

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
CALDWELL COUNTY  
Regular Meeting July 16, 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.  
All Commissioners Present

- 07.16.01 **Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.**  
A member of Caldwell County Ministries opened the meeting with prayer.
- 07.16.02 **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.
- 07.16.03 **Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.**  
n/a
- 07.16.04 **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).**  
Kathy Sellers spoke about the pay raises and wondered who would benefit. She believes those who make less than \$50,000.00 should get raises.  
District Clerk Tina Morgan spoke about the Salary Survey that was submitted by Human Resource Director Deborah Kortan.
- 07.16.05 **Commissioners Court Minutes. - Approval of July 9, 2012 Minutes**  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the minutes for July 9, 2012. All Voting "Aye"

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**17.16.06 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.**

**1) To approve a Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property located at FM 713. (A portion of the Narcies Monet Survey A-183) (Applicant: Ryan and Sarah Bliss).**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve the Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

**07.16.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation.**

County Administrator Ron Heggemeier presented the Tax Collection Report. At this time, taxes collected exceed the budgeted amount.

**07.16.08 Special Presentations - Update on Staff Salary Plan and Elected Officials Salary Plan - Deborah Kortan**

Human Resource Director, Deborah Kortan handed out copies of updated Salary Survey Plans and answered questions concerning the parameters that were used.

### (ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

**07.16.09 Discussion/Action concerning a request from Nick Dornak, Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator, to partner with Caldwell County to implement a \$2/hog bounty to reduce the feral hog population in Caldwell County during the three month period of October 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012 which will increase the county's odds of receiving grant money.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve partnership with Plum Creek Watershed to implement a \$2/hog bounty to reduce the feral hog population in Caldwell County during the three month period of October 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012 not to exceed a cost of \$1,000.00. All Voting "Aye".

**07.16.10 Discussion/Action to appoint a representative to the CAPCOG Aging Advisory Council.**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to appoint Evelyn Hanson as a representative to the CAPCOG Aging Advisory Council. All Voting "Aye"



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**07.16.11 Discussion/Action concerning input from commissioners regarding use of the Courthouse lawn for events.**

The Court discussed where to place the tents for community events. Having the tents placed on the street around the Courthouse was favorable but the slant of the street was a concern. Judge Bonn has asked the County Engineer and any volunteer that would like to look into the building of a leveling item to present to the court. Motion made by Judge Bonn, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until the first meeting in August. All Voting "Aye"

**07.16.12 Discussion/Action concerning an order authorizing constables to enforce weight limits on county roads.**

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Resolution No. 18-2012, Authorizing Constables to enforce weight limits on county roads. All Voting "Aye"

**07.16.13 Discussion/Action concerning selection of Architect to begin negotiations for services involving the remodeling of the old Wal-Mart store into the new Judicial Center.**

County Administrator, Ron Heggemeier gave overview of process and handed copies of the selection committee results to the members of the Court. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to begin negotiations with Steinbomer, Bramwell & Vrazel Architects. All Voting "Aye"

**07.16.14 Discussion/Action to select public members of salary grievance committee for current fiscal year under section 152.015 of the Local Government Code.**

County Clerk Carol Holcomb brought the names of citizens that had served on a Grand Jury from the preceding calendar year in Caldwell County. Judge Bonn drew three names from the collection. Three more were drawn for alternates if needed. The panel is made of three citizens and the following elected officials, the Sheriff, the County Tax Assessor-Collector, County Treasurer, County Clerk, and Criminal District Attorney.

**07.16.15 Discussion/Action concerning approval of health insurance premium rates with TAC for fiscal year 2012-2013.**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland approving health insurance premium rates with TAC for fiscal year 2012-2013. All Voting "Aye"

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**07.16.16 Discussion/Action concerning adoption of employer retirement contribution rate for fiscal year 2012-2013.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Roland to adopt the employer retirement contribution rate for fiscal year 2012-2013 at 4.67%. All Voting "Aye"

**07.16.17 Pay Bills-None**

**Recess begins: 10:50 a.m.**

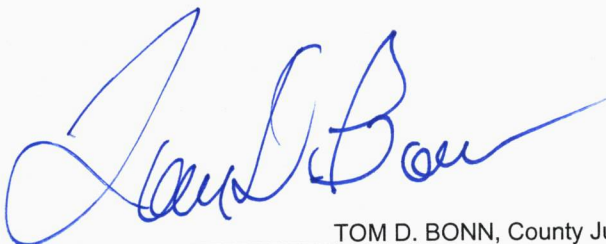
**Reconvene: 11:08 a.m.**

**07.16.18 Budget Workshop: Proposed Budget 2012-2013 (available on the County Website [www.co.caldwell.tx.us](http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us)).**

Court members discussed information on Proposed Budget.

**07.16.19 Adjournment**

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



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TOM D. BONN, County Judge