

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
CALDWELL COUNTY  
Regular Meeting June 18, 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.**

**06.18.01 Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.**  
Kathy Haigler opened the meeting with prayer.

**06.18.02 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.

**06.18.03 Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.**  
Commissioner Buchholtz thanked everyone for their prayers for his wife.

**06.18.04 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).**  
Arthur R. Larivee Sr. voiced his concerns about Agenda item 06.18.09.

**06.08.05 Approval of June 11, 2012 minutes.**  
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the minutes for June 11, 2012. All Voting "Aye"

**06.18.06 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/Action).**

- A To approve Budget Amendment No. 15 for the purpose of recognizing additional revenues received and placement of those funds into Non-Department Contingency and Non-Department Capital Outlay.  
To approve Budget Amendment No. 16 for the purpose of funding certain shortfalls in the Unit Road Budget fiscal year 2011-2012.**
- C. To approve audit of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.**
- D. To approve Caldwell County Emergency Service District #2 Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2011.**  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

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**06.18.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation. None**

**06.18.08 Special Presentations. None**

### (ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

**06.18.09 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.**

Judge Bonn gave an overview of this item. He would like to see the carving left on the Courthouse lawn but if it causes a problem, it can be moved. Commissioner Cyrier would like to see another pecan tree planted in the same area and to have the plaque placed at the base of a new tree. Perhaps to be planted on Veterans Day. He feels that having a cross on the courthouse lawn will be crossing the line with separation of church and state. Commissioner Roland has commented that there may be too much covering by the live oaks that are in that area to provide sun for another tree. Commissioner Madrigal likes the idea of another tree, maybe planted in an area that it will get the sun needed. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until next Commissioner's Court Meeting to give the Commissioners time to speak with some of the citizens and during this time have the top part of the tree trimmed off. All Voting "Aye"

**06.18.10 Discussion/Action to consider approval of Resolution No. 15-2012 concerning State of Texas through a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver to allow state and local government access to additional federal funds designated to improve access to quality care.**

County Administrator Ron Heggemeier gave overview and answered questions that Commissioners had about the Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Resolution No. 15-2012 concerning State of Texas through a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver to allow state and local government access to additional federal funds designated to improve access to quality care. All Voting "Aye"

**06.18.11 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.**

Judge Bonn asked if anyone knew where the unapproved speed cushion came from that had appeared in the neighborhood. Commissioner Madrigal said that he had asked last week but there was no response. It's said that it appeared overnight. There are also a few signs that were put up. County Engineer Bill Gardner reported that 8 speed cushions have been purchased. They are awaiting the signs that are required to be delivered. Commissioner Madrigal has spoken to Mr. Jeff Heller and the citizens in the neighborhood have suggested a number of locations to have them placed. During placement, the impromptu cushion can be removed. Neither the cushion nor the signs that have appeared were approved by Commissioners Court. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Madrigal to contact Mr. Heller and let him give placement suggestions to Mr. Gardner who will place the cushions as he sees fit. All Voting "Aye"

**06.18.12 Discussion concerning proposed roads for seal coating.**

County Engineer Bill Gardner speaks to court about the list of proposed roads for seal coating. The list includes 14 miles of road. He reports that originally, there was budget allowed for five summer hires, and the hiring of 4 has made it possible for 2 of them to stay into September and help to finish seal coating. There is a problem getting asphalt from the plants due to the progression of SH130.

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The Court offers condolences to Director of Sanitation, Kasi Miles for the loss of her father.

06.18.13 Discussion/Action concerning damage to Courthouse lawn due to various events and activities.

Judge Bonn hands out photos that were taken after the last event on the Courthouse lawn. Due to foot traffic, tarps and other setup of vendors, there was damage to the grass. It is a reoccurring problem. It takes about a month for the grass to come back. Discussion involved having the setup in the street but still remaining in the square. There is discussion concerning the guidelines that were set in place by past Commissioners Court. Commissioner Cyrier and Commissioner Buchholtz would like to see the guidelines. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal second by Commissioner Buchholtz to get copy of rules that were passed in the last court and bring back for discussion at next meeting. All Voting "Aye"

06.18.14 Pay Bills — None

Judge Bonn asked if the Commissioners had seen the AT&T commercial that had been made here in Lockhart. Commissioner Cyrier also mentioned the Tillamook cheese commercial. He mentioned that the County had been compensated for the commercial.

06.18.15 Adjournment

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

☐ TOM D. BONN, County Judge