

**CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
January 14, 2013**



**TOM D. BONN** County Judge  
**CAROL HOLCOMB** County Clerk

**ALFREDO MUÑOZ** Commissioner Pct. 1  
**FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ** Commissioner Pct. 2  
**NETO MADRIGAL** Commissioner Pct. 3  
**JOE IVAN ROLAND** Commissioner Pct. 4

**Call Meeting to order.**

Judge Bonn recognized that this was the first meeting of the year.

- 01.14.01      Invocation-** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.  
A member of Caldwell County Christian Ministries was present to open meeting in prayer.
- 01.14.02      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 Bonn led all present in the Pledge to the Flags.
- 01.14.03      Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Commissioner Buchholtz read the Resolution from Senate #3 recognizing the work of the LIONS Club. A photo was taken. Judge Bonn made a list of County Office telephone numbers available for the Caldwell County offices. He also read a list of items that had been reviewed by the Commissioners Court in 2011-2012. He discusses the safety survey for TXDOT and ongoing status for the posted speed limit for the frontage road of the Toll Road in Caldwell County. Commissioner Madrigal thanked the Commissioners and Judge Bonn for all the hard work in the past. Judge Bonn welcomed Commissioner Alfredo Muñoz to Commissioners Court. He looks forward to working with him. Commissioner Muñoz says that he has been given positive feedback about our County and Sheriff Daniel Law. He was proud of that.
- 01.14.04      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).  
Steven Zunker encouraged the court to rescind the vote in favor of Resolution 29-2012. He is concerned about Caldwell County being compared to counties that are not our size and population. He says that he believes there is a qualified applicant in Caldwell County that will perform the auditor position for the wage offered. Rick Johnson spoke concerning Resolution 29-2012. He speaks against expansion of government in the future for Caldwell County and a petition that has been circulated concerning the Resolution. Tracy Forester speaks against Resolution 29-2012, and any increase of the Auditors wage. Susan Modrall speaks against Resolution 29-2012 and the petition against it that had been circulated.

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- 01.14.05**      **Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of December 17, 2012 Minutes.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the December 17, 2012 minutes. All Voting "Aye"
- 01.14.06**      **Consent Agenda.** (Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be moved to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and action).  
A. To approve rescheduling Commissioner Court from January 21, 2013 to January 22, 2013 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve. Consent Agenda, Item "A" only. All Voting "Aye"
- 01.14.07**      **County Administrator Report/Presentation.**  
A. Septic and Subdivision Fees Report  
B. Federal Inmate Revenue Report  
C. Monthly Sales Tax Collection Report  
County Administrator Ron Heggemeier presented these reports to the Court. Item A & B, were both above the budgeted amount for the month and the quarter. Item C was under the budgeted amount as expected. It is expected to begin to rise later.
- 01.14.08**      **Special Presentations.**  
Presentation by Wes Birdwell of Halff Associates, Inc., Water Resource Planning Director representing GBRA concerning the Texas Water Development Board Flood Protection Planning Grant.  
Wes Birdwell of Halff Associates, Inc. presented a handout to the Court and gave an overview of the Texas Water Development Board Flood Protection Planning Grant. He explained the needs for the study in the Central Texas area.

**Moved from Consent Agenda**

- B.** To approve Resolution No. 01-2013 to authorize Judge Tom D. Bonn to execute on behalf of Caldwell County any licenses or any documents required by TDA for the County participation in the Hog Out County Grants Program.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Resolution No. 01-2013 to authorize Judge Tom D. Bonn to execute on behalf of Caldwell County any licenses or any documents required by TDA for the County participation in the Hog Out County Grants Program, with changes to Section 3 and Caldwell Texas to Caldwell County. All Voting "Aye". Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland for Commissioner Munoz to assist to assist in the program. All Voting "Aye"

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

- 01.14.09**      **Discussion/Action** to approve either Resolution 02-2013 or Resolution 03-2013 authorizing the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Application for Flood Protection Planning Grant assistance filed with the Texas Water Development Board  
**Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz** to approve either Resolution 02-2013 authorizing the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Application for Flood Protection Planning Grant assistance filed with the Texas Water Development Board. All Voting "Aye"

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- 01.14.10**    **Discussion/Action** to approve Proclamation of Honor and Support of Oscar Fogle for nomination as Chairman of the Board of Directors of GBRA.  
Judge Bonn read the Proclamation aloud. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Proclamation of Honor and Support of Oscar Fogle for nomination as Chairman of the Board of Directors of GBRA. All Voting "Aye"

Break from 10:08 a.m.-10:20 a.m.  
Public Hearing began-10:20 a.m.

- 01.14.11**    **Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m.** concerning preliminary plat for Cherry Ridge subdivision, a 48.22 acre tract in the Andrew Churchill Survey A-66, on Spoke Hollow Road between Long Road and State Park Road.  
Gilbert McHaney spoke to the court about the concerns for the development of Cherry Ridge. Jason Roberts spoke to the citizens and Court to answer any questions concerning Cherry Ridge.

