COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas Regular Meeting November 26, 2018 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWE CAROL HOLCOMB County Judge County Clerk B.J. WESTMORELAND EDDIE MOSES ED THERIOT JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct. 1 Commissioner Pct. 2 Commissioner Pct. 3 Commissioner Pct. 4

<u>Call Meeting to Order.</u>

Judge Schawe calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members are present.

Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Judge Schawe opens 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 Roland says he had a happy and restful Thanksgiving and thanks constituents for their votes. He announces a celebration party December 8th at 112 Carter Road.

Commissioner Theriot has no comments

Commissioner Westmoreland thanks all the County staff who have assisted him in his new position.

Commissioner Moses welcomes Commissioner Westmoreland aboard and says the Episcopal Church in Luling served a Thanksgiving meal open to the community.

Carol Holcomb says that she is retiring and introduces Teresa Rodriguez, County Clerk elect.

Barbara Gonzales discusses ongoing projects in her office and thanks Lori Rangel for her coordination.

Molly Cole announces free cyber security training will be provided by TAC in 2019 and the Judge's Office can be contacted for details.

<u>**Citizens' Comments.</u>** 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).</u>

Chris Cantu-Salazar has worked on previous filming projects in the area and is requesting a road closure for an upcoming shoot.

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

1. Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$ 151,921.12.

- 2. Ratify re-occurring County payments in the amount of:
 - A. \$ 293,054.68 (Payroll for 10/28/2018 11/10/2018)
 - B. \$ 88,042.03 (Payroll Tax for 10/28/2018-11/10/2018)
 - C. \$35,252.24 (Utilities)
 - D. \$93,732.43 (Department of Motor Vehicle Fees)
 - E. \$ 350,624.34 (Texas Motor Vehicle Sales/Use Tax and Surcharge)
 - F. \$ 16,651.44 (Texas Motor Vehicle Registration Surcharge/Title Application Fees)
 - G. \$ 263.32 (Texas Boat and Boat Motor Sales and Use Tax Report)
- 3. Accept and approve payment of Surety Bond Continuation Certificate #15530860 for Court Clerk Jenifer Watts for a term of one year beginning on December 11, 2018 and ending December 11, 2019.
- 4. Accept the October 2018 Tax Collection Report submitted by the Caldwell County Appraisal District.

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland to accept Consent Agenda items 1-4. All voting "Aye".

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion/Action regarding the burn ban. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe / Carine Chalfoun; Backup: None.

Carine Chalfoun recommends leaving the ban off. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

6. Discussion/Action to reschedule the December 24, 2018 meeting of Commissioners Court. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: None.

The item is tabled until the next meeting.

7. Discussion/Action to approve the appointment, effective December 12, 2018, of County Judge-Elect Hoppy Haden to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) General Assembly for the year 2019. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.

Judge Schawe says he is looking for a motion to approve. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

 Discussion/Action to approve the appointment of County Judge-Elect Hoppy Haden to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Executive Committee for the year 2019. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.

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

9. Discussion/Action to approve the appointments of Commissioner B.J. Westmoreland to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Commissioner Ed Theriot as the Alternate Representative. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 4.

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

10. Discussion/Action to approve decreased budget line item 001-6510-4860 / Contingency in the amount of \$2,200; and increasing line item 001-4321-5310 / Machinery and Equipment in the amount of \$2,200 netting a \$0 to General Fund. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Barbara Gonzales; Backup: 2

Judge Schawe explains the item and Barbara Gonzales provides a handout to court members (not provided to the County Clerk). Judge Schawe recommends tabling the item until next meeting.

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

11. **Discussion/Action** to approve **Decreased** budget line item(s) 002-1101-1027 / Road Workers in the amount of \$10,176; 002-1101-1110 / Longevity in the amount of \$2,950; 002-1101-2020 / Group Medical Insurance in the amount of \$9,345; 002-1101-4640 / Vegetation Management in the amount of \$11,900; 002-1103-3135 / Operating Supplies in the amount of \$5,000; 002-1103-3190 / Tires in the amount of \$1,519; 002-1103-4510 / Repair and Maintenance in the amount of \$1,500; and Increasing budget line item(s) 002-1101-1150 / Overtime in the amount of \$4,754; 002-1101-2030 / Retirement in the amount of \$3,147; 002-1101-2140 / Uniform in the amount of \$293; 002-1101-3137 / Lateral Expense in the amount of \$23,495; 002-1101-3181 / Signs in the amount of \$64; 002-1101-4610 / Rentals in the amount of \$248; 002-1101-4630 / Seal Coating in the amount of \$2,370;002-1102-1110 / Longevity in the amount of \$350; 002-1102-2030 / Retirement in the amount of \$305; 002-1102-3136 / Supplies & Small Tools in the amount of \$3,474; 002-1102-4510 / Repairs & Maintenance in the amount of \$3,584; 002-1103-2030 / Retirement in the amount of \$228; and 002-1103-2140 / Uniforms in the amount of \$78 netting a \$0 cost to the 002 Fund / Unit Road. Cost: net zero: Speaker: Judge Schawe/Barbara Gonzales: Backup: 1

Judge Schawe says he is looking for a motion to approve. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Westmorland to approve. All voting "Aye". Barbara Gonzales reads the item.

12. Discussion/Action on approving the submission of a grant application pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Dennis Engelke; Backup: 14

Dennis Engelke explains the item, requests approval to submit an application, and he and Carine Chalfoun answer questions from the court.

So moved by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses. All voting "Aye".

13. Discussion/Action to approve the submitting of a \$2.5 million Economic Development Administration Grant and a \$300,000 USDA Rural Business Development Grant to support the LoneStar AgriTech project's purchase of land and placement of utility infrastructure pertaining to the establishment of a commercialized, organic, and indoor agricultural grow facility for hops production in Texas. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Dennis Engelke; Backup: 13

Dennis Engelke shares background on LoneStar AgriTech and introduces its President, Matt Atwood and its Grant Writer Petra Reyna. They discuss the grant and the business with the court.

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

14. Discussion/Action: regarding the Purchasing Department's request for approval on the final draft of the request for bid (RFB: 18CCP02A) for mowing maintenance contract for Caldwell County, on behalf of Unit Road Department. Cost: advertising cost TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Danie Blake; Backup: 31

Danie Blake explains the item, answers questions from the court, and discusses potential changes to the RFB's final draft.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses to approve the Purchasing Department's request for approval of final draft of the mowing maintenance contract RFB with the condition that the mowing cycle time period is increased from thirty to sixty days.

15. Adjournment.

Judge Schawe ask for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Commissioner Moses, Second by Commissioner Westmoreland. All voting "Aye".

Court adjourns at 9:43 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 <u>November 26, 2018.</u>

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

