

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
Regular Meeting October 10, 2011



TOM D. BONN County Judge
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

JOHN P. CYRIER Commissioner Pct 1
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct 2
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct 3
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct 4

Call Meeting to order.

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags. (Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to the, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible)

Judge Bonn led the pledge to both the U .S Flag and the Texas Flag.

2. Citizen's comments: 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 (5) minutes per person.

Several citizens signed up to speak during this session of Commissioners Court. They can speak at this time or at the time of an agenda item. Susan Modrall comments that it is good to see the citizens comments back at the beginning of the meeting. She is still concerned with the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan and lets the public know that there will be meetings in a few of the community centers to discuss it. Commissioner Buchholtz gives in formation about the upcoming Kiwanis Fall Festival in Luling. Peggy Duda expressed her feelings about the creation of new positions in the County.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 26, 2011, September 27, 2011 and September 30th, 2011)

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Roland to approve the minutes dated September 26, 2011 with two changes. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the minutes dated September 27, 2011. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED. Commissioner Cyrier abstained from the vote for September 30, 2011 as he was not present at that meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the minutes dated September 30, 2011. Those voting voted "Aye". MOTION PASSED

4. Discussion/Action to approve the preliminary plat for the proposed Highland Ranch Subdivision (FM 1854 & Seminole Trail)-Kasi Miles/Commissioner Roland

Terry Wright spoke concerning the proposed subdivision that is being discussed. He is concerned that the same builder is being approved for Highland Ranch Subdivision and Tierra Verde Subdivision as another in the county that has not been well maintained. He is concerned with the involvement that Commissioners Court has with the builder and properties conditions after the plans are approved. Commissioner Roland explains that as long as the contractors follow the Rules and Regulations in the Ordinance, they are approved. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the preliminary plat for the proposed Highland Ranch Subdivision (FM 1854 & Seminole Trail). All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

5. Discussion/Action to approve the preliminary plat for the proposed Tierra Verde Subdivision (CR- 1 74-Lytton Lane)-Kasi Miles/Commissioner Madrigal.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the preliminary plat for the proposed Tierra Verde Subdivision (CR- 1 74-Lytton Lane). All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

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6. Discussion and questions on three variances recommended by Tracy Bratton from Loomis partners, in reference to Bridgestone Ranches Subdivision in a letter dated August 18, 2011 -Commissioner Buchholtz

Tracy Bratton speaks to the court giving overview of the letter that was written and conversations pertaining to. Restrictions and ordinance guidelines were discussed with the Commissioners.

7. Discussion on notification of disaster preparedness for the Caldwell County citizens- Commissioner Fred Buchholtz/Pam Cantwell.

Pam Cantwell told the Commissioners Court that she felt let down by the lack of information that was provided to the citizens involved in the Delhi Fires. She let them know that she had been the person who set up the Facebook page to help her neighbors and to receive information from those who could help. Sheriff Daniel Law expressed his concerns and explained that the Sheriff's Office was inundated with calls but the information was not in a central information area and it took time to find out answers. There will be more discussion between the Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Parker and several citizens that have volunteered to work together for the county.

8. Discussion/Action concerning Caldwell County cell phone stipends and air cards- Commissioner Roland/Commissioner Madrigal.

Commissioner Madrigal asks questions concerning the turning in and service information of County phones. County Auditor Larry Roberson gives information that AT&T representatives will be in the County Courthouse to aid in continuing service and plans. Also tells that his office is available to answer other questions that may come up. Judge Bonn lets everyone know that the information has also been in e-mails and memos to those who had County phones. No action was taken.

9. Discussion/Action concerning Caldwell County Treasurer Officer relocation- Commissioner Roland/Commissioner Madrigal. Commissioner Cyrier left at 11:45 for prior engagement. No action was taken before that time.

County Treasurer Lori Rangel-Pompa spoke on her opposition to relocate to the Tax Office. County Tax Assessor, Mary Vicki Gonzales spoke to the court letting them know the difficulty that this move would cause not only during elections, but the everyday productivity in the office. It is very busy and the amount of traffic that comes through. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Roland to leave the Treasurer's Office in its present location. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Judge Bonn to table this item. It was said that the motion made by Commissioner Madrigal would be on the table for next week. Commissioner Cyrier-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-No, Commissioner Roland-No. Item was tabled.

Commissioner Cyrier leaves at 11:45 a.m.

10. Discussion concerning Caldwell County Administrator job description and duties- Commissioner Roland/Commissioner Madrigal.

Commissioner Madrigal asks several questions concerning the Caldwell County Administrator job description. Commissioner Roland questions the hiring or appointment of the position.

11. Discussion/Action concerning lowering the speed limit for CR 215 due to safety concerns-Commissioner Cyrier.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Roland to table until next week. All present voting "Aye".

12. Discussion on Caldwell County overtime for the month of August 2011-Judge Bonn

Breakdown of overtime hours for August-2011 are read by Judge Bonn. The total amount is 154.8.

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13. Discussion/Action concerning authorization for County Judge to execute Final Release and Settlement to Western Surety Company regarding receipt of payment of \$5000.00 from Western Surety relating to Claim No. 9A332119

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Judge Bonn to approve the authorization for County Judge to execute Final Release and Settlement to Western Surety Company regarding receipt of payment of \$5000.00 from Western Surety relating to Claim No. 9A332119. Role Vote, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal- Abstaining, Commissioner Roland-Abstaining.

14. Discussion/Action concerning amendment to the Interlocal Contract for Solid Waste Equipment and Services No.10-12-GO7 for the clean up events between Caldwell County and CAPCOG to increase by \$1,217.32 for the total amount of Grant \$20,523.32 and budget amendment No. #0001 to reflect increased grant revenue-Commissioner Roland.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Contract for Solid Waste Equipment and Services No.10-12-GO7 for the clean up events between Caldwell County and CAPCOG to increase by \$1,217.32 for the total amount of Grant \$20,523.32 and budget amendment No. #0001 to reflect increased grant revenue. All present voting "Aye".

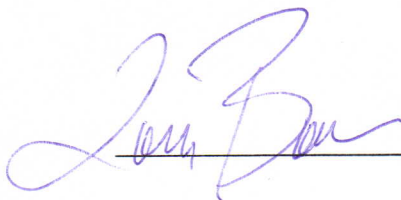
15. Discussion/Action concerning renewal of Emergency Notification System (ENS), provided by CAPCOG for the period beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to table this agenda item. All present voting "Aye".

16. Pay Bills (\$193,859.93)

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to pay bills in the amount of \$193,859.93. All present voting "Aye".

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Roland to ADJOURN. All present voting "Aye".



TOM D. BONN, County Judge