# COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas Commissioners Court December 26, 2023, 9:00 AM



Hoppy Haden Teresa Rodriguez County Judge County Clerk B.J. Westmoreland Rusty Horne Ed Theriot Dyral Thomas Commissioner, Pct. 1 Commissioner, Pct. 2 Commissioner, Pct. 3 Commissioner, Pct. 4

## A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Haden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **B.** INVOCATION

Commissioner Thomas opens the meeting in prayer.

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.)

Judge Haden leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

#### D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Westmoreland, Judge Haden hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

- D.1 Presentation Speaker: Hector Rangel, Chief/Director of Emergency Management; Judge Haden reports presentation D.1 will be skipped.
- D.2 Cybersecurity Training Speaker: Ezzy Chan, County Judge Executive Assistant; Ezzy Chan Executive Assistant will be submitting names to TAC and employees will receive an email to take the cybersecurity training.

#### E. 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.) Citizens' Comments may be submitted to the Court by using the form found at: http://www.co.caldwell.tx/us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm

Ambrose Garcia Lockhart resident would like to be considered for a commissioner seat on the ESD 5 Board.

## F. CONSENT AGENDA:

(The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion.) F.1.To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$896,158.02. F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$465,579.84 (11/19/2023 - 12/02/2023). F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$143,995.46 (11/19/2023 - 12/02/2023). F.4.To accept August 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$245,324.53. F.5.To accept September 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$169,658.18. F.6.To accept October 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$1231,135.31. F.7.To accept November 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$199,862.00. F.8.To accept the November 2023 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. F.9.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 November 2023 Report. F.10To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 November 2023 Report. F.11To. accept Disclosure Report/Financial Accounts September and October 2023 regarding Hot

Check, Escrow, Discretionary Fund, Asset Forfeiture, and Asset Forfeited accounts.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

## **MOTION APPROVED.**

- F.1 To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$896,158.02. Payment Register 12.26.23.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$465,579.84 (11/19/2023 12/02/2023). Payroll Backup 12.03.23 12.16.23.pdf
- F.3 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$143,995.46 (11/19/2023 12/02/2023). Payroll Tax Backup 12.03.23 12.16.23.pdf
- F.4 To accept August 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$245,324.53. Aug 2023 DMV Remittance.pdf
- F.5 To accept September 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$169,658.18. Sept 2023 DMV Remittance.pdf
- F.6 To accept October 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$231,135.31. Oct 2023 DMV Remittance.pdf
- F.7 To accept November 2023 DMV remittance in the amount of \$199,862.00. Nov 2023 DMV Remittance.pdf
- F.8 To accept the November 2023 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. CCAD Monthly Report November 2023.pdf
- F.9 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 November 2023 Report. November 2023 Monthly Report.pdf
- F.10 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 November 2023 Report. Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 Monthly Report - November 2023.docx
- F.11 To accept Disclosure Report/Financial Accounts September and October 2023 regarding Hot Check, Escrow, Discretionary Fund, Asset Forfeiture, and Asset Forfeited accounts. Cover Sheets and Affadavit\_Disclosure Report\_Financial Accounts.pdf

#### H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

H.1 Regarding the burn ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
 Hector Rangel Chief EMC wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and requests keeping the burn ban off.
 Burn Ban Order 12.26.23.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

# **MOTION APPROVED.**

 H.2 To approve Order 03-2024, creating Caldwell County Emergency Services District No. 5. Speaker: Judge Haden/Chase Goetz; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00 Order 03-2024 is read.
 03-2024 Order Creating ESD 5.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

## **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.3 To reappoint Mr. David Murdock, Mr. Robert Moreno, and Mr. Mark Junger to the Caldwell County ESD #3 Board of Directors. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00 ESD 3\_Reappointments.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.4 To accept award for the 2023 BJA State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant in the amount of \$20,400. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 5; Cost: \$4,488 (22% of award for administration costs)
 2023 SCAAP Award Docs.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

