

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting May 12, 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

**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 gave the update for the new Judicial Center. At this time, the project is on schedule and the work to replace a damaged portion of the roof has been completed. Discussions concerning items on the timeline will continue on May 27, 2014.

**9:00 A.M.**      **REGULAR MEETING**

**Call Meeting to order.**

- 2014.05.12.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.  
Pastor Vi Lee with Faith Fe Presbyterian Church opened the meeting in prayer.
- 2014.05.12.02 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.
- 2014.05.12.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Judge Bonn explained that the meeting today would be quite long. There will be a break before Executive Session this afternoon. Commissioner Muñoz let everyone know that Adult Probation would be having a blood drive on May 21, 2014 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Commissioner Buchholtz commented on the Supreme Court ruling that it was proper and acceptable to begin the meetings with a prayer.
- 2014.05.12.04 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 Comments

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- 2014.05.12.05 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 \$927,288.04 for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - B.** To approve Commissioners Court Minutes for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - C.** To acknowledge the adopted resolution by the Caldwell County Appraisal District approved by its Board of Directors on April 22, 2014 to retain excess funds in the amount of \$72,000.
  - D.** To approve Invoice #3 from Aulick & Associates in the amount of \$5,000 (40 hours at \$125/hour) for consultant services for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, regarding transportation projects for Caldwell County.
  - E.** To approve Invoice #206 for April 2014 timesheet for Les Reddin, LongLife Projects in the amount of \$6,900 for the Judicial Service Center project management work.
  - F.** To approve Application and Certificate for Payment #4 for Braun and Butler Construction in the amount of \$715,825.95 for the Caldwell County Judicial Center.
  - G.** To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 69735930 for Darlene Morris, Chief Deputy Treasurer for Caldwell County in the amount of Fifteen Thousand dollars for the term beginning June 23, 2014 and ending June 23, 2015. **Cost:** \$75.
  - H.** To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 24776853 for Megan R. Moore, Court Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, for Caldwell County in the amount of One Thousand dollars for the term beginning June 9, 2014 and ending June 9, 2015. **Cost:** \$50.
  - I.** To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 15005395 for Ronda Lehman, Secretary for County Extension Agency, for Caldwell County in the amount of One Thousand dollars for the term beginning June 20, 2014 and ending June 20, 2015. **Cost:** \$50.
  - J.** To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 24783212 for Alexis Jennings, Deputy Court Clerk, Precinct #4, for Caldwell County in the amount of One Thousand dollars for the term beginning June 28, 2014 and ending June 28, 2015. **Cost:** \$50.  
Commissioner Roland asked that item "B" be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commission Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve items, A,C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J. All Voting "Aye"

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**2014.05.12.06 Reports.**

Elections Department Report – Pamela Ohlendorf  
Elections Administrator Pamela Ohlendorf updated all present on the passing of the School Bond election this past Saturday. She explained the early voting hours for the run-off election next week.

Septic and Subdivision Report – Kasi Miles  
Kasi Miles gave the Sanitation and Septic report for April 2014.

Treasurer's Report – Lori Rangel  
County Treasurer Lori Rangel gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2014.

Courthouse Event for Cinco de Mayo - May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 – Grounds Maintenance  
The grounds report was given by Tex Cordova, who stated that minor damage was done to the Courthouse lawn during the weekend event.

CAMPO Report – John Cyrier/Michael Aulick  
Michael Aulick told the court that there would be a CAMPO meeting this evening on Monday, May 12, 2014. A draft list of projects for Caldwell County has been submitted. They are proposed projects from the Caldwell County Transportation Plan.

**2014.05.12.07 Special Presentations. None.**

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**2014.05.12.08 Discussion/Action** to approve action item for proposed electrical and data drops in locations defined during the courtroom mock up review last month. It is recommended that this be funded from the owner's contingency within the GMP and to proceed with the work not to exceed \$12,771 (Schmidt Electric cost of \$8,415 and Convergence Cabling cost of \$4,356) for Caldwell County Judicial Service Center.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the change to be made in the Caldwell County Judicial Service Center not to exceed \$12,771.00. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.05.12.09 Discussion/Action** to approve cardiac monitors for Luling EMS for a total cost of \$67,435.20, with Caldwell County's portion of the cost not to exceed \$33,717.60 for the purchase of the monitors and to decide method of purchase.

