

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting January 9, 2017 10:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	HOPPY HADEN	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		EDWARD THERIOT	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

1. Call Meeting to Order. Meeting called to order by Judge Schawe at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance. Judge Schawe opened with a prayer.

3. 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 to both flags.

4. Announcements. Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Haden is excited for his new position and thankful for support. He thanks Maxwell and Chisolm Trail Fire Departments who assisted with a fire at a shop and apartment on his mother's property. He says the past few months have been busy with meetings and is thankful to all those who helped get him up to speed. Commissioner Moses welcomes the new commissioners. He apologizes for missing the swearing in and "being under the weather". There is a Go Texan meeting tonight for Caldwell County scholarship fundraising. January 20th is the Luling Stock Show. Commissioner Theriot is happy to be here and to get to know everyone. January 18th there's a meeting in Uland at the town hall with TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) regarding road safety and improvements. Chamber Banquet is at the end of the month, you can get tickets at the Chamber. Commissioner Roland reports on the roads in Dale and in Dale Oaks subdivision. On Sunday Lisa at Unit Road answered his call and assisted with road debris. Judge Schawe asks Martin Ritchey to stand as he announces him being named Chairman of the Homeland Security task force. Commissioner Roland says he has no doubt about the new County Commissioners.

5. 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 Citizens' Comments.

6. Consent Agenda.

- A.** Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$158,764.01.
- B.** Approve the Professional Services Agreement with iDocket.com, in which the Commissioners Court approved entering into on July 25, 2016.

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- C. Accept and approve the Continuing Education Transcript for Tax Assessor-Collector, Darla Law, for the 2016 required hours.
- D. Accept and approve the Continuing Education Certificate for District Clerk, Tina Morgan-Freeman, for the 2016 required hours.
- E. Approve issuance and payment of Bond No. 15528920 for Victor S. Terrell, Constable, Precinct One in the sum of \$1,500.00 beginning January 01, 2017 for a term of four years.
- F. Approve issuance and payment of Bond No. 71738268 for Michael J. Bell, Constable, Precinct Three in the sum of \$1,500.00 beginning January 04, 2017 for a term of four years.
- G. Approve issuance and payment of Bond No. 15530866 for Shanna Conley, Court Clerk for Justice of Peace, Precinct Two in the sum of \$1,000.00 beginning January 01, 2017 for a term of four years.
- H. Approve issuance and payment of Bond No. 18263303 for County Clerk Positions in the sum of \$3,000.00 beginning January 01, 2017 for a term of four years.

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden to accept consent agenda items A-H. All voting "Aye".

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Rob Lindsey- Time Clock Plus

Rob Lindsey presented the services offered by Time Clock Plus and answered questions from the court.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

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

Martin Ritchey explains to the new commissioners the process for determining if the burn ban should be in place, and says all the fire chiefs voted that we should keep the burn ban on. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot to keep the burn ban on. All voting "Aye".

- 8. Discussion/Action** to accept a donation from the fundraising event by the Country Patio and Randy Laney to benefit department 4324, Constable Precinct 4. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.

Randy Laney gives the details of the fundraiser, of the contributors, and of the amount that was raised. He would like the funds to go towards bullet proof vests. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to accept the donation from the fundraiser of \$726.00. All voting "Aye".

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9. Discussion/Action to approve a resolution in opposition to re:SearchTX. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

Judge Schawe explains re:SearchTX to the court and the reason for opposition. County Clerk Carol Holcomb states that the records that would become accessible are not Open Records and contain sensitive data that could lead to fraud. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot to approve a resolution in opposition to re:SearchTX. All voting "Aye".

10. Discussion/Action to approve the appointments of new Commissioners for Caldwell County ESD #2 for a two year term. **Speaker:** Commissioner Theriot; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses to approve JoAnne Germer, Terry Pim, and Jea Childress to serve as Commissioners for Caldwell County ESD #2 for a two year term. All voting "Aye".