Public Hearing ended-10:47 a.m.

- 01.14.12**    **Discussion/Action** to approve preliminary plat of Cherry Ridge subdivision, a 48.22 acre tract in the Andrew Churchill Survey A-66, on Spoke Hollow Road between Long Road and State Park Road.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve preliminary plat of Cherry Ridge subdivision, a 48.22 acre tract in the Andrew Churchill Survey A-66, on Spoke Hollow Road between Long Road and State Park Road. All Voting "Aye"

- 01.14.13**    **Discussion/Action** concerning acceptance of bid from Alpha Building Corporation concerning repairs to the Caldwell County Courthouse, Lockhart, Texas. **Cost:** \$578,570.00; **Speaker:** Commissioner Buchholtz, Ron Heggemeier, Mary Salisbury and Darrell Dussetschleger, Alpha Building Corporation  
Mary Salisbury and Darrell Dussetschleger, Alpha Building Corporation gave an overview of the costs and the needed repairs to the Caldwell County Courthouse, Lockhart, Texas. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland for Commissioner Buchholtz and Commissioner Muñoz to research and work with Alpha to determine differences and return to the court in two weeks. All Voting "Aye"

- 01.14.14**    **Discussion/Action** to approve Interlocal agreement with the City of Martindale for subdivision regulation within that city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to table this item until January 22, 2013. All Voting "Aye"

- 01.14.15**    **Discussion/Action** to assign Judge Pro-Tem.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to appoint Commissioner Madrigal as Judge Pro-Tem. All Voting "Aye"

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- 01.14.16**    **Discussion/Action** to approve increase of Standard Mileage Rates for employee reimbursement from 55.5 cents to 56.5 cents per mile to match the IRS Regulations (R-2012-95, Nov. 21, 2012) for 2013.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve increase of Standard Mileage Rates for employee reimbursement from 55.5 cents to 56.5 cents per mile to match the IRS Regulations (R-2012-95, Nov. 21, 2012) for 2013. All Voting “Aye”
- 01.14.17**    **Discussion/Action** concerning amendment of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum by the addition of Section XI dealing with the appointment procedures to various boards and commissioners by the Caldwell County Commissioner Court.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until January 22, 2013. All Voting “Aye”
- 01.14.18**    **Discussion/Action** concerning possible new meeting location for calendar year 2013 Commissioners Court meetings under section 81.005(d) of the Local Government Code.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to continue to meet at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack, Lockhart, Texas contingent upon if new courtroom at new Judicial Building is finished. All Voting “Aye”
- 01.14.19**    **Discussion/Action** for reconsideration of Resolution No. 29-2012 concerning legislation to amend the Local Government Code to allow the possible increase of the Caldwell County auditor’s compensation above existing limits.  
Judge Todd Blomerth addressed his concerns and the original letter that was brought to the attention of the court. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to rescind the decision at previous meeting. Roll Vote, Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-No, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn-No. Motion Passed.

Recess-12:28 p.m.  
Reconvene-12:45 p.m.

- 01.14.20**    **Discussion/Action** concerning presentation of various plans for the remodel of the Walmart Building into a Judicial Center.
- A.** Presentation of Plans by Architect.
  - B.** Comments from elected public officials to be housed in or using the new Judicial Center.
  - C.** Discussion by Court concerning direction going forward on finalization of plans. Robert Steinbomer and Amy Bramwell showed several sketches to be reviewed by the Court. Several different plans were discussed. They answered questions from the public and the Court. A few of the Elected Officials that would possibly be moving to the new Judicial Center were present. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz that Judge Bonn and Commissioner Roland to be the point of contact for the County with the Architect. Commissioner Roland would like for he, Judge Bonn and County Administrator Ron Heggemeier meet with the Judges and those being affected and return to the Court with a recommendation in two weeks. All Voting “Aye” Time and place for the meeting to be determined.

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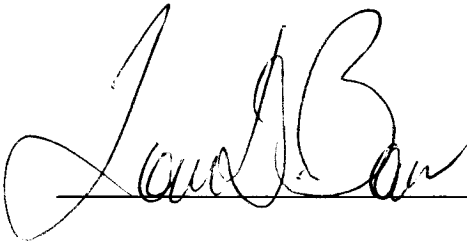
**01.14.21 Pay Bills**

January 2, 2013	\$ 96,210.18
January 14, 2013	<u>333,941.44</u>
	\$430,151.62

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to pay the bills dated January 2, 2013 in the amount of \$96,210.18 and January 14, 2013 in the amount of \$333,941.44 totaling \$430,151.62. All Voting "Aye"

**01.14.22 Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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TOM D. BONN, County Judge