

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Regular Meeting on December 14, 2009

H. T. WRIGHT County Judge
NINA S. SELLS County Clerk

TOM BONN Commissioner Pct 1
CHARLES BULLOCK Commissioner Pct 2
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct 3
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct 4

Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

A-1

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on November 23, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

A-2

Citizens' Comment: (At This Time Any Person With Business Before the Commissioners Court, Not Scheduled On The Agenda, May Speak To The Commissioners Court. Comments Will Be Limited to Three (3) To Five (5) Minutes Per Person.

Commissioners Court received a quick synopsis or update of the radio grant installation project and the test coverage in the Martindale and river area and other areas of the County.

Commissioner Madrigal commented on the grant award of approximately \$35,000.00 to upgrade Caldwell County's voting machines.

A-3

Approve the Caldwell County Reports:

A. Veterans Officer report for the month of November 2009

Veterans Service Officer Larry Corpus presented his report. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Bonn, to approve the Veterans Service Officer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Tax Collection Report for the month of November 2009

The Tax Collection Report was reviewed. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to approve the Tax Collection Report for the month of November 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Monthly AgriLife Extension Service Report for the month of November 2009 – J Watts/Carissa Wilhelm

County AgriLife Extension Service Agents Jeff Watts and Carissa Wilhelm presented their reports. Motion made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to approve the County AgriLife Extension Service Agents Reports for the month of November 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

A-4

Discussion/Action to Consider Outdoor Burning Ban for Caldwell County – Judge Wright.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Bonn, to leave the Outdoor Burning Ban off for Caldwell County. Motion carried unanimously.

A-5

Discussion/Action to consider adopting an order regulating fireworks for the December 2009 fireworks season in the unincorporated area of Caldwell County – Judge Wright.

No action taken. The Outdoor Burning Ban would have to be on for consideration of the adoption of this order.

A-8

Discussion/Action to nominate Caldwell County Appraisal District Directors for the 2010-2011 term – Judge Wright.

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Commissioner Roland expressed a desire to see that candidate Tina Joseph be appointed to the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to divide the 1696 votes as follows:

Hye Brown	800
Frank Hinds	845
Tina Joseph	909
Bill Watson	715

Motion failed with Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland voting "Aye" and Commissioner Bonn, Commissioner Bullock, and Judge Wright voting "No."

Commissioner Bonn and Judge Wright stated they voted no because Commissioners Court voted on a slate of persons with credentials back in September 2009 and if Ms. Joseph feels she wants to serve in some capacity or another there are other boards and other ways to serve.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to divide the 1696 votes as follows:

Hye Brown	800
Benny Hilburn	222
Frank Hinds	0
Tina Joseph	40
Bill Watson	634
H T Wright	0

Motion carried with Commissioner Bonn, Commissioner Bullock, and Judge Wright voting "Aye" and Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland voting "No."

A-9

Discussion/Action to adopt establishing the regular term of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court and regularly scheduled meeting days of the Commissioners Court – Judge Wright.

Motion made by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to adopt establishing the regular term of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court and regularly scheduled meeting days of the Commissioners Court to be the second, third and fourth Mondays of the month at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

A-10

Discussion/Action to accept a petition for the creation of Caldwell County Emergency Services District No. 2 and to set a place, date, and time for the hearing to consider the petition – Judge Wright.

Motion made by Judge Wright, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to set a time and date of the hearing to consider the petition for the creation of the Caldwell County Emergency Services District No. 2 to be held on January 19, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

A-11

Discussion/Action to appoint Tom Bonn as contact point for Caldwell County as resident biologist for all environmental issues and management of the wetlands – Commissioner Roland.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

A-12

Pay Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to approve bills totaling \$247,067.49. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Judge H. T. Wright left this meeting and Commissioner Roland took over as County Judge Pro Tem.

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A-6

Consideration and acceptance of bids relation to the sale of obligations designated as "Caldwell County, Texas limited tax refunding bonds, series 2009"; consideration and approval of financial advisor's recommendation concerning this matter; and other matters in connection therewith

Motion made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to accept the bids in relation to the sale of obligations designated as "Caldwell County, Texas limited tax refunding bonds, series 2009"; and to approve the financial advisor's recommendation concerning this matter; and to approve other matters in connection therewith. Motion carried unanimously.

A-7

Consideration and approval of an order by the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas authorizing the issuance of "Caldwell County, Texas limited tax refunding bonds, series 2009"; levying and annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds; authorizing the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/ registrar agreement and an escrow deposit letter; complying with the provisions of the depository trust company's letter of representations; and providing an effective date.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to approve an Order by the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas authorizing the issuance of "Caldwell County, Texas limited tax refunding bonds, series 2009"; levying and annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds; authorizing the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow deposit letter; complying with the provisions of the depository trust company's letter of representations; and providing an effective date. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was ordered adjourned by County Judge Pro Tem Roland.

_____ **H. T. Wright, County Judge**

_____ **Joe Ivan Roland, County Judge Pro Tem**