

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting July 10, 2017 9:00 a.m.



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KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	HOPPY HADEN	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		ED THERIOT	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 of the court are present.

**Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Pastor James Greene from First Presbyterian Church opens the meeting with a 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 Haden** participated in Fourth of July festivities and parades. He also attended a CAMPO Meeting. He announces the Host Agreement Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> will be opened and recessed until 2:00 p.m. for the members to attend the funeral of Geraldine Ohlendorf. **Commissioner Moses** was also at the Fourth of July parades. **Commissioner Theriot** went to the Fourth of July parades as well and attended the CAMPO Meeting with Commissioner Haden. **Commissioner Roland** attended the Fourth of July parades and fireworks. **Bob Bush**, Human Resources Coordinator, reminds everyone open enrollment will be July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. He reviews details about the process. **Judge Schawe** adds that funding for clean air monitoring has been cut and options to keep it going will be discussed next meeting. He would also like the court members to meet with him and review the budget.

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**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).

**Randy Laney** is a Dale resident who speaks about his communications with Wayne Dolcefino and says that TCEQ will make the decision about the landfill.

**Marisa Parales** is an attorney for EPICC and says they are thankful that the Host Agreement Committee posted their meeting. She would like people added to the committee who are most impacted and Commissioner Roland because he is the voice for his precinct.

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

1. **Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$319,264.77.**
2. **Approve Budget Amendment #6 for the Unit Road Department in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Line Item 002-1101-3143 transferring \$10,000.00 to Line Item 002-1101-3181 and \$20,000.00 to Line Item 002-1102-4510 to provide funding within the department.**
3. **Approve Budget Amendment #7 for the Auditor Department in the amount of \$9,884.00 from Line Item 001-2130-1040 and Line Item 001-2130-2020 and transferring to Line Items 001-2130-1020, 001-2130-1100, 001-2130-2070, 001-2130-3110 to provide funding for payout of the previous Auditor's accrued vacation, temporary help utilized October 2016 through January 2017, employee bonding of interim and newly appointed Auditor and office supplies.**

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden to accept consent agenda items 1-3. All voting "Aye".

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**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Carine Chalfoun, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, recommends maintaining the burn ban. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot to leave the burn ban on. All voting "Aye".

- 5. Discussion/Action** to set a date and time for a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the installation of school zone signs for the Lockhart Montessori School on Westwood Road.  
**Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Haden; Backup: None.**

Commissioner Haden explains the need for the signs. Judge Schawe confirms with Civil Attorney Jordan Powell that the Public Hearing is required. Motion made by Commissioner Haden, second by Commissioner Moses to set the Public Hearing for 9:30 a.m. during the next meeting. County Clerk Carol Holcomb asks the date for the next meeting. Commissioner Haden says it will be July 24<sup>th</sup>. All voting "Aye".

- 6. Discussion/Action** concerning the composition of the Host Agreement Committee. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Haden; Backup: None.**

Commissioner Haden explains why he added the item to the agenda and that it is no longer necessary. Commissioner Roland confirms it is not necessary. No action is taken.

- 7. Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #8 in the amount of \$18,310.00 from Line Item 001-6510-5910 to 002-1101-5310 and the associated transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Unit Road Fund to provide additional funding necessary for the purchase of a 2017 John Deere 444K Loader.  
**Purchase: \$129,620.00 Speaker: Judge Schawe/Donald LeClerc; Backup: 7.**

Judge Schawe gives the details behind the agenda item. Unit Road Administrator Donald LeClerc explains the need for the new Loader. The court discusses how to fund the purchase. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland to go ahead and purchase the machinery and take it out of next years' budget. Commissioner Theriot and Judge Schawe discuss how the budget will be affected. All voting "Aye".

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- 11. PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:30AM** for the purpose of discussing the installation of speed humps on Spring River Drive (CR 103A).  
**Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Donald LeClerc; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Theriot explains the reason for the hearing and need for speed humps. There is a speed hump on an adjacent street which has diverted excessive traffic to Spring River Drive. Judge Schawe opens the Public Hearing at 9:26 a.m. and calls for anyone who would like to speak to do so at this time. No speakers. Judge Schawe closes the Public Hearing at 9:27 a.m.

- 12. Discussion/Action** regarding the installation of speed humps on Spring River Drive (CR 103A).  
**Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot /Donald LeClerc; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Theriot recommends approval of this item, second by Commissioner Moses. All voting "Aye".

- 8. Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #9 in the amount of \$3,350.00 from Line Item 001-6510-4860 to Line Items 001-4323-1036, 001-4323-2010, 001-4323-2030 (Constable Precinct 3) to provide funding for additional river patrol.  
**Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Theriot says copies of the revised amendment were handed out and gives the amendment details. He explains the cost is to address the budget shortfalls and additional services associated with Constables along the river and the tubing outfitters. Recommendation made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Haden for approval of the budget amendment as amended and reflected. Judge Schawe asks Civil Attorney Jordan Powell if changes from Constable Precinct 1 need to be on the next agenda or should be voted on today with an amended motion. Jordan Powell explains that it is a different department and office so it would be a safer route to create a separate agenda item for the next meeting. All voting "Aye".

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9. **Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #10 in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Line Item 001-6510-4860 (General Fund-NonDepartmental-Contingency) to 004-5401-5130 (Juvenile Probation-Detention) and the associated transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Juvenile Probation Fund to provide additional funding necessary for juvenile detention services.

**Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Jay Monkerud; Backup: 1.**

Jay Monkerud, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, explains the need for the additional funding. Commissioner Theriot asks if the rising costs will continue. Jay Monkerud predicts that they will and says they are reflected on next years' budget. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

10. **Discussion/Action** to approve the designation of reimbursements due from FEMA to the Unit Road Department to be utilized for department materials.

**Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: None.**

Judge Schawe wants confirmation that FEMA reimbursements for road construction will go to Unit Road because their budget is currently financing all road repair. Donald LeClerc, Unit Road Administrator, and the court discuss the use of, the potential amount of, and the arrival time of the reimbursement funds. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden that we take the FEMA money and put it back in the Unit Road System. All voting "Aye". Commissioner Theriot and Judge Schawe discuss where the funds will be held.

**11. Adjournment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot to adjourn. All voting "Aye". Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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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 July 10, 2017.

*Carol Holcomb*

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

