

AMENDED  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Special Meeting January 19, 2016 1:30 p.m.



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KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	ALFREDO MUÑOZ	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		NETO MADRIGAL	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

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**Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting called to order by Judge Schawe at 1:30 p.m. Judge Schawe, Commissioner Muñoz and Commissioner Moses present. Commissioner Roland present at 1:42 p.m. Commissioner Madrigal absent.

**2016.01.19.01**      **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 Schawe led all present in the Pledge of both flags

**2016.01.19.02**      **Discussion/Workshop** Regarding new federal grant funding programs available for municipal/rural development, disaster mitigation and other sources that may apply to the county's specific needs. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Schawe/Clark Davis; **Backup:** None.

Clark Davis and Jeff Williford with United States Senator, John Cornyn's Office addressed the court of federal grants the county may be eligible for. Martin Ritchey stated the county is in the process of working with FEMA for debris removal and other projects including repairs to roadways and low water crossings. He said they are looking into early warning sirens for the county as well as equipment that will monitor the amount of rainfall in the watershed. He explained the issues with the county's communication system and stated they are looking for funding for additional tower sites. He spoke of problems the county faced during the latest flooding. Commissioner Muñoz mentioned the transportation studies that the county is involved in. Clark Davis asked the court to give specific needs and he will search for possible funding. All projects must be directly related to disasters in order to receive federal funding. Commissioner Moses discussed the San Marcos River and the possibility of building a dam due to effects of erosion. Commissioner Roland received clarification that road repairs may be funded. City of Martindale Mayor, Randy Bunker described the damages caused by flooding in the Martindale area and suggested a water retention program. Commissioner Muñoz spoke of the transportation infrastructure in the county and mentioned the proposed landfill. Martin Ritchey said if the erosion continued it could cause contamination to the water supply. Clark Davis reiterated that these federal grants could be used for economic development and said funding for communications may be available. The local police departments and first responders may be eligible for grants through the Department of Justice and Department of Defense. Commissioner Moses mentioned issues with Plum Creek. Judge Schawe stated the studies with TxDOT are expensive estimating close to \$1 million per mile. Clark Davis said they will be looking into HUD (Housing Urban Development) grants and FEMA hazard grants for transportation funding. He explained there is an Emergency Watershed Protection Fund (EWP) through the USDA's National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) which recently increased its funding and they will look at possible funding for disaster related repairs in Caldwell County. He advised the court to organize a list of ideas for near term projects that need to be completed. Jeff Williford thanked Clark Davis and Mayor Randy Bunker for attending today's meeting. He said he would like to be a resource for the county and asked the court to notify him of events the county would like the Senator to attend.

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**2016.01.19.03**      **Adjournment.** Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to adjourn. All voting "Aye".

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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I, CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on January, 19, 2016.

*Carol Holcomb*

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CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

