

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting April 21, 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.

- 2014.04.21.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.
Pastor James Greene with Lockhart Presbyterian opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2014.04.21.02 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.
- 2014.04.21.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Buchholtz reminds everyone that today is San Jacinto Day, the day that Texas won its independence in 1836. Judge Bonn says it will be remembered at the American Legion hall later in the evening.
- 2014.04.21.04 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). Susan Stewart has concerns about the proposed options to control the traffic in downtown Luling. There are two options, one for a beltway around Luling and the second is for an overpass thru town. She feels that both will bring negative economic impact to the downtown businesses. She asked the Court to consider other options when discussing this in the workshop.
- 2014.04.21.05 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 April 14th, 2014.
 - B. To approve successful completion of Continuing Education by the County Treasurers' Association of Texas for Caldwell County Treasurer, Lori Rangel.

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- C. To approve successful completion of Continuing Education by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Caldwell County Commissioner, Precinct 4 – Joe Roland.
- D. To approve Invoice #1 from Aulick & Associates in the amount of \$1,000 (8 hours at \$125/hour) for consultant services for the period of February 24th – 28th, 2014, regarding transportation projects for Caldwell County.
- E. To approve Invoice #2 from Aulick & Associates in the amount of \$5,000 (40 hours at \$125/hour) for consultant services for the period of March 1st – 31st, 2014, regarding transportation projects for Caldwell County
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Consent Agenda items A thru E. All Voting “Aye”

2014.04.21.06 Reports.

Federal Inmate Report – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the Federal Inmate Report. It was through March 2014. It is at a deficit for the 2013-2014 budget at this time.

General Fund Operating Statement – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the General Fund Operating Statement. It was for five months ending February 2014.

Sales Tax Report – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the Sales Tax Report for the Caldwell County Appraisal District. It was through March 2014.

Tax Collection Report – Larry Roberson

County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the Tax Collection Report for March 2014.

Vending Machine Collection Report – Larry Roberson

No report given.

Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey

Unit Road Administrator Dwight Jeffrey presented the Unit Road report for the month of March 2014.

Veterans Officer Report – David Francis

David Francis presented the Veterans Service Report for the Month of March 2014.

2014.04.21.07 Special Presentations. None.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2014.04.21.08 Discussion/Action regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County.

Martin Ritchey briefed the Court on the expected and current weather conditions for this week. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to leave the Burn Ban off at this time. All Voting “Aye”

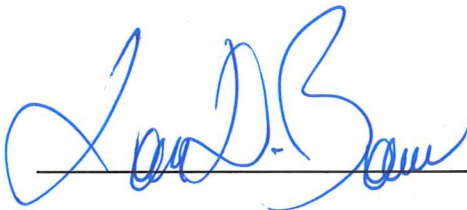
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2014.04.21.09 Discussion/Action to approve design and artwork for grand hallway floor of new Caldwell County Judicial Center not to exceed \$18,500 (originally budgeted at \$34,150). This will not affect the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Judicial Center. **Cost: \$18,500**
Project Manager Les Reddin showed the Court a few examples of recommended ceramic artwork for the new Judicial System project. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz, to approve waterjet design and artwork for grand hallway floor of new Caldwell County Judicial Center not to exceed \$18,500 . Commissioner Muñoz, Commissioner Madrigal, Commissioner Roland and Judge Bonn "Voting Aye". **Commissioner Buchholtz Voted "No"** Motion Passed

2014.04.21.10 Discussion concerning CAPCOG Solid Waste Grants Program Application for Fiscal Year 2014-15.
Judge Bonn thanked Commissioner Muñoz for stepping in at last minute to submit the CAPCOG Solid Waste Grants Program Application for Fiscal Year 2014-15. It was unknown that it needed to be submitted in person and Mr. Bittner was unable to attend. Commissioner Madrigal recognized Commissioner Roland and Mike Bittner for working together preparing it for the County.
Mike Bittner thanked Commissioner Muñoz for stepping in at last minute and reported that the County can possibly be granted \$2, 914.00 to help with disposal. This will pay for 1 community wide cleanup, with some left to put forward to another. He will be notified in May 2014, if the grant is received.

WORKSHOP (No Action): To discuss transportation plans for CAMPO State Transportation Metropolitan Planning with Caldwell County Consultant, Michael Aulick of Aulick and Associates. No action will be taken at this time.
The Court discussed the proposed list of projects that have been on the Caldwell County Transportation Plan. Michael Aulick explained that the Court knew the County better than anyone and he would not suggest projects, only follow the requests of the Court. Judge Bonn recognized representatives from surrounding cities and entities that will be impacted as well. There will be another workshop on May 12, 2014.

2014.04.21.11 Adjournment
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge