

COMMISSIONS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court May 26, 2020 9:00 a.m.



HOPPY HADEN County Judge
TERESA RODRIGUEZ County Clerk

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

Call Meeting to Order

Judge Haden calls meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation.

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.

No announcements

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). Citizens' Comments may be submitted to the Court at:

<http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm>

No Citizens' Comments

Pursuant to Executive Order GA-23 access to the 2nd Floor Courtroom will be limited to the County Judge, Commissioners, essential staff, and one (1) other person at a time. These measures are necessary to abide by the Governor's Executive Order and are intended to facilitate communication between members of the public and public officials. Participants and speakers will be allowed to enter the courtroom when the Court takes up their respective item on the agenda. The meeting will be broadcast over the internet and may be viewed at <http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtLive-OnDemand>

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 \$340,846.69; Backup: 28**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County Payments**
 - A. **\$312,208.27 (Payroll 4/26/2020 – 5/09/2020)**
 - B. **\$93,090.22 (Payroll Tax 04/26/2020 – 5/09/2020)**
 - C. **\$93,237.22 DMV Remittance**
3. **Accept the April 2020 Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District; Backup: 4**

Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Westmoreland that we approve the Consent Agenda. All voting “Aye”.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

4. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Speaker: Judge Haden / Hector Rangel; Backup: None; Cost: None**

Hector Rangel recommends keeping burn ban off. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting “Aye”.

Judge Haden asked to go back to **Announcements** :

Hector Rangel reported updates for COVID-19 in Caldwell County with new count being 50 with 12 recovering. Office of Emergency Management provided 2 families with food with help from Caldwell County Christian Ministries Food Pantry.

5. **Discussion/Action** to approve the scope of work and amount for Johnson Controls project. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Jennifer Lancaster; Cost: TBD; Backup: 1**

Judge Haden stated Johnson Controls was given authority to investigate County buildings and look into replacement of light fixtures and air condition units, etc. Jennifer Lancaster discussed the project scope and presented a slide show with facilities in question. Ms. Lancaster mentioned additional items such as a water control system and a network control system. Motion made by Commissioner Theriot to approve the scope of work with inclusion of the water control system, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting “Aye”.

6. **Discussion/Action** to approve the early voting hours for the primary run-off elections. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Pamela Ohlendorf; Cost: None; Backup: 3**

Pamela Ohlendorf requests to have early voting hours approved. Handouts were given to court. Hours on June 29th – July 2nd will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. July 6th – July 7th will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. July 8th – 10th will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and held at the Luling Civic Center and Scott Annex Building. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting “Aye”.

7. **Discussion/Action** to consider license agreement with Camp Gladiator for use of Caldwell County Justice Center parking lot. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Cost: None; Backup: 5**

Judge Haden requests to continue license agreement with Camp Gladiator. So moved by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

8. **Discussion/Action** to approve the 2020 claim from Texas Comptroller's request for unclaimed Property Capital Credits. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Cost: None; Backup: 3**

Ezzy Chan requests to approve unclaimed Property Capital Credits. Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Westmoreland. All voting "Aye".

9. **Discussion/Action** to approve the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) for FY 2020-2021. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Bob Bush; Cost: TBD; Backup: 5**

Bob Bush recommends keeping the Current Health Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

10. **Discussion/Action** to approve the renewal of GHS Collection contract and NET Data. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Cost: None; Backup: 18**

Judge Haden requests to renew GHS Collection contract as well as NET Data. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

11. **Discussion/Action** to approve adding a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Certificate to County website. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Cost: \$150.00; Backup: 3**

Judge Haden requests to add a Secure Sockets Layer Certificate to decrease risk within County website. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

12. **Discussion/Action** to approve Capital Area Council of Government's Air Quality Program FY 2021 Local Funding request. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ B.J. Westmoreland; Cost: \$1,184.00; Backup: 4**

Commissioner Westmoreland requests continuing CAPCOG funding to support clean air quality. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

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- 13. Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #39 to move money from Sanity Hearings (001-7620-4312) to Indigent Funeral (001-7620-4320). **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Barbara Gonzales; Cost: Net Zero; Backup: 3**

Judge Haden requests to move money to Indigent Funeral from Sanity Hearings .Commissioner Shelton suggests possibility of getting a contract for cremations. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Westmoreland. All voting :”Aye”.

- 14. Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #40 to purchase 2 Monitors and Computers. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Barbara Gonzales; Cost: Net Zero; Backup: 5**

Barbara Gonzales requests Budget Amendment to purchase 2 Monitors and Computers. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting “Aye “.

- 15. Discussion / Action** concerning approval of an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Indian Paintbrush Acres located on Borchert Loop (CR 108). **Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/ Kasi Miles; Cost: None; Backup: 15**

Kasi Miles requests approval of Final Plat for Indian Paintbrush Acres as requested, subdivision agreement has been filed and recorded. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting “Aye”.

- 17. Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution 20-2020 extending and continuing the State of Disaster within Caldwell County. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Cost: None; Backup: 2**

Judge Haden reads Resolution 20-2020. The State of Disaster within Caldwell County has been extended to 11:59 p.m. on June 9, 2020, Effective immediately. Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Westmoreland. All voting “Aye”.

- 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION** Pursuant to Section 551.087 for the Texas Government Code; consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. Possible action may follow in open court. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Cost: None; Backup: To Be Distributed**

Judge Haden opens item 16 Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 a.m. Item 16 Executive Session is attended by Commissioner Westmoreland, Commissioner Shelton, Judge Haden, Commissioner Theriot, Commissioner Roland and J.J. Wells.

Judge Haden calls meeting back to order at 10:17 a.m. No action is taken.