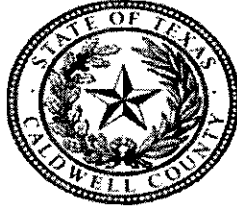


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting March 26, 2018 9:00 a.m.



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KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	TERRY WRIGHT	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		ED THERIOT	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

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**Call Meeting to Order.**

Judge Schawe calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

All members are present.

**Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Reverend Mark Bigley with The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation in Luling and Pastor Caleb Jeffers with Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Maxwell open the meeting in prayer.

**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 leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

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

**Commissioner Wright** yields his time for the Budget Workshop.

**Commissioner Moses** says that CAMPO had a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, that near the Buc-ee's in Luling a traffic relief project will have its ground-breaking on Wednesday, and that McMahan's VFW had an open house Saturday.

**Commissioner Theriot** attended the CAMPO Executive Policy Board Meeting and says Caldwell County's two projects scored highly for funding.

**Commissioner Roland** says he is glad Judge Schawe is back and has taken back the Judge position.

**Judge Schawe** says he is happy to be back and thankful to County staff and his friends and family. He says he has several appointments in the future but things are looking up.

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**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).

**Randy Laney** announces an Easter Celebration in Lytton Springs on Saturday. He says he wants Lytton Springs to be incorporated, the acreage for firearm discharge to go back to 10, and mail-outs and signs to inform citizens about the current 2.1 acre regulation.

**CONSENT AGENDA.** (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion).

1. **Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$ 181,105.63.**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County payments in the amount of:**
  - A. **\$ 296,658.61 (Payroll)**
  - B. **\$ 79,600.63 (Department of Motor Vehicle Fees)**
3. **Accept and approve payment of the renewal of Surety Bond for Kasi Miles, Director of Sanitation, Bond # 15768313.**
4. **Accept and approve Texas Association of Counties 2017 Certificate of Membership, County Investment Academy satisfying the 2017 requirements pursuant to Section 2256.008 of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act for County Treasurer, Lori Rangel.**
5. **Accept the February 2018 Tax Collection Report submitted by the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright that we accept consent items 1-5. All voting "Aye"

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Ed Guillen, Executive Director of Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center** explains the Dispute Resolution Center's process, how it is funded, how it would work going forward in Caldwell County, and how they work in surrounding counties including cost to the public. He also answers questions from Judge Schawe.

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Commissioner Theriot suggests moving to agenda item eight.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

8. **Discussion/Action** to execute the renewal and extension of an Interlocal Agreement with the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center for the purpose of mediating court cases. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Pro Tem Roland; Backup: 5.**

Commissioner Theriot says he would like Judge Schneider and Judge Jarrett to come back with a recommendation. Judge Schawe says he has a motion to table until we hear back from the County Court at Law Judge and the District Court Judge, second by Commissioner Roland to table. All voting "Aye".

6. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Pro Tem Roland /Martin Ritchey; Backup: None.**

Martin Ritchey recommends leaving the burn ban off. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses that we leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

7. **Discussion/Action** to adopt an order restricting the use of fireworks for the San Jacinto Day Fireworks Period, April 16 – Midnight, April 21, 2018. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Pro Tem Roland/Martin Ritchey; Backup: 2.**

Martin Ritchey says he recommends restricting the use of fireworks in a five-mile radius around the Old Settlers Music Festival for the San Jacinto Day fireworks period.

Judge Schawe says he wants to do a five-mile restriction from Old Settlers. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All present voting "Aye".

9. **Discussion/Action** to execute Resolution No. 07-2018 approving the submission of a grant application for project Grant No. 3629701 "National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Reporting Upgrade" for the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Pro Tem Roland/Sgt. Anthony Hardee; Backup: 1.**

Sergeant Anthony Hardee explains the agenda item and answers questions from the court. Chief Deputy Mike Lane provides additional details.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Wright that we authorize the submission of a grant application for a National Incident-Based Reporting System. All voting "Aye".

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10. **Discussion/Action** to execute Resolution No. 08-2018 approving the submission of a grant application for Grant No. 3514401, Project "Vision Summit Reentry Conference" to develop and implement a statewide Reentry Summit with Caldwell County Sheriff's Office and a statewide committee including at this point Brazos County Sheriff's Office, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office and other reentry professionals to perpetuate this important event. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Pro Tem Roland/Sgt. Anthony Hardee; Backup: 1.**

Sergeant Anthony Hardee reviews the history of the Conference and the grant details. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses that we approve item 10. All voting "Aye"

11. **Discussion/Action** authorizing the County Judge to sign the grant application for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension "County Feral Hog Grant". **Cost: Not to exceed \$10,000.00; Speaker: Commissioner Moses/Nick Dornak; Backup: 15.**

Nick Dornak details the grant and the program it would provide for along with the cost to the County and answers questions from the court. Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses we authorize submission of a grand application. All voting "Aye".

12. **Discussion/Action** concerning approval of committee members to oversee Caldwell County application process for Texas Capital Fund Grant. Committee will be formed to select a Grants Administrator and Engineering Consultant. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Jacque Thomas; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Theriot provides updates from previous discussions and his recommendations. Recommendation made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Wright that the committee include himself, Jacque Thomas, and a member from the Greater San Marcos Partnership. All voting "Aye"

13. **Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution No. 09-2018 certifying that funds spent on Soda Springs Road (County Road 130) will serve as the maintenance of effort for use of Transportation Development Credits allocated for Luling Relief Study. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Theriot details the purpose of the Resolution. Commissioner Theriot says he will make that motion, second by Commissioner Moses to approve the resolution. All voting "Aye".

14. **Discussion/Action** regarding price increases for the Synthetic Blend CK4 15W40 Oil, Universal Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, MP Lithium Grease (tube and pail), HD Red ELC 50/50 Coolant (drum and gallon), and Global Synthetic ATF, purchased at Schmidt & Sons, Inc., used by both the Unit Road and Fleet Maintenance Departments. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Pro-Tem Roland/Donald LeClerc; Backup: 3.**

Unit Road Administrator Donald LeClerc reviews the price increases and discusses options with the court and County Auditor Barbara Gonzales.

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Judge Schawe asks for a motion to table until estimates for the annual cost can be brought before the court. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

15. **Discussion/Action** to approve a revision to Section 4.07 (Work Week) of the Caldwell County Employee Handbook. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Wright; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Wright explains the change and why it is needed. Motion Made by Commissioner Wright. Barbara Gonzales gives further details. Second by Commissioner Moses. All voting "Aye".

Judge Schawe calls a recess at 10:14 a.m.

16. **WORKSHOP** to discuss the Commissioners' priorities for the 2018-2019 Budget. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: None.**

Court reconvenes and the Workshop is called to order at 10:26 a.m.

Commissioner Theriot clarifies the Workshop's purpose and each Commissioner reviews the items they would like to have considered in the upcoming budget process.

Judge Schawe suggests having additional Workshops before the budget draft is due and lists several of the Commissioners' concerns that are currently being addressed.

The Court discusses budget details with Barbara Gonzales.

Workshop closes at 10:55 a.m.

17. **Adjournment.**

Judge Schawe asks for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

Court adjourns at 10:56 a.m.

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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 March 26, 2018.



*Carol Holcomb*

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

*Amal K. Singh*

