

**CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting June 10, 2013 9:00 a.m.**



**TOM D. BONN County Judge  
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk**

**ALFREDO MUÑOZ Commissioner Pct. 1  
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct. 2  
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct. 3  
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct. 4**

Call Meeting to Order

Judge Bonn commented on the past weeks rain. Everyone is pleased to have gotten some.

- 06.10.01 Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.  
Invocation was done by Pastor Randy Frye, First Christian Church of Lockhart.
- 06.10.02 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 all present in the Pledge to both Flags.
- 06.10.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Judge Bonn reports that he will not be able to attend the CTR parade on Saturday, due to a family obligation he will be out of town. Commissioner Munoz speaks about the Community Collection on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that 1044 tires, 9 tons of trash was collected and some volunteers from the community came out to help. He thanked Mr. Bittner and all that were involved.
- 06.10.04 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).  
Nick Dornak spoke thanking Mr. Bittner and all of the volunteers. He was please to inform the Court that the total for all 4 events has totaled just less than 40 tons of trash, 2100 tires and there have been over 200 volunteers from the community. He explains the continued effort to make disposal and recycling of tires more economical for the County and to find ways to help the environment at the same time.
- 06.10.05 Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of May 28, 2013 Minutes  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the minutes dated May 28, 2013, with corrections discussed. All Voting "Aye"

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**06.10.06 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).

- A. To approve Family Land Grant exception for platting of property located on Seminole Trail, Pablo Martinez Survey A-181. **Backup:** Attached.
- B. To approve Final Plat (short form procedure) for Pebblestone Subdivision Revised located on Pebblestone Road (County Road 90), Jasper Gilbert Survey A-113. **Backup:** Attached.
- C. To approve Veterans Selection Committee's choice of Lillian Treece as temporary Veterans County Service Officer during active-duty deployment of current Veterans County Service Officer. Committee members (all veterans) are previous American Legion Commander Stuart Carter, previous VFW Commander Jesse Romo, County Judge Tom D. Bonn, and current Veterans County Service Officer David Francis.
- D. Pay Bills - \$200,994.62  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

**06.10.07 Reports**

Septic and Subdivision – Kasi Miles, Sanitation Officer  
Federal Inmate – Larry Roberson, County Auditor  
Sales Tax – Larry Roberson, County Auditor  
Sanitation Officer Kasi Miles, presented the totals for the septic and subdivision for the month of May, 2013. She said about 80% of the fees were from the new subdivisions having mobile homes moving in.  
County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the totals for Federal Inmate and Sales Tax for the County.

**06.10.08 Special Presentations.** CAMPO update by John Cyrier.

Former Commissioner John Cyrier, updated the Court on the addition of Burnett County to the CAMPO region. With their growth and proximity to Travis and Williamson County, they're an important piece to our Transportation. There is still a lot of discussion about SH 45SW with the importance of connecting SH 130 to Mopac. There was discussion concerning the project on FM 110 in Hays County with a small portion in Caldwell County. This project could be seen as soon as the next few years.

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**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

- 06.10.09 Discussion/Action** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and Caldwell County to proceed with Phase II of the Flood Protection Planning Study.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and Caldwell County to proceed with Phase II of the Flood Protection Planning Study. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.10.10 Discussion/Action** regarding contract mechanic Richard Muckelroy's temporary substitute, John Franklin during his extended non-paid vacation (six weeks).  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Richard Muckelroy's temporary substitute, John Franklin during Mr. Muckelroy's extended non-paid vacation (six weeks). All Voting "Aye"
- 06.10.11 Discussion/Action** to seek bids according to the County's Real Estate Sealed Bid Procedure for the lease of unused County office space located in the Slater Building at 510 E. Pierce Street, Luling, Texas 78648.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Commissioners Court to be responsible to get appraisal for lease recommendation amount for the unused County office space located in the Slater Building at 510 E. Pierce Street, Luling, Texas 78648. Judge Bonn has asked Commissioner Buchholtz to be responsible for this. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.10.12 Discussion/Action** concerning a request for \$10,000 from Caldwell County toward the Texas Department of Agriculture, County Hog Abatement Matching Program (CHAMP).  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve a request for \$10,000 from Caldwell County toward the Texas Department of Agriculture, County Hog Abatement Matching Program (CHAMP). All Voting "Aye"
- 06.10.14 Discussion/Action** concerning salaries of non-elected employees which will be included in the 2013-2014 proposed budget and are derived from year two of the Employee Salary Plan proposed by the Human Resources Department and approved by the Commissioners Court on August 6, 2013.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the salaries of non-elected employees which will be included in the 2013-2014 proposed budget and are derived from year two of the Employee Salary Plan proposed by the Human Resources Department and approved by the Commissioners Court on August 6, 2013. All Voting "Aye"
- 06.10.13 Discussion** concerning salaries for elected County and Precinct offices to be posted in the newspaper pursuant to § 152.013 of the Local Government Code. No vote will be taken as this is a discussion only item.  
Judge Bonn suggests that the Commissioners and the Judge should take the lead and show the citizens and the County employees that they care about the budget and salaries. Commissioners Madrigal and Commissioner Roland are in agreement. There is an increase in the Sheriff's salary due to an anomaly where the Chief Deputy was making more than the Sheriff.

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District Clerk Tina Morgan spoke and asked why the amount on the sheet to be posted is different from her budget figures. She feels that she is being penalized for last year's grievance. County Clerk Carol Holcomb also feels that she is being penalized for the grieving process. Commissioner Madrigal feels that the 3 individuals that grieved last year are being penalized this year. Judge Bonn explains that it was like an advance from the five year plan. Judge Bonn calls last years total an advance, 20% a year is the plan. Commissioner Madrigal asks about the Commissioner Court voting on the Elected County Official Salaries before publishing, County Attorney Mack Harrison says there is no need. Commissioner Muñoz says that if the Commissioners don't take their raise then there will be funds when the budget is discussed in Court. Commissioner Roland also agrees with Commissioner Madrigal. He feels that it's unfair not to give the three elected that grieved last year the 20% this year. He also feels they are being penalized.

**06.10.15 Discussion** concerning who will reimburse Caldwell County for expenses incurred by Caldwell County, in the May 28, 2013 abolishment of the County Administrator Department.

Commissioner Buchholtz discusses the process of removing the County Administrator will be a costly expense. His concerns are that he doesn't feel that the taxpayers should be taking on the burden. He refers to the Democrat Party or the no growth group. His objective would be to continue to share with the public what this is going to cost. The administrator was going to be the Project Manager for the Wal-Mart building and we'll probably have to hire someone to do that. It's just getting started but he will let the public know as we find out what the costs are. Commissioner Roland adds that it didn't just start now, it started way back when he (County Administrator) was hired. Don't put the blame in the end. Judge Bonn reminds that the budget was approved.

**06.10.16 Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Parker spoke about the recent rains that we have had and was okay with leaving the burn ban off. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to leave the burn ban off. All Voting "Aye"

**06.10.17 Discussion/Action** regarding Fireworks Ban.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz that there will not be a fireworks ban. All Voting "Aye"

**06.10.18 Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge