

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
CALDWELL COUNTY
Regular Meeting June 25, 2012



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.

06.25.01 Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.

John McComb opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Judge Bonn led all present in the Pledge to both Flags.

06.25.03 Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Caldwell County Community Collection Event at Precinct #2, County Barn in Luling, June 29th and 30th, 2012. Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Saturday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, while space is available.

Commissioner Buchholtz asked everyone to follow the list of things that are permitted. Commissioner Madrigal reminds everyone that will be bringing things to the collection event to be early, because when the dumpsters are full they will be closed. They fill up fast. Judge Bonn read a thank-you card from Mrs. Buchholtz for the flowers sent by the Commissioners Court.

06.25.04 Citizens' Comments: At this time any person may speak to Commissioners Court if they have filled out a Caldwell County Commissioners Court Participation Form. Comments will be limited to four (4) minutes per person. No action will be taken on these items and no discussion will be had between the speaker(s) and members of the Court. The Court does retain the right to correct factual inaccuracies made by the speakers. (If longer than 30 minutes, then the balance of comments will continue as the last agenda item of the day).

John McComb thanks Commissioners Court for the speed control devices but has questions about the quantity and the placement of them. He says that they really need 3 per street. Jeff Heller gives Court members a handout of the neighborhood and spoke of placement and quantity also, He is also concerned with the condition of the small bridge that is the only entrance and exit to the neighborhood. Kathy Sellers spoke about the separation of church and state and the history of the founding of the United States. She also addressed agenda item 06.18.09. It is on this agenda also (06.25.12). She is concerned with the use of pesticides and chemicals for use on the Courthouse lawn and reads the advantages of organic fertilizer for the environment and the care of the lawn.

06.25.05 Commissioners Court Minutes: Approval of June 18, 2012 Minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve minutes for June 18, 2012. All Voting "Aye"

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06.25.06 Consent Agenda. (Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be moved to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and action).

- A. To approve a copy of the Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (990-EZ) from Delhi Volunteer Fire Department as required by paragraph 8 of the Rural Fire Protection Service Contract with Caldwell County to comply with the yearly reporting to the Caldwell County Judge's Office.**
- B. To approve Annual 2011 Financial Report from McMahan Volunteer Fire Department as required by paragraph 8 of the Rural Fire Protection Service Contract with Caldwell County to comply with the yearly reporting to the Caldwell County Judge's Office.**
- C. To approve Financial State for 2011 and copy of IRS form 990-N Filing Receipt from South East Caldwell County Volunteer Fire Department as required by paragraph 8 of the Rural Fire Protection Service Contract with Caldwell County to comply with yearly reporting to the Caldwell County Judge's Office.**
- D. To approve Financial Report for 2011 from Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department as required by paragraph 8 of the Rural Fire Protection Service Contract with Caldwell County to comply with the yearly reporting to the Caldwell County Judge's Office.**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Consent Agenda for all 4 Fire Departments. All Voting "Aye"

06.25.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation. None

06.25.08 Special Presentations.

- A. Special recognition of volunteer 4-H Youth who participated in food preparation for the Veterans' Luncheon following the Memorial Day Service.**
- B. Special recognition of Caldwell County's Consumer Judging Team which received 2nd place at the Texas State 4-H Roundup.**
- C. Special recognition of Caldwell County youth who won scholarships at Texas State 4-H Roundup.**

Clarissa Wilhelm presented the 4-H group that helped to prepare and serve the luncheon. She explained the overview of the projects that were achieved that day. They included Community Service, Food & Nutrition and Food Safety. Community Service and giving back to the Veterans was a very important part of the project. She recognized the team that received 2nd place at the Texas State 4-H Roundup and the scholarship winners present in the group. Judge Bonn recognized them with Hometown Cinema movie cards from the Commissioner Court.

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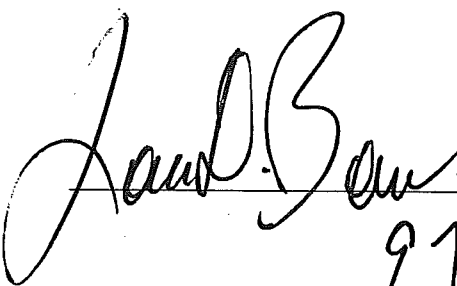
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(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 06.25.09 Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation dedicating July 28, 2012 as Willie Henry Ellison Day.**
Proclamation read by Commissioner Roland to dedicate July 28, 2012 as Willie Henry Ellison Day. This is the reunion date for Carver High School where Willie Henry Ellison attended. Motion by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the Proclamation dedicating July 28, 2012 as Willie Henry Ellison Day. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.25.10 Discussion/Action concerning Service Contract for maintenance of the Seth Thomas tower clock by Galbraith's Clocks for one year commencing on July 15, 2012.**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve service contract for maintenance of the Seth Thomas tower clock by Galbraith's Clocks for one year for \$1750.00, commencing on July 15, 2012. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.25.11 Discussion/Action concerning the recently trimmed pecan tree on the northeast corner of the courthouse to be carved into a cross and dedicated to the Caldwell County Veterans; and approval of funding for the dedication plaque not to exceed \$500.00.**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to remove the stump from Courthouse grounds and for the wood to be used in a future dedication for our Veterans and adding friendly amendment by Commissioner Madrigal, for it to be donated to one of the Veterans organizations. The judge reminds all present that the tree had been on the Courthouse Grounds for a long time. Removal of it had become a safety issue, as tree was dead. Religion was not an issue to have a cross carved. It was strictly about the recognition of the Veterans. Commissioners Cyrier, Commissioner Buchholtz, Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland in favor of motion made. Judge Bonn opposes.
- 06.25.12 Discussion/Action concerning damage to Courthouse lawn due to various events and activities.**
Discussion about the rules that are presently in place, leads to suggestions of changes due to safety issues and repairs of electrical hookups and other concerns. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to have Staff look into concerns and bring them to Commissioners Court for discussion, adding friendly amendment from Judge Bonn, for each Commissioner to submit suggestions in writing to staff before the end of the week. All Voting "Aye"
- Recess 10:05 a.m. to have picture taken of the Commissioners Court and the family of Willie Henry Ellison.
Reconvene: 10:10 a.m.
Willie Henry Ellison's son spoke on behalf of the family thanking Commissioners Court for recognizing his father.
- 06.25.13 Discussion/Action to rescind Resolution No. 14-2012 incorrectly providing three (3) names for one (1) vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Judge Bonn to rescind Resolution No. 14-2012 incorrectly providing three (3) names for one (1) vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. All Voting "Aye"

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- 06.25.14 Discussion/Action to approve Resolution No. 16-2012 to provide one nomination for one vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Resolution No. 16-2012 to nominate Doug Scomette to fill the vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Cyrier, Commissioner Buchholtz, and Judge Bonn voting "Aye". Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Roland vote "No". Motion passed.
- 06.25.15 Discussion/Action to rescind the Commissioners Court's June 11, 2012 approval of the canvass of votes from the May 29, 2012 primary elections.**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to rescind the Commissioners Court's June 11, 2012 approval of the canvass of votes from the May 29, 2012 primary elections. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.25.16 Discussion/Action concerning approval of salaries, expenses, or allowances for elected county and precinct officials pursuant to § 152.013 (a) of the Local Government Code.**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve approval of salaries, expenses, or allowances for elected county and precinct officials pursuant to § 152.013 (a) of the Local Government Code. Commissioner Buchholtz hopes to see the Salary Survey be completed soon. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.25.17 Pay Bills - \$361,870.34**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Roland to pay the Bills in the amount of \$361,870.34. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.25.18 Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Cyrier to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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