COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas Regular Meeting April 23, 2018 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWE CAROL HOLCOMB

County Judge County Clerk

TERRY WRIGHT EDDIE MOSES ED THERIOT

Commissioner Pct. 1 Commissioner Pct. 2 Commissioner Pct. 3 JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct. 4

Call Meeting to Order.

Judge Schawe calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members are present.

Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Father Ryan Lozano of St. Andrew Orthodox Church opens 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 Schawe leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

Announcements. Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Wright says he joined a meeting of the County Auditor Barbara Gonzales, Judge Schawe, and the County's financial advisor regarding the budget. He adds that the Cinco De Mayo Celebration, the Lockhart Booster, and the FFA auction are all coming up.

Commissioner Moses reviews the Old Settlers Music Festival and says he attended the FFA banquet at Foundation Farms. He says he observed a road improvement method in Guadalupe County that is being considered for Caldwell and that a 4H Leadership meeting will take place at the Scott Annex tomorrow.

Commissioner Theriot says the Greater San Marcos Partnership is here to talk about ongoing projects and that he and Judge Schawe met with public agency representatives regarding grants for recovery and resiliency. He says he also attended the Old Settlers Music Festival.

Commissioner Roland says the Dale VFD had a benefit auction Saturday that he attended.

Martin Ritchey discusses the Old Settlers Music Festival's success and thanks everyone who assisted. He says CAPCOG had a conference covering progress since Harvey that he and Judge Schawe attended.

<u>Citizens' Comments.</u> 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).

Ashby Johnson is the Executive Director of Austin area CAMPO and says the project submitted by the County for Yarrington Road was scored well and he is cautiously optimistic it will be funded.

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

- 1. Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$ 222,673.09.
- 2. Ratify re-occurring County payments in the amount of: \$ 293,846.33 (Payroll)
- 3. Approve Budget Transfer # 10 for District Attorney's Office reevaluating compensation due to tenured employee retiring.
- 4. Accept the March 2018 Tax Collection Report submitted by the Caldwell County Appraisal District.
- 5. Accept the 2016 2017 Caldwell County quarterly investment reports submitted by County Treasurer, Lori Rangel.

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright to accept Consent Agenda items 1-5. All voting "Aye".

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

6. Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation declaring April 29 - May 6, 2018 Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Caldwell County. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Donnie Graham; Backup: 1.

Donnie Graham, Chairman of Caldwell-Travis Soil and Water Conservation District, reads the Proclamation.

Commissioner Theriot exits and returns.

Judge Schawe asks for a motion to approve. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

7. Discussion/Action to approve a Proclamation declaring April 30 - May 4, 2018, Air Quality Awareness Month. Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Wright; Backup: 1.

Commissioner Wright reads the Proclamation and states that he would like to make the motion, second by Commissioner Moses. All voting "Aye".

8. Discussion/Action to consider adding a line item in the next fiscal year's budget to fund a recurring contribution to the Clean Air Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$3,580.00. Cost: Not to exceed \$3,580.00; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 10.

Judge Schawe explains the agenda item, asking if the expense should be added to the upcoming budget. Motion made by Commissioner Wright, second by Commissioner Moses. All voting "Aye".

9. Discussion/Action regarding the burn ban. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Martin Ritchey; Backup: None.

Martin Ritchey explains the temporary burn ban that was in place and has since expired and says he does not recommend the burn ban at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot that we leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

10. Discussion/Action to issue an order allowing retail fireworks permit holders to sell fireworks to the public in celebration of Memorial Day of fireworks during the Memorial Day Fireworks pursuant to Occupations Code Section 2154.202(h)(1), to issue an order allowing retail fireworks permit holders to sell fireworks to the public in celebration of Memorial Day. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Martin Ritchey; Backup: 2.

Martin Ritchey asks for the court to table the item until closer to Memorial Day because weather influences the decision. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot to table it. All voting "Aye"

11. Discussion/Action to approve terminating the compensatory time policy, dispersing all existing accumulated funds, and replacing with overtime simultaneously with the implementation of the 26 pay period conversion in October of 2018. Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Wright; Backup: None.

Court members, County Auditor Barbara Gonzales, County Sheriff Daniel Law, Veteran Service Officer Al Dos Santos, and Emergency Management Coordinator Martin Ritchey discuss overtime verses comp time, tracking employee hours, when and how often to pay out comp time, and department heads budgeting for overtime.

Judge Schawe suggests a motion to move forward with the budget to include overtime verses comp time. Motion made by Commissioner Wright, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

12. Discussion/Action to finalize the 2018-2019 Budget Planning Calendar. Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 2.

Commissioner Theriot, Judge Schawe, and Commissioner Wright discuss having Workshops rather than meetings with department heads and when the Workshops will work on the calendar.

Recommendation made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the budget calendar as amended. All voting "Aye".

13. Discussion/Action regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) of Medical Services for Inmates of Caldwell County. Cost: \$157,957.36; Speaker: Commissioner Moses; Backup: 20.

Barbara Gonzales reviews why the Proposal from Southern Health Partners was chosen.

Tim Quintana, Correctional Healthcare Consultant with Southern Health Partners discusses the contract's details and negotiation process. Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Moses say they recommend Southern Health Partners.

Sheriff Daniel Law goes over costs, possible code violations, and staff details supporting the need for the contract and Tim Quintana answers questions from the court.

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright that we use Southern Healthcare Partners for our jail. All voting "Aye".

14. Discussion/Action to adopt Caldwell County Economic Development Policy. Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 5.

Mike Kamerlander, Vice President of Greater San Marcos Partnership, overviews the Caldwell County Economic Development Policy and answers questions from the court.

Recommendation by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Wright that we adopt the Caldwell County Economic Development Incentive Policy as presented to the court. All voting "Aye".

15. Discussion/Action to approve Budget Amendment #11 for District Clerk: rearranging salary levels between District Clerk employees (Fund 1) and Records Management employee (Fund 8). Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.

Judge Schawe explains the agenda item.

District Clerk Tina Freeman discusses the item's placement on the Agenda, the type of budget change it is, and the related government code.

Judge Schawe, County Treasurer Lori Rangel, and County Auditor Barbara Gonzales discuss how items are designated on the agendas and when the pay changes for the two offices will go into effect.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses that we approve item 15. All voting "Aye".

16. Discussion/Action to approve Budget Transfer #12 for Constable, Precinct Two: recording insurance proceeds for repairs to Constable 2 County vehicle damaged in March 2018 hail storm. Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.

Judge Schawe and Barbara Gonzales explain the transfer and Judge Schawe asks for a motion. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

17. **Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Transfer #13 for Commissioners Court: changes to assignment of position. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.**

Judge Schawe explains the transfer. Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses to approve budget transfer #13 along with all appropriate revisions to the job description. All voting "Aye".

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation.

Executive Session begins at 11:00 a.m., court reconvenes at 11:40 a.m., and Judge Schawe says no action was taken.

19. Adjournment.

Judge Schawe asks for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

Meeting adjourns at 11:41a.m.

I, CAROL HOLCOMB, 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 April 23, 2018.

CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

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