \$125/hour) for consultant services for the period of October 1st – 31st, 2014, regarding transportation projects for Caldwell County.
- Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the Consent Agenda items A-E. All Voting "Aye"

2014.11.10.06 Reports.

Elections Department Report – Pamela Ohlendorf

Pamela Ohlendorf reported that combined with early voting, there were a total of 8992 votes. Judge Bonn congratulates all of the winning candidates. Commissioner Madrigal thanks Pamela and her office for all the hard work that they have put in.

Septic and Subdivision Report – Kasi Miles

Kasi Miles gave the report for Septic and Subdivision. She gave a more detailed report to explain the growth in the County. The report covered October 2013 thru September 2014. Kasi added that there will be 6 subdivisions coming before the Court to finalize this year. The growth will be substantial in Precinct 3 and 4.

Treasurer's Report – Lori Rangel

County Treasurer Lori Rangel gave the report prepared for reports ending September 30, 2014

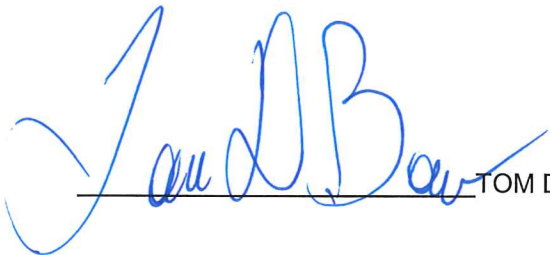
2014.11.10.07 Special Presentations. None.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 2014.11.10.08 Discussion/Action** to open bids on ten (10) lots of salvaged property advertised for sale. The court may accept or reject any or all bidders.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to authorize the Maintenance department to dispose of the 10 lots of property. All Voting "Aye" The computer equipment and any hazardous material will be taken to a recycle that accepts it.
- 2014.11.10.09 Discussion/Action** to open bids one (1) 40' feral hog drop net system advertised for sealed bids. The court may accept or reject any or all bidders.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to accept the bid from Texas Wildlife Damage Management for the amount of \$4,000.00 for one (1) 40' feral hog drop net system. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.10 Discussion** on the completed audit of the treasurer's office and the non-submittal of court fees collected but not paid to the state as required by statute.
County Auditor Larry Roberson explains that his office has discovered approximately \$259,000 in fees for FTA and Civil Judicial Fees that have not been paid to the state for over 9 years. It was discovered since the implementation of the new software system. He has contacted the State and sent a copy of the report. His goal is to try and get even and come to an understanding to settle it. The fees can be paid from the excess fund balance reserve from last year's budget.
- 2014.11.10.11 Discussion/Action** to approve action item #17 regarding movers cost to provide maintenance on critical equipment through Braun & Butler for the new Justice Center not to exceed \$14,983.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve action item #17 regarding movers cost to provide moving services through Braun & Butler for the new Justice Center not to exceed \$14,983. All Voting "Aye" This will be from the owners contingency fund.

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- 2014.11.10.12 Discussion/Action** to cancel the November 24th, 2014 Commissioners Court due to time constraints occurring because of the Thanksgiving holiday.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the cancellation of the November 24th, 2014 Commissioners Court due to time constraints occurring because of the Thanksgiving holiday. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.13 Discussion/Action** to cancel the December 22nd, 2014 Commissioners Court due to time constraints occurring because of the Christmas holiday.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz approving the cancellation of the December 22nd, 2014 Commissioners Court meeting due to time constraints occurring because of the Christmas holiday. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.14 Discussion/Action** to authorize the County Auditor to pay necessary bills for November and December as a result of cancellation of the November 24th, 2014 and December 22nd, 2014 meetings because of time constraints for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to authorize the County Auditor to pay necessary bills for November and December as a result of cancellation of the November 24th, 2014 and December 22nd, 2014 meetings because of time constraints for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.15 Discussion/Action** to hold commissioners court in the 2nd floor courtroom at the Caldwell County courthouse, 110 S. Main Street, Lockhart, Texas, on Monday, November 17th or Monday, December 8th, 2014.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to hold commissioners court in the 2nd floor courtroom at the Caldwell County Courthouse, 110 S. Main Street, Lockhart, Texas, on Monday, December 8th, 2014. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.16 Discussion/Action** concerning in the 2nd floor courtroom in the Caldwell County courthouse. **Cost:** TBD; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn/Bob Karasch/Pat Horn; **Backup:** 1.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to have both speakers return and advise the court on sound and audio issues before the December 8th meeting. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.17 Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County.
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to the leave the Burn Ban off at this time. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.11.10.18 Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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