

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting May 23, 2016 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWÉ  
CAROL HOLCOMB

County Judge  
County Clerk

ALFREDO MUÑOZ  
EDDIE MOSES  
NETO MADRIGAL  
JOE IVAN ROLAND

Commissioner Pct. 1  
Commissioner Pct. 2  
Commissioner Pct. 3  
Commissioner Pct. 4

**Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting called to order by Judge Schawe at 9:01 a.m. All members of the court present.

**2016.05.23.01**      **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance.

Judge Schawe opened the meeting with prayer.

**2016.05.23.02**      **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.

**2016.05.23.03**      **Announcements.** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

**Commissioner Muñoz** congratulated Raymond DeLeon of Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 on his graduation from Texas State with a degree in criminal law. **Commissioner Moses** attended the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership event and was a stand-in for Judge Schawe and Commissioner Muñoz where he accepted a plaque for ten years of service. He attended Field Day at the Foundation Farms with Judge Schawe and said it was a good turnout. He discussed the GoTexan scholarship program and announced that several students in Caldwell County have received scholarships this year. He announced the Feral Hog Task Force event May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Foundation Farms. He went to a pancake breakfast in McMahan and said everything in that area is positive. He stated the Foundation Farms gave out \$12,000 in scholarships during Field Day. **Commissioner Madrigal** congratulated the children who received scholarships. He also thanked the parents for supporting their children. He congratulated Raymond DeLeon of Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 on his recent graduation. He announced he met with TxDOT about plans on cleaning the ditch from Reedville to Hwy 80 including the bridge by Country Glen. **Martin Ritchey** called attention to the Anniversary of the May floods last year that affected Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays and Guadalupe County. He thanked first responders for their assistance during that time. He stated Judge Schawe and himself met with the National Weather Service and National Hurricane Office in San Antonio recently and took a tour. **Judge Schawe** said the tour was very interesting and that the National Hurricane Office works diligently on tracking the storms.

**2016.05.23.04**      **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).

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Joe LoBue expressed concerns about bridging Coyote Run and Sage Hollow due to cost and safety issues. He stated the road is not wide enough based on current county road standards and that opening the road would create a safety hazard. He said there is not enough money allocated for construction on the road.

Robert LaBella has property adjacent to the proposed change at Sage Hollow and Coyote Run. He stated the current road is very narrow and has frequent flooding issues. He shared concerns for safety, dumping and property damage. He said there is no need to open the road.

Steven Castillo has family owned property in the Coyote Run area and stated opening the road could lead to other serious incidents due to the traffic flow. He suggested a study be done on the road to ensure the public's safety.

**2016.05.23.05**

**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 \$262,262.05.

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

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**2016.05.23.06**

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

Martin Ritchey recommended leaving the burn ban off due to the current saturation levels. He cautioned the county to look out for flash flooding later this week.

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

**2016.05.23.07**

**Discussion/Action** to approve a Resolution for submission of the grant application for the project "Third Witness" to the Office of the Governor of Texas, Grant Number 3173901 and designating the Administrative Sergeant of the Sheriff's Department as the grantee's authorized official. **Cost:** \$2,685.00 in matching funds earmarked in current budget; **Speaker:** Commissioner Madrigal; **Backup:** 2.

Sergeant Sean Zion with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office spoke of the requested grant stating it would provide body cameras for the department. He said body cameras would extend protection to the officers, the public and the county. He also explained the county must match 25%. Commissioner Muñoz received clarification that the grant would provide for 16 body cameras and that the resolution is needed to receive the grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve a resolution for submission of the grant. All voting "Aye".

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**2016.05.23.08**      **Discussion/Action** to accept the bid on Tax Resale Auction property No. 18023 and approve the execution of the deed. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Schawe/Mary LaPoint; **Backup:** 6.

Judge Schawe said this property has recently received a bid for \$6,000.00 and that the tax office and legal counsel recommend the court accept the bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to accept the bid on Tax Resale Auction property No. 18023 and authorize the County Judge to sign it. All voting "Aye".

**2016.05.23.09**      **Discussion/Action** to approve a Resolution authorizing the sale of the real property at 201 East San Antonio Street in Lockhart, Texas and authorizing the County Judge to sign the deed. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Backup:** 1.

Judge Schawe stated this is a requirement by the title company in order to transfer.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve a Resolution authorizing the sale of the real property at 201 East San Antonio Street in Lockhart, Texas and authorizing the County Judge to sign the deed All voting "Aye".

**2016.05.23.10**      **Discussion/Action** to set a public hearing regarding construction of Sage Hollow Road (CR 96) in Lytton Springs. **Cost:** Approximately \$51,000.00; **Speaker:** Commissioner Roland; **Backup:** 3.

Commissioner Roland said he spoke with a lady who lives on CR 96 who requested opening the road. He then spoke with the Unit Road Department who came up with approximate cost. He clarified this item is just to set a public hearing and not to open the road. Commissioner Madrigal suggested approaching the School District for financial assistance as well as meeting with TxDOT about the state road. Unit Road Administrator, Dwight Jeffrey stated the road has never been opened.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to set a public hearing regarding construction of Sage Hollow Road (CR 96) in Lytton Springs on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. All voting "Aye".

**2016.05.23.11**      **Adjournment.** Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to adjourn. All voting "Aye".

Meeting Adjourned at 9:29 a.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 May 23, 2016.



*Carol Holcomb*

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