

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting April 28, 2014 8:30 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 is not present.

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 provided updates for the new Judicial Center. He informs everyone that the project is on schedule. He does note that gas line discussions are getting critical with Texas Gas Service to run the lines so that the road in the back of the building can be started. County Auditor Larry Roberson explains the report that is enclosed in the workshop data. Next workshop will be on May 12, 2014.

Call Meeting to order.

Judge Bonn asked Commissioner Madrigal to update everyone on the present medical condition of Constable Zapata, Pct. 3. He has been released from Intensive Care and is in a private room at SETON Hospital in Kyle.

2014.04.28.01 Invocation. Lockhart Ministry Alliance.
Pastor Rob Clopton opened the meeting with prayer.

2014.04.28.02 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.

2014.04.28.03 Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Muñoz congratulates the Baker Gaslight Theatre members for the success on the gala this past weekend. Also the Relay for Life organizers for their success on Saturday. County Attorney Mack Harrison introduces Susanna Meringola to the Court. She is new to the Caldwell County District Attorney's Office. She was formerly with Potter County, Texas and will be assisting with the Civil aspects.

2014.04.28.04 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).

N/A

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2014.04.28.05 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 \$236,260.98 for April 28th, 2014.
- B. To approve Commissioners Court Minutes for April 21st, 2014.
- C. To approve Budget Amendment #2013-11 related to financing and closing costs and refinancing of short term debt, the project manager increase difference between the contract maximum and the \$60,000 originally budgeted in the General Fund and transferred to the Justice Center Project, and additional architect fees are a contract addendum dated December 5, 2013, covering costs related to redesign of A/C, electrical and plumbing, and DataCom services in the amount of \$206,642 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for Caldwell County.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Consent Agenda. All Present Voting "Aye"

2014.04.28.06 Reports.

Building Maintenance Report – Curtis Weber

Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber presented the Building Maintenance Report for March and updated the Court on the status of projects that were ongoing.

Emergency Management Report – Martin Ritchey

Emergency Management Coordinator Martin Ritchey presented the report for the activities in March 2014. He asked that the Burn Ban be reinstated at this time.

Environmental Investigator Report – Mike Bittner

Environmental Investigator Mike Bittner gave update for March Community Event and other job related subjects.

Human Resources Report – Deborah Kortan

No report given.

IT Report – Mark Hinnenkamp

Mark Hinnenkamp updated the Court with data for the new phone system that will be needed when location shifts are made. Judge Bonn, Commissioner Muñoz will plan to meet with Mark to evaluate the needs and costs of proposed vendors and equipment needed.

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Texas AgriLife Extension Service Report – Carissa Wilhelm & Michael Haynes

Michael Haynes updated the Court on the activities this past month. He said that they are looking forward to the Foundation Field Day in Luling on May 15, 2014. They have also been planning for the hosting of the SW District 10 4-H Round-Up on May 3, 2014 here in Lockhart.

Carissa showed a presentation of her trip to the National 4H Conference held in Washington, D.C. She and a group of area students attended the National 4H Conference in Maryland. She also acknowledged Rachel Bittner for being awarded the Houston 4H Scholarship. She received \$18,000.00 for College.

2014.04.28.07 Special Presentations. None.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 2014.04.28.08 Discussion/Action** to approve the rescheduling Commissioners Court from May 26th, 2014 to May 27th, 2014 due to Memorial Day holiday.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the rescheduling Commissioners Court from May 26th, 2014 to May 27th, 2014 due to Memorial Day holiday. All Present Voting “Aye”
- 2014.04.28.09 Discussion/Action** to approve the relocation of Commissioners Court Meeting for May 19th and May 27th to be held at the Lockhart City Hall Chambers due to early voting.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve relocation of Commissioners Court Meeting for May 19th, 2014 to be held at the Lockhart City Hall Chambers due to early voting. All Present Voting “Aye”
- 2014.04.28.10 Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to put the Burn Ban on. All Present Voting “Aye”
- 2014.04.28.11 Discussion/Action** to amend the Indigent Burial Policy for Caldwell County.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until May 19, 2014. All Present Voting “Aye”
- 2014.04.28.12 Discussion/Action** to set a public hearing to increase the speed limit from 25 mph to 30 mph to meet the minimum speed limit requirement per state law for the following roads: Forister Ranch Drive, Hazelnut Cv., Hazelnut Drive, Maverick Drive, River Garden Terrace, Rosewood Drive, Still Meadow Cv., and Still Meadow Drive in the Forister Ranch Subdivision.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until May 19, 2014. All Present Voting “Aye”

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2014.04.28.13 Discussion/Action to approve contribution to Texas Association of Counties in the amount of \$15,000 towards uncovered items for the lawsuit Katharina Harper vs. Caldwell County; case number 1:110-CV-00631.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to pay the contribution to the deductible to Texas Association of Counties in the amount of \$15,000 towards uncovered items for the lawsuit Katharina Harper vs. Caldwell County; case number 1:110-CV-00631. All Present Voting "Aye"

2014.04.28.14 Adjournment
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to Adjourn. All Present Voting "Aye"



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