

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting January 25, 2016 9:00 a.m.



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

Call Meeting to Order. Meeting called to order by Judge Schawe at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Madrigal present at 9:06 a.m.

2016.01.25.01 **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance.

Pastor Rob Clopton of First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

2016.01.25.02 **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 Schawe led all present in the Pledge of both flags.

2016.01.25.03 **Announcements.** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Commissioner Muñoz congratulated the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce for a great event. He attended a conference with the CAMPO board which discussed estimated growth in Caldwell County and surrounding areas. He also attended a workshop with the Greater San Marcos Partnership and talked about the Raiders possibly moving to this area. Site selection trips will begin soon which may bring interested organizations to the county. He mentioned there is communication between the Mayors of San Antonio and Austin of a regional airport between IH 35 and SH 130. Commissioner Moses reported a great Martin Luther King event at the Methodist Church. He announced the kids for the Luling Stock show raised over \$95,000. He will be attending a GoTexan meeting tonight to plan upcoming event. He enjoyed the last commissioner's meeting with the State Senate representatives. Commissioner Roland graded grants for 33 participants. He mentioned there was a fundraiser held for a local woman with breast cancer. He also attended two church events. Judge Schawe thanked Nick Dornak for his presentation. He attended the Luling Stock show and stated it is the last day to request FEMA assistance. Martin Richey confirmed it is the last day to apply for FEMA assistance and announced a weather spotting class tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Scott Annex building. Commissioner Madrigal congratulated the Chisolm Trail Fire Department on their new rescue truck.

2016.01.25.04 **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 citizens' comments.

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2016.01.25.05 **Consent Agenda.** (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion. Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be pulled for separate discussion and/or action).

A. Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$198,799.55.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve Consent Agenda item A. All voting "Aye".

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2016.01.25.06 **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban for Caldwell County. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Schawe/Martin Ritchey; **Backup:** None.

Martin Ritchey stated the KBDI index does not require a ban at this time. He cautioned others to be careful burning in windy conditions.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

2016.01.25.07 **Discussion/Action** to approve a Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Commissioner Roland; **Backup:** 1.

Commissioner Roland read the Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to approve a Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month. All voting "Aye".

2016.01.25.08 **Discussion/Action** to accept and approve the location, dates and hours for the March 1, 2016 elections. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Schawe/ Pamela Ohlendorf; **Backup:** 1.

Elections Administrator, Pam Ohlendorf discussed the locations, dates and hours for early voting. Voting at the Scott Annex Building located at 1403-C Blackjack Street and the Luling Civic Center located at 300 East Austin Street will begin February 16, 2016 through February 26, 2016. The Luling Civic Center will not be open on the weekend. At the Scott Annex Building location, hours for the first week will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with Saturday hours of 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The remainder of the week, this location will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Luling Civic Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with extended hours February 24, 2016 through February 26, 2016 of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to accept and approve the location, dates and hours for the March 1, 2016 elections for early voting. All voting "Aye".

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2016.01.25.09

Discussion/Action to approve a job description and rate of pay for a County employee assigned to the Department of Public Safety Driver's License Office. **Cost:** TBD; **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Backup:** 1.

Judge Schawe requested the court approve of a part-time DPS clerk position with a pay rate not to exceed \$12.25 per hour to be pay out of the contingency fund. He stated this position would work up to 24 hours per week and supervised by the Judge's office. Commissioner Madrigal received clarification that the job description does coordinate with DPS. Judge Schawe said once this is approved by the court, it will be posted and possible applicants will then be sent for background checks. He anticipates the office opening in the next couple of months. He stated DPS will supply one full time employee and the necessity for a part-time position is to fill in for the other employee while they are out.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz to approve job description and rate of pay not to exceed \$12.25 per hour and 24 hours a week.

Judge Schawe stated a Driver's License account will need to be added to the budget and move contingency funds to pay for this positions salary. Civil Attorney, Jordan Powell suggested the court make a motion to approve the job description for the county employee assigned to the DPS Driver's License Office at a rate of pay not to exceed \$12.25 per hour and also not to exceed 24 hours per week and amend the budget accordingly.

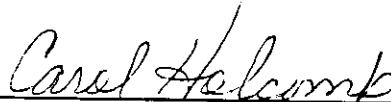
Commissioner Muñoz stated "so moved", second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

2016.01.25.10

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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 25, 2016.



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

