

CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
Regular Meeting August 27, 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.

08.27.01 Invocation- Caldwell County Christian Ministries.

08.27.02 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 Pledge to both Flags.

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

08.27.04 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).

Chuck Yunkun stresses to the Court the importance of efficiency of what we have and expansion of what we don't have. He spoke about employees that were hard working and deserving of pay increase. He felt that there should be merit pay increases.

08.27.05 Commissioners Court Minutes. Approval of August 20, 2012 Minutes
None

08.27.06 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. To approve Annual 2011 Financial Report from Martindale Volunteer Fire Department as required by Paragraph 8 of the Rural Fire Protection Service Contract with Caldwell County to comply with the yearly reporting to the Caldwell County Judge's Office.

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

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08.27.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation. None

08.27.08 Special Presentations. None

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

08.27.09 9:15 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING concerning the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2012-2013 of \$0.6908 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Begin Public Hearing: 9:18 a.m.

End Public Hearing: 9:19 a.m.

No citizens elect to speak.

Following the closing of the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate, 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 the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas.

08.27.10 DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to section 551.071 of the Open Meetings Act (consultation with attorney) regarding claim against county for damage to private property near Borchert Loop Bridge after January 25, 2012 flood.

Begin Executive Session: 9:20 a.m.

Reconvene: 9:40 a.m.

No Action Taken

08.27.11 Discussion/Action concerning Resolution No. 20-2012 in support of keeping speed limit at 65 MPH on Highway 183 on the north and south bound lanes from Lockhart North to Highway 21.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Resolution No. 20-2012 in support of keeping speed limit at 65 MPH on Highway 183 on the north and south bound lanes from Lockhart North to Highway 21. Judge Bonn speaks about the amount of Caldwell County residents that use this route to commute daily to work. All Voting "Aye"

08.27.12 Discussion/Action to approve the proposed 2013 Appraisal District Budget. Larry Roberson explained that at this time, Mary LaPoint is the In-Term Chief Appraiser for the Caldwell County Appraisal District. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve the proposed 2013 Appraisal District Budget. All Voting "Aye"

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08.27.13 Discussion/Action to approve an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) between Caldwell County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for voluntary Caldwell County funding to a bridge replacement project on Oak Grove Road (CR 127) at a tributary to the West Fork of Plum Creek. The amount requested is \$137,343.00 and will be funded from current year reserves.

County Engineer Bill Gardner gives overview of weight limits of this location and explains that while TxDOT fixes the two bridges on the opposite side of this area, they will replace this one also. It is in the middle and at present time is the lowest weight limit in the County. It prohibits the support of large vehicles including bus service for the school. After repairs are done, this will help to eliminate the load zone restriction. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) between Caldwell County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for voluntary Caldwell County funding to a bridge replacement project on Oak Grove Road (CR 127) at a tributary to the West Fork of Plum Creek. The amount requested is \$137,343.00 and will be funded from existing reserves. All Voting "Aye"

08.27.14 Discussion/Action concerning setting public workshop dates, times, proposed agenda, and locations for EMS discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Roland have City Council and Commissioners Court meet for Public Workshops on September 12th, 2012, September 19, 2012 and September 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Courthouse. These will be posted. He would also like to have Lockhart EMS Director Aaron Langford and the visiting panel from Monday, August 20 meeting participate with the discussions. All Voting "Aye"

08.27.15 Discussion/Action concerning approval of the established eligibility and services standards contained in the Caldwell County Indigent Care Handbook for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the established eligibility and services standards contained in the Caldwell County Indigent Care Handbook for the fiscal year 2012-2013. All Voting "Aye"

08.27.16 Discussion/Action concerning optional health care services.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Madrigal to add Physical Therapy and Podiatry to our optional health care services. All Voting "Aye"

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- 08.27.17 Discussion/Action** concerning amendment to the revised fuel card policy adopted by the Commissioners Court at its meeting on June 11, 2012. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Roland to approve revised fuel card policy adopted by the Commissioners Court at its meeting on June 11, 2012. This will be signed by any County Employee that is issued a fuel card. All Voting "Aye"
- 08.27.18 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 Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve the Republican Precinct Judges and Alternate Judges for the November 6, 2012 Joint General Election along with the Central Counting Officials.
- 08.27.19 Discussion/Action** concerning selection of remaining alternate members of the Salary Grievances Committee. Originally 6 citizens names, 3 original and 3 alternates were drawn to be members of the Grievance Committee but there were problems with availability. Judge Bonn drew the remaining names one at a time and the citizens will be contacted. Discussion of the presence of the Sheriff was discussed. It was decided for a conference call. The 18 remaining names were drawn and called in order of pull. They are included in the backup for this meeting.
- 08.27.20 Pay Bills - \$193,585.65**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to pay the bills in the amount of \$193,585.65. All Voting "Aye"
- 08.27.21 Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge