

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Regular Meeting on February 14, 2011

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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 to order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. Pledge to the flags. Recognition of Judge Blomerth attending the Commissioners Court Meeting.

1. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.**
Motion by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the minutes of January 24th, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Cyrier.
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 (3)-(5) minutes per person.**
Commissioner Roland announces the Black History Month Banquet on Saturday night February 19th, 2011 and gives details.
Commissioner Buchholtz discusses Unit Road Study committee that he would like to see originate to include citizens in the county.
3. **Approve the Caldwell County Reports for the month:**
 - A. **Caldwell County Tax Collection Report for the month of January 2011-Judge Bonn.**
Judge Bonn gives report. Commissioner Cyrier motioned to approve. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.
 - B. **Environmental Investigator Report for the month of January 2011-Mike Bittner.**
Mr. Bittner gave report and answered any questions. Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to approve Environmental Report for January/2011. Commissioner Cyrier seconds. Motion carries.
 - C. **Texas Agrilife Extension Service Report for the month of January 2011-Jeff Watts & Carissa Wilhelm.**
Jeff Watts gives report and lets everyone know that the Caldwell County Livestock show is held on February 25th and 26th. Carissa Wilhelm gives report and recognizes the team awarded at the San Antonio 4H Consumer Decision Making Contest. Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to approve the Agrilife Extension Service Report. Commissioner Roland seconds. Motion carries.
4. **Discussion/Action to consider Outdoor Burning Ban for Caldwell County-Judge Bonn.**
Jimmy Parker advised on the moisture levels. He said that moisture levels were decided for the soil moisture and that above ground conditions were very flammable. Commissioner Roland motioned to leave Burn Ban in effect. Commissioner Madrigal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Discussion/Action concerning Caldwell County Lockhart and Luling area Properties Tax resale bids received-Judge Bonn/Steve Bird.**
Mr. Bird gave report concerning the property bids, sales and the division of any profit. Commissioner Cyrier motioned to approve the property tax report. Commissioner Buchholtz seconded. Motion carries.

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6. **Discussion/Action regarding a request from Judge Todd Blomerth to purchase 3 Taser Guns, 1 ABA BRO1 Level IIIA with AJ carrier vest, Taser 15' Air Cartridge and Taser 21' Air Cartridge for the District and County Court at Law Bailiff's in the amount of \$3,517.90 with realignment of District Judge Budget.**

After review of statements and information given by Judge Blomerth, Commissioner Cyrier motioned to approve the above purchase for District Court and County Court Bailiffs. Commissioner Roland seconds the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion/Action to approve Certificate of completion certifying County Judge Tom Bonn has met the 2011 Judicial Orientation-Judge Bonn**

Commissioner Madrigal motions to approve Certificate of Completion certifying County Judge Bonn has met the 2011 Judicial Orientation. Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. Motion carries.
8. **Discussion/Action concerning the Caldwell County Tax Office phone system power damage, that occurred on Wednesday February 2, 2011-Judge Bonn**

Motion made to replace phone system damaged by power surge on Wednesday February 2, 2011. Commissioner Cyrier motioned to lease refurbished system, for the amount of \$432.50 plus \$150.00 per month. Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. Motion to ammend the earlier motion (by Commissioner Buchholtz and Commissioner Cyrier)by Commissioner Roland to buy the system for \$1052.50. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion to purchase equipment for the Tax Office in the amount of \$1052.50 by Commissioner Roland. Second by Commissioner Madrigal. Motion carries.
9. **Discussion/Action concerning a variance request to sell 4 acres out of 32.774 acres located on Saint John's Road (CR 169)-Commissioner Roland/Cynthia Caka.**

Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to have Cynthia Chaka return to Commissioners Court with the plat from the surveyor. Commissioner Cyrier seconds. Those in favor were Commissioner Buchholtz, Commissioner Cyrier and Commissioner Madrigal. Commissioner Roland opposes.
10. **Discussion/Action concerning a variance request to sell 6 acres out of 120 acres located on Highway 20-Commissioner Madrigal/Jason Otto**

Motion by Commissioner Madrigal to grant variance to Mr. & Mrs. Otto. Commissioner Roland seconds. Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to continue the item and have the applicant plat the property and return to the commissioners to approve plat instead of variance. Second by Commissioner Cyrier. Commissioners in favor were Commissioner Buchholtz, Commissioner Cyrier, and Commissioner Madrigal. Commissioner Roland opposes.
11. **Discussion/Action concerning proposed amendments to the Personnel Policies of Caldwell County Texas Section11-Use of County Property-Judge Bonn**

Commissioner Cyrier motioned to approve the amendments to the Personnel Policies of Caldwell County Texas, section 11-Use of County Property. Commissioner Roland seconds. Motion carries.


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12. **Discussion/Action to approve Certificate of Compliance for Lori D. Rangel-Pompa, Treasurer, for the required hours of continuing education for 2011-Judge Bonn
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Certificate of Compliance**
Commissioner Madrigal motioned to approve Certificate of Compliance for Lori D. Rangel-Pompa, Treasurer. Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. Motion carries.
13. **Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation to designate the Month of February 2011 as National Boy Scouts of America month-Judge Bonn**
Commissioner Cyrier motioned to approve a Proclamation to designate the month of February 2011, as National Boy Scouts of America month. Commissioner Roland seconds. Motion carries.
14. **Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation to designate the month of February 2011 as Black History Month-Commissioner Roland**
Commissioner Madrigal motions to approve the Proclamation to designate the month of February 2011 as Black History Month. Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. Motion carries.
15. **Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation to designate February 20-26, 2011 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Caldwell County-Judge Bonn**
Commissioner Cyrier motions to approve the Proclamation to designate February 20-26, 2011 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Caldwell County. Commissioner Roland seconds. Motion carries.
16. **Update on Caldwell County Development Ordinance –Commissioner Buchholtz**
Copies of updates and changes to the Caldwell County Ordinance were discussed in the Commissioner Court meeting on February 14, 2011.
17. **Discussion concerning the Veterans Officer position being posted for additional information regarding on-the-job training or experience relating to a human resources position as advised from County Attorney-Judge Bonn/Ron Heggemeier**
Position reposted to include Human Resource experience and will be posted for 30 days before being evaluated and filling position.
18. **Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 for consultations with Attorney involving substantive legal advice concerning loss prevention, county bonds, Commissioners Court authority regarding the same, and legal advice regarding county and precinct offices.**
19. **Discussion/Action resulting from the Executive Session.**
20. **Pay Bills**
Commissioner Roland motioned to pay bills. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.

Adjourn

 TOM Bonn, County Judge