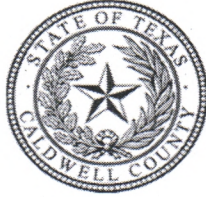


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
2nd Floor Courtroom, Caldwell County Courthouse, 110 S. Main Street, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court November 12, 2019 9:00 a.m.



HOPPY HADEN County Judge
TERESA RODRIGUEZ County Clerk

B.J. WESTMORELAND Commissioner PC. 1
BARBARA SHELTON Commissioner PC. 2
ED THERIOT Commissioner PC. 3
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner PC. 4

Call Meeting to Order

Judge Haden calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Roland is not present.

Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Bob Bush opens the meeting in prayer.

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 Haden leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

Announcements. Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Westmoreland greets attendees.

Commissioner Shelton says she attended meetings and ceremonies. She reads the POW/MIA Table Setting description.

Commissioner Roland arrives.

Commissioner Theriot talks about the CAMPO training session he attended.

Commissioner Roland greets attendees and says he fielded phone calls and thanks all those that worked on the new courtroom.

Barbara Gonzales thanks the Commissioners for the new Auditor Assistant position and says Carolyn Caro has been hired.

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).

There are no Citizen's Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA. (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion).

1. **Approve payment of County invoices and County Purchase Orders in the amount of \$724,450.68; Backup: 33**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County payments**
 - A. **\$310,519.14 (Payroll Roll 10/13/2019 - 10/26/2019); Backup: 21**
 - B. **\$93,913.51 (Payroll Tax 10/13/2019 – 10/26/2019); Backup 2**
 - C. **\$139,843.00 (DMV Remittance); Backup: 3**
 - D. **\$415.62 (TPWD Comptroller); Backup: 3**
 - E. **\$388,270.89 (DVM Comptroller); Backup: 12**
3. **Accept Treasurer’s State Reports/Filings of state fees collected by Caldwell County to Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts, for the third quarter of 2019. Backup: 9**
4. **To accept the Cost Allocation for 2020 Appraisal District and Collections Budgets. Backup: 6**
5. **To accept payment and renewal bond of policy #14771315 for Melanie Bowden. Backup:4**
6. **To accept Audit – Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency. Backup: 2**

Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the Consent Agenda. All voting “Aye”.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- PowerPoint presentation of the Caldwell County Historic Courthouse Courtroom Remodel
- To present the Maintenance Crew (Curtis Weber, James Turner, and Garry Dalton) with a Certificate of Appreciation

Judge Haden and Ezzy Chan introduce the presentation and present Certificates of Appreciation.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Speaker: Judge Haden / Carine Chalfoun; Backup: None; Cost: None**

Carine Chalfoun says weather conditions have remained the same and leaves the burn ban up to the Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot to leave the burn ban off. All voting “Aye”. Carine reads the outdoor burn rules.

8. **Discussion/Action** to approve a Proclamation recognizing November 2019 as Mediation Awareness Month. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Judge Haden reads the Proclamation and asks for a motion to approve. So moved by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting “Aye”.

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9. **Discussion/Action** to approve a Proclamation recognizing November 2019 as National Family Caregivers Month. **Speaker: Commissioner Shelton; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Judge Haden reads the Proclamation and asks for a motion to approve. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Theriot that we approve. "All voting "Aye".

10. **Discussion/Action** to adopt Resolution 03-2020 regarding the voting ballot for candidates to the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: None**

Judge Haden reads the Resolution and asks for a motion to adopt it. So moved by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye". Court members discuss and confirm that the vote will be split equally between Sally Daniels, Nick Irwin, Rick Salisbury, Luz Riley and Kathy Haigler.

11. **Discussion/Action** to adopt Resolution 04-2020 for the Caldwell County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Dennis Engelke; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Dennis Engelke reads the Resolution. Judge Haden asks for a motion to adopt the Resolution. So moved by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

12. **Discussion/Action** to adopt Resolution 05-2020 establishing the Caldwell County Community Services Foundation. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Dennis Engelke; Backup: 2; Cost: TBD**

Dennis Engelke reads the Resolution. Fred Weber asks to table and answers Commissioner Theriot. Motion by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Theriot that we table item 12. All voting "Aye".

