

**CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting July 8, 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.

Commissioner Madrigal will not be present.

- 07.08.01 Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
A member of Caldwell County Christian Ministries opened the meeting in prayer.
- 07.08.02 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.
- 07.08.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Roland updated the Court on the status of the surplus vehicles that were up for auction. Dwight Jeffries, Unit Road Supervisor informed that three of them had sold and prices had been reduced on others. Commissioner Roland said that there was nothing to update from Flint Resource, as Commissioner Madrigal had been out of town and they had not been able to meet. He also discusses a disturbing e-mail that he received over the weekend about a petition to dissolve the Unit Road System. He stated that he would not be in favor of that.
- 07.08.04 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). Norman Chambliss spoke to the Court concerning the materials that are used on the gravel roads in the County. He said that the solution that is used in Bastrop County lasts longer than the treatment in Caldwell County. Steven Zunker spoke about the proposed budget. He's concerned with taking care of the basics first. He would like to see the budget for new vehicles for the Sheriff Deputy's put into capital outlay. He is concerned that there has not been budgeting for the addition of patrol deputy positions to keep up with the growth of our County. He is also concerned with additional funds for the Unit Road System and the condition of our county roads for the size of our County.

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Susan Stewart spoke about the e-mail discussing the dissolving of the Unit Road System. She calls it "political payback". She says that the Unit Road System does the best they can with the limited resources provided. She is concerned that the grant money that could come from the transportation plan will not help to fix the county roads that are in need the most.

Jim Fielder compliments the Commissioners Court for maintaining a policy for Flood insurance. There are a significant number of homes in Caldwell County in the flood plain. He has been in touch with a representative with FEMA and has been told that Caldwell County has assumed responsibility.

07.08.05 **Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of June 24, 2013 Minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the minutes dated June 24, 2013. All Present Voting "Aye"

07.08.06 **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 accept Lori D. Rangel-Pompa's Certificate of Attendance at the 41st Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar for completion of 5 hours of instruction specific to the statutory requirements of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2256.08 of the Public Funds Investment Act.

B. To accept Lori D. Rangel-Pompa's Certificate of Attendance at the 41st Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar for completion of 18 hours of educational instruction during the 41st Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar.

Judge Bonn would like to remove item (C) Pay Bills from Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve items A & B on Consent Agenda. All Present Voting "Aye"

07.08.07 **Reports**
Septic and Subdivision- Kasi Miles, Sanitation Officer
Kasi Miles, Sanitation Officer presented the report for June, 2013. At this time, the numbers exceed the budgeted amount.
Sales Tax-Larry Roberson, County Auditor
Larry Roberson, County Auditor presented the Sales Tax report for the Month of June, 2013. The Federal Inmate Report will be presented on July 15, 2013.

07.08.08 **Special Presentations. None**

Consent Agenda Item C-Pay Bills \$322,062.34
Judge Bonn had questions about a \$163.04, charge for the Sheriff Office. Chief Deputy David Brent said that he would look into it for the Court. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to pay the bills in the amount of \$322,062.34 minus \$163.04. All Present Voting "Aye"
At a later time in the meeting, Deputy Brent returned to the Court to inform that the Veterinarian charge of \$163.04, was for an ongoing criminal case and repayment would be sought from the defendant. Commissioner Roland amended the motion, seconded by Judge Bonn to pay the bills in the amount of \$322,062.34. All Present Voting "Aye"

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(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 07.08.09** **Discussion/Action** concerning approval of Resolution No. 17-2013, which allows Caldwell County to participate in a regional communications district as authorized by Chapter 773, Subchapter G of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Betty Voights, Executive Director, Capital Area Council of Government spoke to the Court concerning the Resolution and the funds that will now be available for the 911 Communications Program. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Resolution No. 17-2013, which allows Caldwell County to participate in a regional communications district as authorized by Chapter 773, Subchapter G of the Texas Health and Safety Code. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.08.10** **Discussion/Action** to approve Caldwell County Information Technology Policy Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this agenda item until July 15, 2013. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.08.11** **Discussion/Action** to approve revised Interlocal Agreement with the City of Umland for subdivision regulation in Umland's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to table this item until July 15, 2013. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.08.12** **Discussion** concerning update on Flint Hills Resources in regards to the paving project overrun. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until July 15, 2013. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.08.13** **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to deliberate personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074 regarding employee's request for leave of absence without pay under Caldwell County Personnel Policy 8.09
- Executive Session begins: 9:50 A.M.
Court Reconvenes: 9:57 A.M.
No action taken
- 07.08.14** **Discussion/Action** to approve employee's request for leave of absence without pay under Caldwell County Personnel Policy 8.09. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve employee's request for 30 day leave of absence without pay under Caldwell County Personnel Policy 8.09. All Present Voting "Aye"
- 07.08.15** **Discussion/Action** concerning Personnel Policies Manual Caldwell County, Texas 11.05 Accident Reporting. Larry Roberson brought a handout of the accidents for the past year and explained how the accidents are reported to the auditors' office. The main reason for the subject was for the Court to be brought aware of the Policy and Procedure. Judge Bonn said that he had not been aware of this before. The claims reported will have an impact on the price of the insurance cost for the County. Discussion only.
- 07.08.16** **Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Judge Bonn to leave the Burn Ban in place. All Present Voting "Aye"

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07.08.17

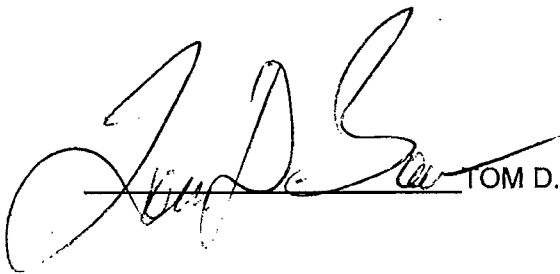
Budget Workshop

Judge Bonn said that there is an addendum to the budget on pg. 41/42. He adds that in the budget there are 40 new computers for the County, four new vehicles for Sheriff's Deputy's and for the second year in a row, the tax rate has been lowered. This is a balanced budget and this will be the second year for the County Employees plan for salary increases. He comments about the new businesses in town. Commissioner Buchholtz discusses the amounts on pg. 36 for the City of Lockhart E. M. S. The difference in the Lockhart total and the Luling totals are substantial. It is explained that the savings are incurred by the participation of the 1115 Waiver. Commissioner Buchholtz is concerned about budgets for Unit Road. He comments that every year the amounts do not provide for seal coating. Commissioner Roland adds the concerns about the roads in his precinct also. He says that the budgeted amounts for repairs have been consistently low. There are concerns when it can be done. Commissioner Roland said that he didn't understand the inclusion of a County Administrator Department. It was acknowledged by Judge Bonn. He asked about the added \$15,000 that on the line item with the Judges salary. County Auditor Larry Roberson, explained the stipend from the State added into the budget for the Probate Court for Judge Bonn. Anything over \$15,000 will be added to the County budget. Another concern for Commissioner Roland was the totals budgeted for the County Engineer. County Engineer Bill Gardner explains that he will not be with the County thru the next budget year and the cost of an engineer per hour may run in excess of \$125.00 per hour. The County may want to budget now to replace the position. Commissioner Buchholtz would like a timeline for the budget process.

07.08.18

Adjournment

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



TOM D. BONN, County Judge