

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Regular Meeting on August 24, 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 Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on August 17, 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.

Howard Berg of Tri-Community Water Supply Corp. informed Commissioners Court about a meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 26 concerning water in their area. GBRA will be also present to discuss the water needs of the proposed Cherryville subdivision on Hwy 80 and CR 110.

Commissioner Madrigal commented that State Hwy 130 construction is moving right along and wanted to inform the Court about Hwy 183 road closure due to construction.

Commissioners Court recessed the Regular meeting at 9:10 A.M. to go into a Public Hearing.

A-3

9:00 Public Hearing concerning Caldwell County's proposed budget and tax rate for fiscal year 2009-2010.

The public hearing was called to order. The Caldwell County proposed 2009/2010 budget was discussed and explained. Questions and comments from those present were addressed. The proposed tax rate is .6910 per \$100 evaluation.

Commissioners Court closed the Public Hearing and went back into Regular meeting at 9:40 A.M.

A-4

Approve the Caldwell County Reports:

A. Tax collection report for the month of July 2009

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

A-5

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

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

A-6

Discussion/Action to consider applying for a 2010 CAPCOG Homeland Security Grant to purchase P-25 Network controllers for Caldwell, Bastrop, Williamson and/or Lee Counties – Commissioner Bonn.

Commissioner Bonn explained that the application for a 2010 CAPCOG Homeland Security Grant to purchase P-25 Network controllers for Caldwell, Bastrop, Williamson and/or Lee Counties is predicated on the lack of an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin. The outside counties do not know what the connect fee to the C-1 to Austin will

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be and this is a defense by these counties to secure their own controller and a backup for the entire region. Commissioner Bonn stated he hoped this can be resolved but the new radios are not being used. No action taken.

A-7

Discussion/Action concerning extension of the lease on the Caldwell County Fair Grounds – Judge Wright.

The 25 year lease of the Caldwell County Fair Grounds to the Caldwell County Fair Association will expire in October 2009. Judge Wright explained his opinion of the Caldwell County Fair Association rule concerning a kid not being able to show if the kid is showing at another show in the County. Commissioner Roland stated he has talked with the Fair Association and some of the buyers and feels he can come up with a change on the rules.

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

A-8

Discussion/Action concerning Lockhart EMS/Animal Shelter Budget 2009/2010 – Ms Tucker.

EMS/Animal Shelter Administrator Melanie Tucker presented the EMS budget and the Animal Shelter budget.

Total request for both budgets exceeded the proposed Caldwell County budget line items by approximately \$60,000.

No action taken.

A-9

Discussion/Action to implement the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 191 Sec. 195.0045 concerning additional fees collected by local registrar or county clerk to collect a fee not to exceed \$1 for the preservation of vital statistics records maintained by the offices including birth, death, marriage, divorce and annulment records – Judge Wright.

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

A-10

Discussion/Action to purchase machinery and equipment from unencumbered fiscal year 2008/2009 monies.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Roland, to approve the purchase of machinery and equipment from the unencumbered fiscal year 2008/2009 monies at a cost of \$290,145.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A-11

Pay Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, to approve bills totaling \$94,007.19.

Motion carried unanimously.

A-12

General Discussion on 2010 Budget.

Budget was discussed earlier in meeting.

Adjourn.

Motion made at 10:45 A.M. by Commissioner Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



H. T. Wright, County Judge