13. **Discussion/Action** to accept Budget Amendment #1 in order to clean up the accounting books for FY 2019. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Barbara Gonzales; Backup: 6; Cost: None**

Barbara Gonzales explains the Amendment. Judge Haden asks for a motion to accept Budget Amendment #1. So moved by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Westmoreland. All voting "Aye".

14. **Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2 in order for the County Auditor to Purchase new computers and monitors. **Speakers: Judge Haden/ Barbara Gonzales/ Mayra Castillo; Backup: 8; Cost: \$1,264.00**

Barbara Gonzales explains the Amendment. Judge Haden asks for a motion to accept Budget Amendment #2. So moved by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

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15. **Discussion/Action** to approve the Lease Amendment No. 3 for the Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Caldwell County USDA Service Center, 1400 FM 20 East, Suites A & D, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: None**

Judge Haden asks for a motion to approve. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Westmoreland that we approve. All voting "Aye".

16. **Discussion/Action** to consider appropriating \$140,000 to support the construction of the permeable paver 36 - vehicle parking lot extension at the Caldwell County Justice Center. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Dennis Engelke; Backup: 5; Cost: \$140,000**

Judge Haden explains the County's revenue change since the item was last discussed and asks to table. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Westmoreland that we table Item 16. All voting "Aye".

17. **Discussion/Action** to ratify the acceptance of the Criminal Justice Department "Caldwell County Sheriff's Office Co-Morbidity Initiative Phase 3 Grant" of \$129,086.67. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Dennis Engelke; Backup: 3; Cost: None**

Dennis Engelke explains the Grant. Judge Haden asks for a motion to ratify Item 17. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

18. **Discussion/Action** to ratify the acceptance of the VINE/SAVNS grant from the Office of the Attorney General for \$18,618.87. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Dennis Engelke; Backup: 29; Cost: None**

Dennis Engelke explains the Grant. Judge Haden asks for a motion to ratify the acceptance. So moved by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

19. **Discussion/Action** regarding the County employee holiday schedule for calendar year 2020. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: None**

Court members and Ezzy Chan discuss the options of an additional float day or a half day being added to the Christmas break. Judge Haden asks for a motion to add an additional float day for the calendar year 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

20. **Discussion/Action** to reschedule the December 24, 2019 Commissioners Court Meeting. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost None**

Judge Haden asks for a motion to reschedule the December 24th Commissioners Court Meeting to December 17th. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

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21. **Discussion/Action** regarding a variance request for Compostela Subdivision located on Williamson Road (CR 177) concerning the easement requirement under Appendix D.G) of the Caldwell County Development Ordinance as it applies to the subdivision. **Speaker; Commissioner Roland/Kasi Miles/Tracy Bratton; Backup: 19; Cost: None**

Judge Haden and Kasi Miles discuss tabling the item until Tracy Bratton can be present and the applicant Jeffrey Howard agrees to the later date. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Shelton to table item 21. All voting "Aye".

22. **Discussion/Action** to consider passing regulations concerning the permitting and operation of game rooms located in the unincorporated areas in Caldwell County. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Fred Weber; Backup: 14; Cost: None**

Fred Weber explains his recommendation that the County create an Ordinance for game rooms and requests permission to post a Public Hearing. Judge Haden asks how Fred Weber would like the motion and he says "Authoize the DA's office to publish Notice of a Public Hearing on the Game Room Ordinance on December 10th" Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Theriot as read. All voting "Aye".

23. **Discussion/Action** to canvass the Constitutional General Election. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Pamela Ohlendorf; Backup: 6; Cost: None**

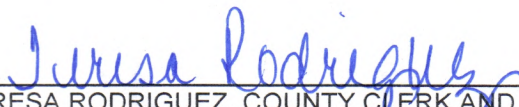
Pamela Ohlendorf hands out the General Election results. Judge Haden reads the Election numbers and asks for a motion to approve canvassing the Constitutional General Election. So moved by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

24. **Adjournment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Roland that we adjourn. All voting "Aye". Court adjourns at 9:55 a.m.

I, TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on November 12, 2019.




TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS