

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

- 2013.09.09.01** **Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
Pastor Rob Clopton from First United Methodist opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2013.09.02.02** **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.
- 2013.09.09.03** **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Roland reports that he and Commissioner Muñoz took a guided tour of the Pegasus School on Friday Sept 13. He was very impressed and spoke of the misconception that most have until you see the many entities and resources that are provided for education and help services. Commissioner Muñoz echoed the recognition of the facility. He also congratulated the Lockhart Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for a successful event this past weekend. Commissioner Buchholtz let everyone know that the Luling Eagles are 3-0. Commissioner Madrigal explained Diez Y Seis , the September 16 Holiday. Commissioner Roland also commented on the restoration process and how well the Courthouse looked since finished. Judge Bonn agreed.
- 2013.09.09.04** **Citizens' Comments:** At this time any person may speak before 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).
Linda Hinkle announced that October 18th and 19th will be the "night to speak to the dead", which is a fundraiser for the restoration of the old Caldwell County Jail. To obtain tickets, call Kathy McCormick at 512-398-6292. They are \$10.00 pp.
Deborah Bissonette said that some citizens of Caldwell County had received letters from "Green Group Holdings", and asked if the Commissioners were aware and if so, how long had the Commissioners been involved? .
Judge Bonn let her know that they couldn't answer questions at this time.
- 2013.09.09.05** **Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of September 4, 2013 & September 9, 2013 Minutes.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve minutes dated September 4, 2013 and September 9, 2013. All Voting "Aye"

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Judge Bonn recognizes Mayor of Lockhart, Lew White in attendance.

2013.09.09.06

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 annual service contract for maintenance of the Seth Thomas tower clock in the courthouse to commence September 2013.

B. To approve annual maintenance contract with CIRA, Texas Association of Counties to host and maintain County's website beginning January 2014, at a cost of \$1,050.00.

C. To approve Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Resolution No. 23-2013 to Combines Community Action, Inc. who provide home delivered meals services to homebound citizens and/or have a disability. Cost: 1,300.00

D. To approve a Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property on Old McMahan Road. (James Pinchback Survey A-242)

E. To grant quitclaim deed for any interest Caldwell County may have in Lots 8 and 9, Block 2, San Fernando Addition, Caldwell County, also referred to as 820 Neches Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644. Note: Buyer is requesting this to resolve a title issue. The property was sold to the County for unpaid taxes in 1951 and later redeemed, but there is no record of redemption. Tax rolls and heirship affidavits do show the property owner paying taxes on the home from 1953 until death.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

2013.09.09.07

County Reports/Special Presentations

A. Tax Collection - Larry Roberson, County Auditor

Larry Roberson gave the report for the August 2013 Caldwell County Appraisal District. At this time the figures have exceeded the budgeted amount.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2013.09.16.08

Discussion/Action to approve joint project with the City of Lockhart to chip and seal the following gravel streets; Maple Street, Patton Lane, Old Kelley Road and Horseshoe Road. City of Lockhart would prepare the roads and provide the liquid asphalt and topping materials. County would provide the labor and equipment for the paving of the roads.

Commissioner Buchholtz is concerned that there are still county roads that are on the list for paving and would like to see them finished this season as well. Judge Bonn looks at Maple Street as a priority due to the vicinity of the Toll Road. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the joint projects with the City of Lockhart to chip and seal the following gravel streets; in this order of priority, Maple Street, Patton Lane, Old Kelley Road and Horseshoe Road. City of Lockhart would prepare the roads and provide the liquid asphalt and topping materials. County would provide the labor and equipment for the paving of the roads. Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffery and City Manager Vance Rogers will work together on the coordination of projects. This will extend to the next paving season. All Voting "Aye"

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Mayor White said that the Farmers market that is located on Main St. will be moving to the West side of the Courthouse on the Northbound strip of Main St., by the Courthouse. The move will be for better exposure and to be closer to the other downtown businesses. They will not be on Courthouse property. It is believed that all vendors have locally produced products.

- 2013.09.16.09** **Discussion/Action** to approve Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions contract Number S00001017254 start date 10/01/2013 ending 09/30/2014 for maintenance and software for radio Network System. Cost: \$68,411.00
The invoicing for all the participants is done by the City of Lockhart. These fees are in the budget. No action taken.
- 2013.09.16.10** **Discussion/Action** to open bids for Aggregate, Asphalt Materials, Flexible Base, Fuel (Regular, Unleaded and #2 Diesel), Oil & Lubricants for the budget year 2013/2014.
Judge Bonn opened the bids that had been received and read aloud. County Auditor Larry Roberson and Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffery will review them and return them to Commissioners Court next week with recommendations.
- 2013.09.16.11** **Discussion/Action** to amend Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum section 3.03 regarding numbering of meeting agenda items by inserting the underlined text as follows:
Each agenda item shall have a number which shall be the number of the year followed by a period, then the number of the month followed by a period, then the day of the month followed by a period, and then the number assigned by the County Judge starting with number one and then going up for each Agenda Item (Example 2013.11.14.5 which would be the 5th item on the November 14th, 2013 Agenda.)
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to adopt amendment of Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum section 3.03 regarding numbering of meeting agenda items by putting the year at the beginning. All Voting "Aye"
- 2013.09.16.12** **Discussion/Action** concerning approval of fee proposal for the required TAS (Texas Department of Licensing and Registration) review and approval of the required TAS renovations to the Luling Annex. Cost of \$4,500.00
Commissioner Madrigal asked if there might be any more fees from the project. Commissioner Buchholtz replied that he didn't expect any except the inspection fees for the ADA compliance. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the contract with Robert Steinbomer to provide the drawings to submit to the State not to exceed \$4,500.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 2013.09.16.13** **Discussion/Action** concerning approval of Interlocal Agreement with Rockwall County for Contractual Obligations and Voting Equipment and supplies received with the Texas Effective Absentee Systems for the Election (EASE) Grant. Elections Administrator Pamela Ohlendorf explained the Interlocal Agreement and the grant. It will make a much more efficient and secure voting process for the absentee voters. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Rockwall County for Contractual Obligations and Voting Equipment and supplies received with the Texas Effective Absentee Systems for the Election (EASE) Grant. All Voting "Aye"

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2013.09.16.14 **Discussion/Action** concerning Burn Ban.
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the
burn ban on. All Voting "Aye"

2013.09.16.15 **Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to Adjourn.
All Voting "Aye"


TOM D. BONN, County Judge