

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
CALDWELL COUNTY
Regular Meeting August 20, 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.

- 08.20.01 Invocation-** Caldwell County Christian Ministries
Opening Prayer was said by Judge Bonn.
- 08.20.02 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 those present in the Pledge to both Flags.
- 08.20.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Roland lets everyone know about the billboard recognizing Henry Willie Ellison's picture on it. Commissioner Cyrier lets everyone know about the festivities at the Lockhart Airport this Saturday, August 25th, 2012. It will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is the 63rd anniversary for the Airport. Commissioner Buchholtz lets everyone know that the "Stuff the Bus" project was a success. It was passing out school supplies to children in the Luling/Prairie Lea area.
- 08.20.04 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).
Matthew Allen with the Caldwell County Appraisal District spoke to the Court about streets and alleys and recorded plats. Linda Hinkle has concerns about procedure to get items on agenda and fees for questions in the subdivision rules and regulations. She speaks about a piece of property in the county and questions of ownership.
- 08.20.05 Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of August 13, 2012 Minutes
Motion by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the minutes dated August 13, 2012. All Voting "Aye"

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08.20.06 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).

A. Approval of the Caldwell County Juvenile Board's local funding request in the total amount of \$392,516 for fiscal year 2013.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

08.20.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation. None

08.20.08 Special Presentations. None

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

08.20.09 9:15 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING concerning the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2012-2013 of \$0.6908 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Opening of Public Hearing at 9:20 a.m.

Beth Sustala asked what the current rate was. She was told it was \$0.6909 per \$100 at this time.

Close of Public Hearing at 9:21 a.m.

Following the closing of the public hearing on the proposed tax rate the Court must:

A. Judge Bonn announced that another public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate will be held at 9:15 a.m. on August 27, 2012 at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas

B. Judge Bonn announced that adoption of the tax rate for fiscal year 2012-2013 will be held at a special meeting of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court to be started at 9:00 a.m. on August 30, 2012 at Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas.

08.20.10 Discussion/Action concerning modification of Broaddus proposal to include services for the procurement of the Construction Manager at Risk for the Wal-Mart remodeling into a new Judicial Center.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Roland to approve modification of Broaddus proposal to include services for the procurement of the Construction Manager at Risk for the Wal-Mart remodeling into a new Judicial Center. All Voting "Aye"

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- 08.20.11 Discussion/Action** concerning setting the minimum hourly rate for part-time employees for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Note: Current rate is \$7.25 per hour.

Human Resource Director Deborah Kortan gives overview of present hourly rate and how job descriptions differ between local employers, City and County positions. County Clerk Carol Holcomb and County Tax Assessor Debra French both speak in favor of changing the policy for part-time wages. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Cyrier to set the minimum hourly rate for part-time employees of Caldwell County to a range of \$7.50-\$10.50 per hour, beginning October 1, 2012. The rate will be determined by the Department Head or person hiring. All Voting "Aye"

- 08.20.12 Discussion/Action** to appoint County Election Precinct Presiding and Alternate Judges for the Republican Party for the November 6, 2012 Joint General Election.

Motion made by Judge Bonn, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until Commissioner Court meeting dated August 27, 2012 All Voting "Aye"

- 08.20.13 Discussion/Action** to approve Polling Locations for the November 6, 2012 Joint General Election and Consolidated Precinct/Polling Locations.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Polling Locations for the November 6, 2012 Joint General Election and Consolidated Precinct/Polling Locations. All Voting "Aye"

- 08.20.14 Discussion/Action** to approve the "Order of General Election" for the November 6, 2012 Joint General Election.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the "Order of General Election" for the November 6, 2012 Joint General Election, with confirmation of District Judge 421st Judicial District Court, Caldwell County. "All Voting "Aye"

- 08.20.15 Discussion/Action** concerning approval of an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure for R&R Marquez Subdivision (Pablo Martinez Survey A-181 & Sampson Connell Survey A-63). **Speaker:**

Commissioner Roland/Bill Garner, County Engineer

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure for R&R Marquez Subdivision (Pablo Martinez Survey A-181 & Sampson Connell Survey A-63). All Voting "Aye"

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08.20.16 Discussion/Action concerning a Burn Ban.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Parker, spoke to Court conveying the requests of the local Fire Chief's to put the ban on. Chuck Cutshall, McMahan Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief, also expressed concerns about the dry conditions. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland for Burn Ban to be put on. All Voting "Aye"

08.20.17 Pay Bills – None.

Recess begins 9:55 a.m. Reconvene at 11:15 a.m.

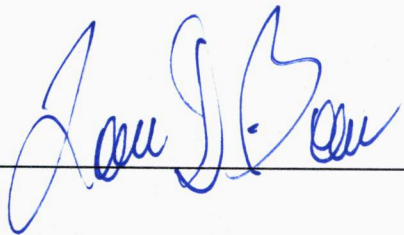
Executive Session begins at 11:20 a.m. Reconvene at 11:35 a.m.

08.20.18 Discussion/Action concerning reconsideration of vote taken at the joint meeting with the City of Lockhart held on August 16, 2012 in regards to entering into an agreement with Seton Healthcare and the City of Lockhart concerning EMS Service and/or consideration of entering into an agreement with Seton Healthcare by Caldwell County for EMS Services.

Commissioner Cyrier submitted an Affidavit of Conflict of Interest and will not be voting on this item. Joining the meeting was Mayor of Luling Mike Hendricks, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Seton Edgar B. Davis Hospital, Luling and Caldwell County Clinics Neal Kelley and Director of Luling EMS Services Glen Germer. Mayor Hendricks explained that this should not be a Luling/Lockhart competition. They all do the same jobs, to take care of people and save lives. Neal Kelley discusses the growth and participation that the Seton network has already invested in Caldwell County and the programs for further advancements. Glen Germer explains that there were a lot of the same anxieties and questions when Seton came to Luling in 1999, and things smoothed over. He says that CCMAT is very important to the community. They are the first responders and have the same common interest, to take care of the patients. Citizens were given opportunity to make comments and ask questions to the panel. Speaking to the Court were Chuck Cutshall, Carol Ohlendorf, Mike Hendricks, Susan Modrall, Kathy Sellers and Linda Hinkle. Concerns and questions were asked by Aaron Langford and two of the Lockhart EMS employees. Sam Huenergardt said CTMC would like to be considered for a collaborative program. Recognition of 3 of the members of the Lockhart City Council and John Castillo said that he would like to have more information on the program. No Action Taken.

08.20.19 Adjournment

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



TOM D. BONN, County Judge