# **COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting on April 13,2009

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 Bonn, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on April 16, 2009 and to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on April 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.

Local resident Carol Peters thanked Commissioners Court for supporting the Child Welfare Board. She was also appreciative of the plans to improve Hwy 80 from Hays County to FM 20 in Fentress.

Local resident John Hendershot requested Commissioners Court action concerning pit bull dogs. He stated a child was killed recently and asked to prohibit this breed of dog in Caldwell County. Mr. Hendershot was told that cities have more authority over this type of problem than counties. Commissioners Court will take note and discuss this matter.

Commissioner Bullock stated that Zedler Mill Gin was renovated and had an open house Friday night.

Commissioner Bonn stated that a task force meeting concerning drought management was held. It was coordinated by TNRCC and the county agent.

#### A-3

## **Approve the Caldwell County Reports:**

A. Treasurer report for the months ending December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009 – Lori Rangel-Pompa

County Treasurer Lori Rangel-Pompa presented her report. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to approve the Treasurer Report for the months ending December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Environment Code Enforcer report for the month of April 2009

Environment Code Enforcer Mike Bell presented his report. Motion made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to approve the Environment Code Enforcer Report for the month of April 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Environmental Control Operator report for the month April 2009

Environmental Control Operator Mike Bittner presented his report. Motion made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to approve the Environmental Control Operator Report for the month of April 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 Madrigal, to leave the Outdoor Burning Ban on for Caldwell County. Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion/Action to approve Lori Rangel-Pompa, Treasurer, Certificate of Completion for required hours of continuing education for the 2008 year – Judge Wright.

Motion made by Judge Wright, seconded by Commissioner Bonn, to approve the Certificate of Completion for required hours of continuing education for the 2008 year for Lori Rangel-Pompa, Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

## **A-6**

Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation Declaring April as Housing Month – Judge Wright. Motion made by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to approve the Proclamation Declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Motion carried unanimously.

## A-7

Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention – Judge Wright/Bill Hernandez/Lydia Serna.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to approve a Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion carried unanimously.

#### A-8

Discussion/Action to regarding a nomination to replace the open position on the Caldwell County Appraisal Board – Judge Wright.

Motion made by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Bonn, to nominate William Watson to fill the open position on the Caldwell County Appraisal Board. Motion carried unanimously.

## A-9

Discussion/Action to approve resolution No. 07-2009 in support of the TXDOT in duel designation SH 80 and SH 142 from the intersection at IH 35 in San Marcos to the Intersection of SH 142 SW of Lockhart to better guide the public – Judge Wright.

Judge Wright explained that this duel designation is being done so Lockhart can be included on the green exit interstate signs on IH 35 in San Marcos to indicate the exit that goes to Lockhart. TXDOT sign rules allows a towns name may only be used on the green exit signs on interstates if the road to that town is the road at the Interstate exit. Hwy 142 presently begins at the Martindale turn off of Hwy 80, so Lockhart could not be named at the Interstate exit. Hwy 142 beginning at the Intersection of Interstate 35 will allow Lockhart to be named on a sign at that exit. Motion made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to approve the Resolution No. 07-2009 in support of the TXDOT duel designation of SH 80 and SH 142 from the intersection at IH 35 in San Marcos to the Intersection of SH 142 SW of Lockhart to better guide the public. Motion carried unanimously.

## A-10

Discussion/Action concerning a dispute over CR 220 - Judge Wright.

Resident Fred Wiegand requested the status of CR 220. Motion made by Judge Wright, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to table this item and let Commissioner Bonn work on possible quitclaim deed to property owners on each side of the road. Motion carried unanimously.

## A-11

Discussion/Action concerning a variance request to sell .76 acre out of 3.084 located on CR 292 – Commissioner Roland/Roy Hernandez.

Roy Hernandez is requesting a variance to sell .76 acre out of his 3.084 acres on CR 292 because his barn is on an area needed to make this a 1 acre tract and he does not want to sell his barn. There was discussion concerning the septic system needed on the .76 acre tract he wants to sell. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to approve the variance to sell .76 acre out of 3.084 acres on CR 292 belonging to Roy Hernandez with the stipulation that the septic system would have to be engineered. Motion carried with

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Commissioner Bullock, Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland voting "Aye" and Commissioner Bonn voting "No."

#### A-12

# Discussion/Action concerning a car being donated by Constable Art Villarreal, Precinct 4 – Commissioner Roland.

Precinct 4 Constable Art Villarreal has a car he wants to donate to Caldwell County for Constable use. The Constables presently have two back up cars but one does not run. This donated vehicle would replace one of the two back up cars in the fleet. Motion made by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to accept the donation of the vehicle from Constable Art Villarreal with the provision that one of the back up cars (the one not operable) be sold. Motion carried unanimously.

#### A - 13

Discussion/Action concerning the purchase of outside security camera for JP 3 – Commissioner Madrigal. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to table this item for quotes. Motion carried unanimously.

## A-14

# Discussion/Action concerning Caldwell County Health Insurance - Judge Wright-Bob Treacy.

Bob Treacy explained the situation with Humana Insurance and Central Texas Medical Center and doctors at that facility. Caldwell County employees making appointments recently were told that the facility and doctors do not accept Humana Insurance. A calendar of events that have transpired recently was presented and explained. Commissioners Court was assured that this would be worked out and service would be continued.

## A-15

# Pay Bills.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to approve bills totaling \$210,604.30. Motion carried unanimously.

## Adjourn.

Motion made by Judge Wright, seconded by Commissioner Bonn, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

\_H. T. Wright, County Judge