Luling City Manager Mark Mayo and Director EMS Glen Germer explained the need for the new monitors and the standardizing for the Luling and Lockhart ambulances.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to lease the two cardiac monitors for Luling EMS for a total cost not to exceed half of \$1,063.45 per month. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2014.05.12.10 Discussion/Action** to approve a proclamation declaring the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medical Service Week in Caldwell County. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve a proclamation declaring the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medical Service Week in Caldwell County. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.11 Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County. Emergency Management Coordinator, Martin Ritchey spoke about the chance of Flash Floods and the expectant rainfall totals for today but still recommended that the burn ban stay on. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the burn ban on. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.12 Discussion/Action** to approve using engineer consultant, Bowman Consulting, for the purpose of approving subdivision plats and deeds for Caldwell County. Kasi Miles presented a handout to the Court that included a contract for a Consulting Firm available to assist with the reviews for her department. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to table this item until May 19, 2014. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.13 PUBLIC HEARING @ 9:45 am** for renaming of two roads from Coyote Crossing to Dawn Drive and from Meadow View to Daybreak Drive in Sunrise Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1 at the Caldwell County Commissioners Courtroom, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas. Judge Bonn opens hearing to anyone who would like to speak.  
Public Hearing Opens @ 9:51 a.m.  
Public Hearing Closes @ 9:51 a.m. No Comments.
- 2014.05.12.14 Discussion/Action** to approve renaming of two roads from Coyote Crossing to Dawn Drive and from Meadow View to Daybreak Drive in Sunrise Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1 in Caldwell County, Texas. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve renaming of two roads from Coyote Crossing to Dawn Drive and from Meadow View to Daybreak Drive in Sunrise Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.15 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2013-12 for fees collected by Deputy Constables to offset expenses not previously budgeted. There will be no increase to the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Budget Amendment #2013-12 for fees collected by Deputy Constables to offset expenses not previously budgeted, a cost of \$12,800.00. There will be no increase to the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2014.05.12.16 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2013-13 for moving fax and internet fees to cover telephone expenses in the amount of \$84,000, rental of JP#3 building to cover a \$300 per month increase due to lease being finalized after budget approval, and moving \$30,000 from contingency to cover overage for autopsy expenses. **Cost:** \$117,600.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Budget Amendment #2013-13 for moving fax and internet fees to cover telephone expenses in the amount of \$84,000, rental of JP#3 building to cover a \$300 per month increase due to lease being finalized after budget approval, and moving \$30,000 from contingency to cover overage for autopsy expenses. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.17 Discussion/Action** to approve the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement and Resolution and Order.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Agreement Resolution and Order. All Voting "Aye"  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.18 Discussion/Action** to approve and appoint an authorized agent for Grant Document execution and/or Certification for the TxDOT Grant of \$1,127,962.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to appoint Judge Bonn as an authorized agent for Grant Document execution and/or Certification for the TxDOT Grant of \$1,127,962. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.05.12.19 Discussion/Action** to approve estray report for Commissioners Court.  
Sheriff Law was unable to attend.  
Motion made by Judge Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item indefinitely. All Present Voting "Aye" Commissioner Muñoz was not present during vote.
- 2014.05.12.20 Discussion/Action** to amend section 3.01 of Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum to change the deadline for submission of agenda items from the Wednesday preceding the meeting to the Tuesday preceding the meeting due to reassignment of trained civil attorney Mack Harrison.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal with a friendly amendment to amend section 3.01 of Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum to change the deadline for submission of agenda items from the Wednesday preceding the meeting to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday preceding the meeting for a period of two (2) months. All Voting "Aye"

**10 Minute Break:** 10:35 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

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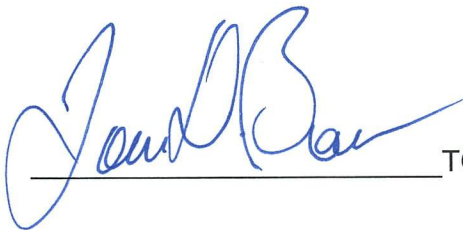
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**WORKSHOP (No Action):** To discuss transportation plans for CAMPO State Transportation Metropolitan Planning with Caldwell County Consultant, Michael Aulick of Aulick and Associates. No action will be taken at this time.

Michael Aulick handed out a packet to the Court. He showed a map of the proposed projects and showed how they connected to SH 130 and the productivity that they would bring to Caldwell County. At the next workshop he would like to see the Court set some priorities for the prospective projects. Ed Collins with TXDOT spoke to the Court about the concerns for conditions of roadways and investments for the communities. There is also a program that is discussed yearly for projects that have public safety concerns. Topics discussed also included those that may include bicycle lanes. Proposed projects will be discussed further at the next workshop. Tom Forest with the City of Martindale spoke to the Court about the benefits that the project for repairs of River Road, would bring to the County. Becky Collins, General Manager of Walton Development & Management spoke of the ongoing commitment concerning the property that the entity will provide to assist the County for proposed projects.

**2014.05.12.21 Discussion/Action** concerning revisions to the Caldwell County subdivision ordinance. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Commissioner Roland; **Backup:** 1. Item 21 was discussed in Executive Session and voted on as 2014.05.12.02 during Special Meeting.

**2014.05.12.22 Adjournment** No Adjournment, meeting will continue at 1:15 p.m.



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**Call Meeting to order.**

Executive Session begins 1:16 p.m.

**2014.05.12.01 EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney when the Attorney's obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code regarding the proposed revisions to the Caldwell County subdivision ordinance. No action will be taken in executive session.

Executive Session ends- 1:45 p.m.

**2014.05.12.02 Discussion/Action** concerning revisions to the Caldwell County subdivision ordinance.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until May 19, 2014. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.05.12.03 Adjournment**  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn.  
All Voting "Aye"

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom D. Bonn", written over a horizontal line.

TOM D. BONN, County Judge