

**CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting July 15, 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.
All Present**

07.15.01 Invocation. Caldwell County Christian Ministries
Kathy Sellers began the meeting with prayer.

07.15.02 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 the Pledge to the Flags.

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

- A.** Texas Association of Counties has informed the County that our health insurance premiums will only be increased by 2.4% for the coming year compared to the national average of 7.85%. In addition, the County will be receiving a rebate from the risk pool of \$60,000.00.
- B.** Swagit will start installation of the cameras and equipment this afternoon, which will enable the live computer feeds to be available to the public in real time.
- C.** Texas Legislature has funded for the year 2014, the Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), making it the seventh year of the program.
Judge Bonn announced the items listed above. Commissioner Madrigal said that Sheriff Law would like to speak to the court and would arrive soon. The agenda continues.

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07.15.04 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 speakers.

07.15.05 Commissioners Court Minutes. Approval of July 8, 2013 Minutes.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the minutes dated July 8, 2013. All Voting "Aye"

07.15.06 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).

None.

07.15.07 Reports.

- A. Constitutional Probate Court Report - Larry Roberson, Caldwell County Auditor
Federal Inmate Report – Larry Roberson, Caldwell County Auditor.
Larry Roberson, Caldwell County Auditor, presented the report for Constitutional Probate Court and the Federal Inmate report for the month of June, 2013. Although it is below the monthly budgeted amount, the yearly amount is still above the budgeted amount.

- B. County Special Use Assets Reports –
 - 1. Weight/Scales – Margarito Zapata, Constable Precinct No. 3/Art Villarreal, Constable Precinct No. 4.
Commissioner Madrigal informs the court that Constable Villarreal let him know he was unavailable for the meeting. There was no word from Constable Zapata. Judge Bonn said that the reason that it was on the Agenda because the Court had approved a sizeable purchase for the weights, and that the Constable and his deputy's had been to training. He had not received any report. This item will be discussed at a later meeting.

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2. Lift – Fred Buchholtz, Commissioner Precinct No. 2/Curtis Weber, Building Maintenance Supervisor.

Commissioner Buchholtz informs the Court that at this time and possibly up to three years, there would be no use for the lift that was purchased by the County for work on the Courthouse. It could possibly be used on other projects, but to transport it, a trailer was needed. Maintenance Supervisor, Curtis Weber said that it would be more feasible to have a bucket truck to cut limbs. Commissioner Madrigal does not want to see it sit idle and Commissioner Roland is concerned about the ruts that it causes on the Courthouse lawn. Even with panels and types of protection for the grass, it still causes damage. Discussion about the possible sale of the lift or other uses at other properties, but to transport it is still a problem. Judge Bonn would like for two Commissioners, Curtis Weber and James Turner to continue discussion and return to Commissioners Court with a report for the best usage. Commissioner Madrigal adds that he would like to see the County buy a bucket truck. Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Buchholtz feel that they should be able to return a report in a couple of weeks.

Sheriff Law arrived and presented the court with information concerning Courthouse security and the budget that was needed.

07.15.08 Special Presentations. None

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

07.15.09 Discussion/Action to approve revised Interlocal agreement with the City of Umland for subdivision regulation in Umland's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Commissioner Madrigal said that the City of Umland had concerns with the interlocal agreement. County Attorney Mack Harrison let the court know that there was a current and effective agreement in place at this time. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to table this agenda item indefinitely. All Voting "Aye"

07.15.10 Discussion concerning update on Flint Hills Resources in regards to the paving project overrun.

No action taken.

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07.15.11 Discussion/Action regarding Burn Ban.

Mr. Ritchie informed the Court on the latest forecast and the conditions in the County. He said that he had polled the Fire Chiefs and they all felt that "roman candles" were the cause for fires over the 4th of July Holiday. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to leave the Burn Ban in effect. All Voting "Aye" Commissioner Muñoz congratulates Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department on the groundbreaking this past weekend. Mr. Ritchie thanks all that attended.

07.15.12 Budget Workshop

Judge Bonn went over the previous meetings budget updates and opened the workshop for discussion.

Commissioner Roland would like for the funds from his proposed yearly wage to go to the Unit Road system. Commissioner Madrigal would also like to add his. County Auditor Larry Roberson spoke explaining that the budget did not include any raises for the court. Increases for Unit Road would have to increase expenditures. Commissioner Muñoz said that in that since it couldn't be done, that the amount that was budgeted for the County Administrator salary should be moved over to Unit Road. County Engineer Bill Gardner said that an increase in material may cause a need for added manpower. Commissioner Buchholtz questions line items from the Tax Assessors budget. County Auditor Larry Roberson explains that amount is paid to the Caldwell County Appraisal District. Indigent health and Indigent court costs were also discussed. There are plans for a new ambulance for the County. Commissioner Buchholtz and Commissioner Muñoz plan to meet with Sheriff Law to discuss budget for new patrol vehicles.

07.15.13 Adjournment

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


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