

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
CALDWELL COUNTY  
Regular Meeting June 11, 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.**

Commissioner Roland is not present at this time.

**06.11.01 Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.**

A member of Caldwell County Christian Ministries was present to begin the meeting.

**06.11.02 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.

**06.11.03 Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.**

Commissioner Buchholtz asked for prayers for his wife during recovery from surgery.

Commissioner Roland arrived.

**06.11.04 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).**

Jeff Heller introduced his son to the court and spoke about safety concerns for the children in the neighborhood. He also believes that the traffic cushions could help property values. Eddie Brandon spoke about the increase of traffic and the safety of all concerned. Cathy Forsell was concerned with the safety of the children. She let them know that the children played outside and it was becoming dangerous. She asked the Court to vote in favor of the speed cushions. Jack McComb spoke about his grandchildren who rode their bikes to visit and the danger of it with increased traffic and driving conditions. Commissioner Madrigal had visited the neighborhood on the past Sunday and that even though the business had just opened, it is thriving and growing. He asked the Court to vote in favor of the speed cushions when the agenda item was discussed.

**06.11.05 STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS. None**

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**06.11.06 CONSENT AGENDA.**

**A. Approval of Minutes – May 29, 2012**

**B. To accept audit of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.**

County Auditor Larry Roberson commented that the Precinct 3 audit was very good. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes to May 29<sup>th</sup> minutes that were discussed. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.07 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/PRESENTATIONS.**

**A. Reports: Sales Tax Collection  
Federal Inmate Revenue  
Septic and Subdivision Fees**

County Administrator Ron Heggemeier presented the reports listed above to the Court. The taxes collected so far this year have exceeded those projected for the budget. Judge Bonn said it was a positive report.

**06.11.08 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS. None**

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**06.11.09 Discussion/Action to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors due by June 14, 2012. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Bonn; Backup: 2.**

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve the nomination of Henry Hanson, Doug Scomette, and Miguel Islas to fill the vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The nomination is due by June 14, 2012. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.10 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. Cost: Not to exceed \$500.00; Speaker: Chris Young/Judge Bonn; Backup: None.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioners Voting "Aye". Judge Bonn voting "No".



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**06.11.11 Discussion/Action concerning the purchase of four portable weight scales approximately \$4,000.00 each to be used by Caldwell County Constables from Reserve Funds.**

Precinct 3 Constable, Junior Zapata gave an overview of the research that he had done for the cost and availability of the scales. He told them that at this time the Constables were working with DPS and for County Constables to have access to a set of scales could add revenue to the County. County Administrator Ron Heggemeier informs that the cost of the scales could be budget amended from the excess taxes to purchase the scales instead of the Reserve Funds. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the purchase, from the excess revenue fund, of four portable weight scales for Caldwell County approximately \$4,000.00, not to exceed \$19,580.00. All Voting "Aye" The Court thanks him for his time invested in the research.

**10 minute break 10:05 a.m.**  
**Reconvene 10:15 a.m.**

**06.11.12 Discussion/Action concerning canvassing votes from the primary election held on May 29, 2012. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Bonn; Backup: 1. Judge Bonn read the results to those present.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the canvas of the votes from the primary election held on May 29, 2012. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.13 Discussion/Action to approve Order Authorizing and Establishing Polling Places for the 2012 Primary Runoff Election.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Order 12-2012, Authorizing and Establishing Polling Places for the 2012 Primary Runoff Election. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.14 Discussion/Action concerning the installation of speed cushions on Meadow Lane (County Road 69) and/or Spring River Drive (County Road 103-A) near Martindale.**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to authorize the County Engineer to purchase and install pre-constructed speed cushions, not to exceed \$5,000.00 and for the moneys to come out of PreReserves, after budget amendment. They could possibly be removed after permit and traffic study. They would stay in place while the engineering aspects are met, (permit and certificate). The business will reimburse the county for the costs. Friendly amendment accepted from Commissioner Cyrier for amount to change to \$6,500.00. Friendly amendment accepted from Judge Bonn for the Speed Cushions to stay in place after legal aspects and the county to be reimbursed by the business owner. All voting "Aye" After cushions are received; Commissioner Madrigal and the residents will work together and bring a recommendation of where to have them installed.

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**06.11.15 Discussion/Action to amend the Caldwell County Fuel Card Policy to give employees warning of inaccurate odometer entries and time to correct them before requiring reimbursement.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve amendment to the Caldwell County Fuel Card Policy to give employees warning of inaccurate odometer entries and times to correct them before requiring reimbursement, with change being the verbiage that was discussed. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.16 Discussion/Action to approve resolution expressing support for enactment of river safety regulations by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority that would ban certain motorboats on a portion of the San Marcos River.**

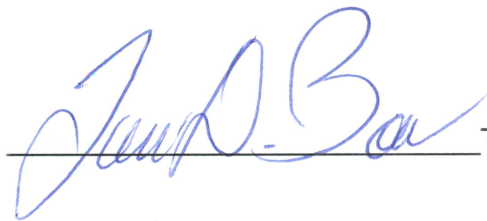
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Resolution No. 13-2012 expressing support for enactment of river safety regulations by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority that would ban certain motorboats on a portion of the San Marcos River. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.17 Pay Bills - \$178,349.10**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Madrigal to pay the bills in the amount of \$178,349.10. All Voting "Aye"

**06.11.18 Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge