

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
Regular Meeting May 29, 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

05.29.01 Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
Meeting opened with prayer by Commissioner Buchholtz.

05.29.02 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 the Pledge to both Flags.

Commissioner Roland arrived during Pledge.

05.29.03 Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Roland thanked his pilot and co-pilot for his airplane ride on Memorial Day. Commissioner Madrigal thanked all those who helped to arrange the Memorial Day Celebration and reception at the Caldwell County Courthouse. He also discussed the problems that occurred during the opening of the new tubing business near Martindale. Commissioner Cyrier would like to see the Monthly Staff reports returned to Commissioner Court. Commissioner Buchholtz spoke about the new software that he is working on for the reports. Judge Bonn was pleased to see the attendance at the Memorial Day Celebration and thanked the 4-H and AgriLife Groups that helped in the preparation and serving of the reception. There were 105 plates served.

05.29.04 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).
Harry Van-Velthoven expressed his concerns of the conditions of CR- 151 thru 155A. He asked the County Engineer, Bill Gardner to ride in his truck with him on one of these roads. Mr. Gardner accepted.
Jeff Heller expressed his concerns about the traffic, the safety and the many concerns that the residents in his neighborhood have with the opening of the new tubing business.

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Susan McComb expresses concerns about the increase of vehicles and the altercation that occurred this past weekend. She is concerned with everyone's safety. John McComb told the court about the fight on his property yesterday. He gave the report number and reported that they did not press charges against anyone. He is concerned for everyone's safety. He gave the Court a 2nd petition with signatures from 41 of the 52 properties in the neighborhood.

05.29.05 STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Jimmy Parker spoke about the officers patrolling the river this past weekend. He said that a river ordinance may help. Mr. Parker's comments were that the river was wall to wall with tubes and even with several patrol officers and TPWD officers that it was a bad weekend on the river.

05.29.06 CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2012

B. To approve a letter of credit and security agreement in lieu of bond as fiscal security for the construction of improvements for Bridgestone Ranches Subdivision.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Consent Agenda with correction to the Minutes that were discussed. All voting "Aye"

05.29.07 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

None

05.29.08 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

05.29.09 Discussion/Action to approve Proclamation to proclaim June 18, 2012 as "The War of 1812 Remembrance Day".

Judge Bonn read the Proclamation aloud. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Proclamation to proclaim June 18, 2012 as "The War of 1812 Remembrance Day". All voting "Aye"

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05.29.10 Discussion/Action concerning burn ban.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Jimmy Parker spoke about the ground conditions at the present time and the forecast for the area. He was optimistic for no burn ban. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye"

05.29.11 Discussion/Action concerning regulation of fireworks.

Motion by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to table this item until June 11th meeting. Commissioner Cyrier added that if a decision isn't made this week, that it may cut into the vendor's time. Jimmy Parker said that at this time, he had not heard from any other surrounding county that had reservations about fireworks sales. The original motion by Commissioners Buchholtz and Roland's was withdrawn. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Cyrier that there is no regulation on fireworks for the 4th of July 2012. This included all items, rockets etc. All voting "Aye"

05.29.12 Discussion/Action concerning committee recommendations for allocation of donations for the Budget Year 2011-2012.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Madrigal to allocate donations the same as they were in 2010-2011. All voting "Aye"

They are as follows:

CC HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$2000 (Annual Allotment for Jail)
COMBINED COMMUNITY ACTION	\$1300
CASA of CENTRAL TEXAS	\$500
CC CHILD WELFARE BOARD	\$570 (Annual Storage Rental)
CALDWELL-TRAVIS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$850
CARTS	\$1000
EXTENSION EDUCATION Assoc. in CC	\$1180
HAYS-CALDWELL WOMENS CENTER	\$800
LULING SENIOR CITIZENS	\$600
LOCKHART AREA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER	\$600
CENTRAL TEXAS RC&C COUNCIL	\$100
HAYS CALDWELL COUNCIL on ALCOHAL & DRUG ABUSE	\$500
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05.29.13 Discussion concerning the installation of speed cushions on Meadow Lane (County Road 69) near Martindale.
Commissioner Madrigal discussed the past weekend with the opening of the new tubing business in the area. He informs the Court of the speed and safety problems that were faced by the neighborhood. The Commissioners and Judge Bonn discuss the property ETJ and the cost to the County. County Engineer, Bill Gardner recommends that the County accept no money from the business owner for the cost of the speed cushions. Commissioner Roland is not in favor of the County having to pay for the cost of speed cushions. Judge Bonn is concerned with the safety of the residents if the drivers begin to cut into the yards to avoid the speed cushions. There is no action at this time.

05.29.14 Discussion/Action concerning the Caldwell County development ordinance – omission of Property-line Adjustment.

Section 3.3.1 (A) of the Caldwell County Development Ordinance (Requirements for Exempted Subdivisions) is hereby modified to add the following:

7) a conveyance of property that results in an adjustment or change in boundaries between two adjacent unplatted tracts, provided the number of tracts, number of owners, and total area of the tracts affected remains unchanged after the conveyance, and provided each tract consists of more than one (1) acre in area after the conveyance.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to adopt the rewording provided, to the Caldwell County Development Ordinance.

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05.29.15 Discussion/Action concerning approval of flooring bids for 510 Pierce Street, Luling.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to accept the bid from Floors Plus in the amount of \$17,496.00 for 510 Pierce Street, Luling. All voting “Aye”

05.29.16 Discussion/Action to adopt a Caldwell County Fuel Card Policy in order to document county vehicle mileage and fuel costs.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to adopt a Caldwell County Fuel Card Policy in order to document county vehicle mileage and fuel costs. All voting “Aye”