11. Discussion/Action to approve the appointments of new Commissioners for Caldwell County ESD #4 for a two year term. **Speaker:** Commissioner Haden; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

Motion made by Commissioner Haden, second by Commissioner Moses to appoint Martin Ritchey and Steve Vogal to two year appointment terms for Commissioners for ESD #4. All voting "Aye"

12. Discussion/Action to appoint Hoppy Haden, Commissioner, Precinct 1, to the Policy Board Committee of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot to appoint Commissioner Hoppy Haden to the Policy Board Committee of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). All voting "Aye".

13. Discussion/Action to appoint Ed Theriot, Commissioner Precinct 3, to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 2.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to appoint Commissioner Ed Theriot to the Technical Advisory Committee. All voting "Aye".

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14. Discussion/Action to appoint Ed Theriot, Commissioner Precinct 3, to the Greater San Marcos Partnership Board of Directors. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Haden to appoint Ed Theriot to the Greater San Marcos Partnership Board of Directors. All voting "Aye".

15. Discussion/Action to approve the election of the 2017-2019 Board of Directors for the Caldwell County Historical Commission. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

Judge Schawe reads the names of the individuals re-elected to Caldwell County Historical Commission: Jeff Durst, Donald Brice, Stephanie Shunick, Scott Lloyd, Melanie Kozlow, and Margaret Riddle. Motion made by Commissioner Haden, second by Commissioner Theriot to approve the individuals just read. All voting "Aye".

16. Discussion/Action regarding the appointment of new members Tim Auld and Jennifer Thomson to the Caldwell County Historical Commission. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

So moved by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses to appoint new members Tim Auld and Jennifer Thomson to the Caldwell County Historical Commission. All voting "Aye".

17. Discussion/Action regarding the re-approval of the currently appointed members of the Caldwell County Historical Commission. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

So moved by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Haden to re-approve the currently appointed members of the Caldwell County Historical Commission. All voting "Aye".

18. Discussion/Action regarding the re-formation of the Subdivision Committee. **Speaker:** Commissioner Theriot; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.

Commissioners Theriot and Roland discuss the reasons for the Committee, the number of members and meeting outside of court to work out the details of the new committee before putting it back on the agenda. No action was taken.

19. Discussion/Action concerning approval of an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Stella Acres located on State Park Road (FM 20). **Speaker:** Commissioner Theriot / Kasi Miles. **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 12.

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Kasi Miles gives the details about the plat, states all is in order, answers questions, and says she is recommending approval. Tyler Williams also answered questions from the court. So moved by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Roland to approve authorizing the filing of a Final Plat for Stella Acres. All voting "Aye".

20. Discussion/Action to adopt the decrease in IRS 2017 standard mileage rates for business purposes. **Speaker:** Judge/Debra French; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 1.

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden to adopt the decrease in IRS 2017 standard mileage rates for business purposes. All voting "Aye".

21. Discussion/Action regarding changing payroll periods to bi-weekly. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** TBD; **Backup:** None.

County Auditor, Debra French presents how bi-weekly payroll would work verses bi-monthly and answers questions and concerns from the court. Judge Shcawe also answers some questions. The committee members were Treasurer (Lori Rangel), Human Resources (Kristina White), Auditor (Debra French), and County Judge (Ken Schawe). Judge Brady speaks from the audience regarding the pay periods and comp time. Kristina White reiterates some of Debra French's presentation. Motion is made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland to table the discussion. All voting "Aye".

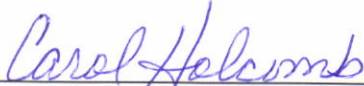
22. Discussion regarding Float Fest 2017. **Speaker:** Commissioner Moses; **Cost:** TBD; **Backup:** 1.

Commissioners Moses and Theriot attended Guadalupe County's December 20, 2016 Commissioners Court and reported on the meeting's discussion of Float Fest 2017. Then they discussed how Caldwell County might need to prepare for the event.

23. Adjournment. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

I, CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO 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 9, 2017.





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