## **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.5 To approve a second amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement between the County and the Lockhart Independent School District for the provision of law enforcement services.
 Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland/Chase Goetz; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00 AMENDMENT 2 TO ILA.12052023.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.6 Acceptance of District Court order for an additional assistant auditor position in Caldwell County Auditor's Office Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$45,000.00

District Court Order - Additional Person.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.7 To approve budget amendment #05 transferring \$ 30,000.00 from Contingency to 001-2130-1040 Clerical Assistance. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 2; Cost: \$30,000.00 12.18.2023 Auditor's office BA.xls
 District Court Order - Additional Person.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.8 To approve Harris County Rentals PO #02865 in the amount of \$187,957.21 for new Unit Road loader equipment. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro/Donald LeClerc; Backup: 6; Cost: \$187,957.21
Requisition REQ02865 Report.pdf
Loader Quote Email.pdf
Quote Loader UR.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

## **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.9 To ratify approval of Doucet Blanket PO #02852 in the amount of \$200,000.00. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 2; Cost: \$200,000.00
Commissioner Theriot recuses himself.
4 Ayes and 1 Abstain
Requisition REQ02852 Report.pdf
PO # 02852.pdf

Commissioner Theriot recuses himself.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. 4 "Aye" 1 Abstain.

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.10 To approve the Final Plat for Hartland Ranch, Phase 2, consisting of 5 residential lots on approximately 36.027 acres located on Borchert Loop. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 36; Cost: \$0.00 Commissioner Theriot returns to the courtroom. Hartland Ranch, Phase 2\_Final Plat.pdf

Commissioner Theriot returns to the courtroom.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.12 To approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Campbell Creek Acres located on FM 713. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 19; Cost: \$0.00 Campbell Creek Acres Final Plat Short Form Procedure.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

 H.13 To approve the Preliminary Plat of Tumbleweed Estates, Phase 3, consisting of 31 residential lots on approximately 40.95 acres located on Romberg Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 15; Cost: \$0.00 Tumbleweed Estates\_Phase 3\_Preliminary Plat

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

## **MOTION APPROVED.**

H.14 To approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Hollub's Place located on Old Lytton Springs Road and Oak Trail Drive. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 19; Cost: \$0.00 Recess until 9:30 a.m. Hollub's Place\_Final Plat\_Short Form Procedure

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

G. PUBLIC HEARING @ 9:30 A.M.:

Public Hearing opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 9:32 a.m.

G.1 Replat of Longhorn Ranches, Lot #26 located on Longhorn Road (Property ID: 29439)

Replat of Longhorn Ranches, Lot #26

11.30.23 Public Hearing Notices - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg

12.7.23 Public Hearing Notices - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg

12.14.23 Public Hearing Notices - Lockhart-Post Register.jpg

H.11 To approve Replat of Longhorn Ranches, Lot #26, located on Longhorn Road. Speaker:

Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 15; Cost: \$0.00 Replat of Longhorn Ranches, Lot #26

11.30.23 Public Hearing Notices - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg

12.7.23 Public Hearing Notices - Lockhart Post-Register.jpg

12.14.23 Public Hearing Notices - Lockhart-Post Register.jpg

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

#### I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:32 a.m. and closes at 10:20 a.m.

I.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074: To deliberate the appointment of potential candidates to the board of emergency services directors for ESD No. 5. Possible action may follow in open court. Speaker: Judge Haden/Chase Goetz; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00 Action to follow.

I.2 To approve Order 04-2024, appointing the board of commissioners to Caldwell County Emergency Services District No. 5. Speaker: Judge Haden/Chase Goetz; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00 Order 04-2024 is read. Appointed to the board are the following:

Rebecca King Larry Schnautz Sherilyn Adock Jeremy Driver Danny Rodgers.

04-2024 Order Appointing ESD 5 Board of Directors.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

#### **MOTION APPROVED.**

### J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 10:23 a.m

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Adjourn. All voting "Aye."

### **MOTION APPROVED.**

I, TERESA RODRIGUEZ, 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 held by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on December 26, 2023

TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS.