

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting December 16, 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.

- 2013.12.16.01** **Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
Pastor James Green, First Presbyterian Church opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2013.12.16.02** **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.
- 2013.12.16.03** **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Judge Bonn announced that his youngest son had graduated from Texas A&M this past week. Commissioner Roland recognized the Lockhart High School boys' basketball team. He had seen several games these last few weeks and they were playing very well. Commissioner Madrigal thanked God for the Christmas Season and that we all woke up to enjoy it. Commissioner Buchholtz reminded everyone about the public hearing on Friday morning, 9:45 a.m. at the Scott Annex. It will concern the Transportation Reinvestment Zone. Commissioner Muñoz announces that there will be a reception for Dr. Parra, the LISD superintendent this evening.
- 2013.12.16.04** **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).
None
- Added to Announcements:
Martin Ritchey had to leave the meeting before updating everyone. Judge Bonn let everyone know that the Governor has sent the letter to the President of the United States requesting the Presidential Disaster Declaration. It was sent in last week and this is for the County to receive the reimbursement for the damages.
- 2013.12.16.05** **Commissioners Court Minutes Approval** of December 9, 2013 Minutes.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the minutes dated December 9, 2013 minutes with the changes discussed. All Voting "Aye"
- 2013.12.16.06** **Consent Agenda.** (Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda to be moved to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and action).
- A.** To authorize the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Heartbreak Ridge Subdivision. (5.000 acres out of James Hinds Survey A-14).
 - B.** Approval of a motion for the Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property located on Cattlemen's Row. (John A. Neill Survey A-20).
 - C.** To approve Certificate of successful completion of fifteen hours of Continuing Education at the 91st Annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference on October 7th-10th, 2013 for Judge Tom D. Bonn.

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- D. To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 14268134 for Daniel C. Law, Sheriff for Caldwell County in the amount of \$5,000 beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.
- E. To approve Certificate of successful completion of 45 hours of Continuing Education for 2013 calendar year for Caldwell County Clerk, Carol Holcomb.
Mack Harrison asked that Item "B" be removed at this time.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent Agenda items A,C, D, & E. All Voting "Aye" Item "B" will be returned to an agenda when applicant provides further information.

2013.12.16.07 **Reports.** Tax Collection Report November 2013
Larry Roberson presented the Tax Collection report for November 2013.

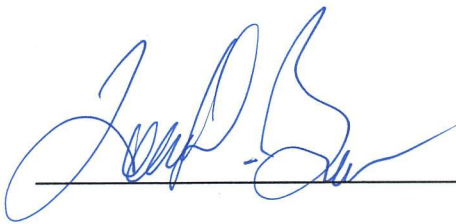
2013.12.16.08 **Special Presentations. None**

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

- 2013.12.16.09** **Discussion/Action** to approve guaranteed not-to-exceed maximum price for construction for County Judicial Service Center.
Kenton Heinze, Braun & Butler Construction presented the Court members with a revised plan with a not-to-exceed figure for approval and gave an overview of how the numbers were achieved. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve \$7,453,661.00 as the guaranteed not-to-exceed maximum price for construction for County Judicial Service Center. All Voting "Aye" Commissioner Roland wants the County to know that although it seems high, we're in real good shape. He is satisfied with the cost.
Commissioner Muñoz is very pleased with all the work that everyone involved has done so far. Judge Bonn said that this is an accomplishment of a major hurdle.
- 2013.12.16.10** **Discussion/Action** to amend Steinbomer, Bramwell, Vrazel Architects Contract for additional services for the modifications, redesign, and coordination at the future Caldwell County Judicial Center to include Data Center, electrical, air-conditioning, and plumbing services.
Robert Steinbomer gave the breakdown for Court for the totals on the contract. He explained how helpful that the new Data Consultant has been. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to amend Steinbomer, Bramwell, Vrazel Architects Contract for additional services for the modifications, redesign, and coordination at the future Caldwell County Judicial Center to include Data Center, electrical, air-conditioning, and plumbing services. All Voting "Aye"
- 2013.12.16.11** **Discussion/Action** to approve overall budget for Caldwell County Judicial and Service Center and to designate \$913,000 of unrestricted reserve for this purpose.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve overall budget for Caldwell County Judicial and Service Center and to designate \$913,000 of unrestricted reserve for this purpose. All Voting "Aye"
- 2013.12.16.12** **Discussion/Action** to change the General Fund Balance Policy from 3.5 months of expenditures to 2.5 months with a fund balance requirement at \$3,461,954 from a current \$4,846,735.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to change our General Fund Balance Policy from 3.5 months of expenditures to 2.5 months with a fund balance requirement at \$3,461,954. Roll Call Vote- Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roald-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes. Motion Passed.
Commissioner Roland commented that he is not a fan of taking money out of reserves but he is comfortable with this. Judge Bonn reminds the court that we will also have the other two County buildings for sale and the proceeds will go back into the reserves when sold.

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- 2013.12.16.13** **Discussion/Action** to appoint two individuals to the Caldwell County ESD#2 Board who will each serve a two year term. Recommended appointees are: Mr. Tony Collins and Mr. Ronnie Duesterheft.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to appoint Mr. Tony Collins and Mr. Ronnie Duesterheft to the Caldwell County ESD#2 Board and to serve a two year term. All Voting "Aye"
- 2013.12.16.14** **Discussion/Action** to assign Judge Pro-Tem for the 2014 year.
Motion made by Judge Bonn to appoint Commissioner Buchholtz as the Judge pro-tem for 2014.
Motion dies due to no second.
- 2013.12.16.15** **Discussion/Action** to appoint one nominee for the Luling Foundation Farm Board of Directors. Michael Haynes read the credentials for the three nominees for the Luling Foundation Farm Board of Directors. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to appoint Leonard Germer for the Luling Foundation Farm Board of Directors. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz for Alton Williams to continue in the position but failed a second and not included for friendly amendment. Commissioner's Muñoz, Madrigal, and Roland vote-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz- No. Motion passed.
- 2013.12.16.16** **Discussion/Action** to adopt new job descriptions for the County Maintenance Department, Unit Road Department, and Fleet Maintenance Department.
Motion made by Commissioner Munoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to adopt new job descriptions for the County Maintenance Department, Unit Road Department, and Fleet Maintenance Department. All Voting "Aye"
- Before adjournment, Judge Bonn thanks everyone that has worked on the Justice Center. He said he looks forward to the white board updates. He and Commissioner Muñoz have talked about the possibility of a workshop before each meeting for an update and then the Commissioner Court meetings and then the Project Manager could leave and start his day.
The City has one before each meeting. It will be discussed at a later time.
- 2013.12.16.17** **Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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