

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting July 27, 2015 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	ALFREDO MUÑOZ	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		NETO MADRIGAL	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

Call Meeting to Order. Meeting called to order by Judge Schawe at 9:00 a.m. All members of the Court were present.

2015.07.27.01 Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance.

Commissioner Madrigal opened the meeting with prayer.

2015.07.27.02 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 Schawe led all present in the pledge to both flags.

2015.07.27.03 Announcements. Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Judge Schawe compared the tax rolls from the Appraisal District stating they were almost identical. He then explained the County's expenses for this upcoming year and ways he is trying to cut cost. He also expressed concern about possible tax increases due to items including ongoing legal battles.

2015.07.27.04 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).

Tom Bonn spoke about his concerns of the County's budget. He expressed his support of the Appraisal District having their own building but is opposed to them having property that is taken off the tax rolls. He suggested having the Appraisal District build at the new Justice Center.

2015.07.27.05 Consent Agenda. (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion. Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be pulled for separate discussion and/or action).

- A. To pay county invoices in the amount of \$279,772.55.
- B. To approve Budget Amendment # 2014-46 for reimbursement to Tax Assessor in the amount of \$938.40.
- C. To approve Budget Amendment # 2014-17 for reimbursement to Judge Brady in the amount of \$150.74.
- D. To approve Budget Amendment # 2014-18 to adjust budget line items for Unit Road. No increase or decrease to actual budget.

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E. To approve Budget Amendment # 2014-19 increasing the Non-Departmental Miscellaneous Budget to cover additional moneys expended during the 04/15/2015 payroll issue.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda item B-E and pulling item A for discussion. All Voting "Aye"

2015.07.27.06

Report: Texas Agrilife Extension Service Report – Carissa Wilhelm and Michael Hayes.

Carissa Wilhelm introduced to the Court members of the 4H youth group. She stated this year having the most Caldwell County participants than in the past several years. She then wanted to recognize the 4H scholarship winners. Michael Hayes then addressed the Court to talk about the Livestock Judging Teams. He explained the team's achievements including placing second in District this year. Judge Schawe and Commissioner Madrigal congratulated and thanked them for their great work.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2015.07.27.07

Discussion/Action regarding the burn ban for Caldwell County. **Cost: None. Speakers: Judge Schawe/Martin Ritchey. Backup 0.**

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to put the burn ban on. All Voting "Aye"

2015.07.27.05

Discussion/Action regarding item 5 of the Consent Agenda item A.

A. To pay county invoices in the amount of \$279,772.55.

Commissioner Moses stated there was a discrepancy with two checks regarding the Feral Hog Program. The Auditors are aware and these checks are being reversed.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda item A with the reversal of the two checks between Todd Smith and Milton Shaw. All Voting "Aye"

2015.07.27.08

Discussion/Action to consider adopting a resolution to approve the proposed acquisition of land by the Caldwell County Appraisal District and construction of a new Appraisal District headquarters building and site improvements on that land, and the borrowing of funds to finance acquisition and construction. **Cost: None. Speakers: Judge Schawe/Mary LaPoint. Backup 1.**

Caldwell County Chief Appraiser, Mary LaPoint addressed issues that were brought up at the beginning of Court. She then gave a presentation in regards to the purchase of property for a new building for the Appraisal District. The total cost including land is \$1.362 Million. Included in the presentation were sketches and floor plans along with a list of building needs and reasons why the current building is inadequate. Commissioner Madrigal requested they look at another location, preferably at the new Judicial Center, to place their building. Commissioner Muñoz mentioned the infrastructure that was previously discussed when the new Justice Center was first being built. He agreed with Mary LaPoint that with growth and the current issues at their current building, a new one is necessary. He expressed the need to look towards the future. Commissioner Roland also agreed with Commissioner Muñoz and believes if this item were not approved; it would only cost more money later on.

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Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve adopting a resolution to approve the proposed acquisition of land by the Caldwell County Appraisal District and construction of a new Appraisal District headquarters building and site improvements on that land, and the borrowing of funds to finance acquisition and construction All Voting "Aye"

2015.07.27.09

Discussion/Action to consider amending the Caldwell County Employee Handbook to further define the work week detailed in Section 4.07 of the Handbook and to further define law enforcement personnel detailed throughout the Handbook. **Cost: None**
Speaker: Judge Schawe/Deborah Kortan. Backup 1.

Human Resources Director, Deborah Kortan explained to the Court that there are two separate pay schedules and requested that this be defined in section 4.07 of the Caldwell County Employee Handbook. She then requested approval to further define the sections that identify law enforcement personnel as it related to benefit and payroll issues. Commissioner Muñoz mentioned there is no back up for the second part of this item. Deborah Kortan responded stating there is no back up because this item is throughout the handbook and she is only requesting to change the verbiage adding jailers and patrol deputies in parenthesis where it currently says law enforcement.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to amend the Caldwell County Employee Handbook to further define the work week detailed in Section 4.07 of the Handbook and to further define law enforcement personnel detailed throughout the Handbook. All Voting "Aye"

2015.07.27.10

Adjournment. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to adjourn. All voting "Aye" Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

I, CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO 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 July 27, 2015.



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

