

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
CALDWELL COUNTY
Regular Meeting July 23, 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 Cyrier and Judge Bonn are not present. Moment of silence for Mrs. Bonn.

07.23.01 Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.

Commissioner Madrigal opened the meeting with prayer.

07.23.02 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).

Commissioner Madrigal led those present in the Pledge to both Flags.

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

None

07.23.04 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).

Howard Berg spoke about the river safety and the amount of trash. There is an abundance of beer cans and this past weekend a fence was destroyed. There are also parking issues.

Kathy Haigler spoke about the Caldwell County Employee Salaries.

Anthony Hardee member of Caldwell County Sheriff Association spoke concerning the salaries for Caldwell County Employees. Kathy Sellers spoke about the Salary Survey. She is concerned with the information used to achieve these numbers. Jeff Heller spoke about the proposed Development Fees to be discussed in agenda item 07.23.12. He thanked the Court for the installation of the traffic cushions that were installed. He asked for increased law enforcement in the neighborhood for dangerous driving.

Susan Modrall questioned the Salary Survey and the wages for the Caldwell County Sheriff Office.

07.23.05 Commissioners Court Minutes. Approval of July 16, 2012 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the minutes for July 16, 2012 with change of verbiage to item 07.16.13. Those present voting "Aye"

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- 07.23.06 **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). None**
- 07.23.07 **County Administrator Report/Presentation. None**
- 07.23.08 **Special Presentations. Salary Survey Update – Deborah Kortan**
Human Resource Director Deborah Kortan handed out updated information with the Counties with similar population and similar budget. The Salary Survey is still being updated. District Clerk Tina Morgan has concerns about the consistency of the Salary Survey. Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Madrigal asked questions concerning the areas included in the Survey. Deborah Kortan explains that the surrounding counties and cities that are larger are included because they are the areas that our employees are leaving Caldwell County to drive to for higher wages.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 07.23.09 **Discussion/Action to approve a settlement agreement and contract addendum with the City of Lockhart for \$15,475.50 to satisfy claims against the County for EMS provided to the Caldwell County Jail prior to June 8, 2012 and for the City to bill the County for EMS provided to inmates on and after that date at Medicaid rates.**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve settlement agreement and contract addendum with the City of Lockhart for \$15,475.50 to satisfy claims against the County for EMS provided to the Caldwell County Jail prior to June 8, 2012 and for the City to bill the County for EMS provided to inmates on and after that date at Medicaid rates. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.23.10 **Discussion/Action to approve the Regional Health Partnership 7 Membership Agreement and Resolution No. 19-2012, 1115 Waiver for the Regional Health Partnership 7.**
County Administrator Ron Heggemeier gave brief overview about the Partnership and let the Court know that there was no cost included to make the agreement. There is no connection to "Obama Care". Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the Regional Health Partnership 7 Membership Agreement and Resolution No. 19-2012, 1115 Waiver for the Regional Health Partnership 7, with a friendly amendment from Commissioner Madrigal to appoint Indigent Health Coordinator, Rhoda Chavira as designated representative. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.23.11 **Discussion/Action to set 2013 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees to take effect on January 1, 2013.**
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until meeting on August 6, 2012. All Present Voting "Aye"

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- 07.23.12 Discussion/Action to approve the following additions to the Caldwell County Subdivision and Development Fee Schedule:**
Administrative fee for any construction which commenced without obtaining the appropriate permit \$25.00
Permit for any non-residential construction which commenced without obtaining the appropriate permit. Double the original fee
County Engineer Bill Gardner gave overview of the additions proposed. He included that this was not intended for the tubing business. The concern includes property owners that may pull in manufactured homes on the land and not have proper setup. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to amend the Caldwell County Subdivision and Development Fee Schedule to include these two fees. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.23.13 Discussion concerning possible class action lawsuit by Texas counties against Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.**
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table item 07.23.13 until meeting on August 6, 2012. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.23.14 Pay Bills - \$494,962.20**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to pay the bills in the amended amount of \$494,962.20. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.23.15 Budget Workshop: Proposed Budget 2012-2013 (Revised reflecting updated health costs adopted by the Commissioners Court on 07-16-2012)**
County Administrator Ron Heggemeier explained the revisions made to the budget for health care costs and answered any questions that the Commissioners had about the proposed budget.
- 07.23.16 Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to adjourn. All Present Voting "Aye"

 NETO MADRIGAL, Judge Pro Tem