

CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 10, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644



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 Members Present

- 09.10.01 Invocation-** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
A member of Caldwell County Christian Ministries opened the meeting with prayer.
- 09.10.02 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.
- 09.10.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
County Attorney Mack Harrison let the Court know that it would be no conflict of interest for Commissioner Cyrier to participate in the discussions for the possible Seton Contract.
Commissioner Buchholtz wanted everyone to know about the art exhibits on display in the downtown area of Luling.
- 09.10.04 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).
No Comments
- 09.10.05 Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of August 27, 2012, August 27, 2012 PM and August 16, 2012 minutes.
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the minutes dated August 27, 2012, August 27, 2012 PM and August 16, 2012. All Voting "Aye"
- 09.10.06 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).
Commissioner Buchholtz would like to discuss all of the Consent Agenda items separately.
They will be moved between #8 and #9.
- 09.10.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation.** None

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09.10.08 Special Presentations.

- A.** GBRS Mid-Basin Project presentation given by GBRA.
Bill West, General Manager gave overview of the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project for Caldwell County and surrounding area. He spoke about the current system and the levels of saline in the water supply at various times. He answered questions from the Court and citizens.
- B.** The Caldwell County Transportation Plan Project.
Tina Walker gave an overview of the Caldwell County Transportation Plan Project. She announced the First Public Meeting on September 20, 2012, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the First Lockhart Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Lockhart, TX. It will be a question and answer open house. Commissioner Cyrier thanked County Engineer Bill Gardner his help in the project.

Consent Agenda Items

- A.** To approve audit of the Jail Inmate Trust Fund Account.
Larry Roberson spoke about the results of the audit of the Jail Inmate Trust Fund Account. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the audit of the Jail Inmate Trust Fund Account. All Voting "Aye"
- B.** To approve audit of the Jail Commissary Account.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve audit of the Jail Commissary Account. All Voting "Aye"
- C.** To approve Budget Amendment No. 18 to approve transfer of \$137,343.00 from the General Fund Reserve for the purpose of Bridge Replacement Oak-Grove Road (CR 127) for the Unit Road Department.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Cyrier to approve Budget Amendment No. 18 to approve transfer of \$137,343.00 from the General Fund Reserve for the purpose of Bridge Replacement Oak-Grove Road (CR 127) for the Unit Road Department. All Voting "Aye"
- D.** To approve Budget Amendment No. 19 to transfer \$14,600.00 from the Unit Road Bridge Repair to the Unit Road Seal Coating and to transfer \$15,400.00 from General Fund Reserve to Unit Road Seal Coating, equaling a total amount of \$30,000.00 in Unit Road Seal Coating for completion of this fiscal year of seal coating.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Budget Amendment No. 19 to transfer \$14,600.00 from the Unit Road Bridge Repair to the Unit Road Seal Coating and to transfer \$15,400.00 from General Fund Reserve to Unit Road Seal Coating, equaling a total amount of \$30,000.00 in Unit Road Seal Coating for completion of this fiscal year of seal coating. All Voting "Aye"

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(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 09.10.09 Discussion/Action** concerning Texas State Tubes' request for a temporary variance (from September 10, 2012 until October 25, 2012) to the Caldwell County Rules for On Site Sewage Facilities regarding portable toilets.
County Engineer Bill Gardner spoke to Court Members recommending the temporary variance for Texas State Tubes. Rocco Moses said that the facilities should be done in the spring. Judge Bonn informed Mr. Moses that the Court would frown if this was requested again. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to approve a variance to allow temporary use for September 10, 2012 –October 25, 2012 for portable toilets on the Texas State Tubes facility. All Voting "Aye"
- 09.10.10 Discussion** concerning the abandonment of alleys and roads in Caldwell County. Commissioner Buchholtz said that he didn't see it as giving away an asset, more as a liability if they need to be maintained. Commissioner Madrigal agrees and sees it as an added tax that could be collected by giving it back to the owner. Commissioner Roland speaks in agreement. Matthew Allen, CCAD, spoke about the alleys and "streets" in the County that are not developed or maintained.
- 09.10.11 Discussion** concerning a needs assessment on the potential savings of \$250,000.00 in the 2012-2013 Budget.
Judge Bonn makes note that the amount is now \$264,000.00 due to the 3% raise that the City gave. Commissioner Buchholtz would like to see a needs assessment on the potential savings of \$250,000.00 in the 2012-2013 Budget. He would like to see it be used on the County Roads. Commissioner Roland comments that is too early to start talking about it.
- 09.10.12 Pay Bills - \$217,695.83**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to pay the bills in the amount of \$217,695.83. All Voting "Aye"
- 09.10.13 Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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