

CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
March 11, 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.**

- 03.11.01 Invocation-** Caldwell County Christian Ministries.  
Kathy Sellers opened the meeting with prayer.
- 03.11.02 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 both flags.
- 03.11.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Judge Bonn announced that Caldwell County was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant for taking the third most hogs among all participating counties during the 2013 Hog Out County Challenge.  
Commissioner Madrigal commended the Lockhart City Council and the Chamber of Commerce on what a great job that was done putting on the Go-Kart race this past weekend. It was one of the nicest attractions brought into town. It was family oriented and very nice.
- 03.11.04 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).  
Jim Rowley with Pecan Park Campground spoke to Court concerning Senate Bill 280 and House Bill 791. The fees that may go into effect will raise the prices for campers, many of them being "Winter Texans". This will cause them to have to raise the rates and may not keep them competitive to other campgrounds in the area.  
Donna Votee spoke unfavorably about Senate Bill 628, allowing for formation of the 9-1-1 District for the CAPCOG region which includes Caldwell County.  
Linda Hinkle spoke to the Court about agenda item 03.11.14. She believes that it is a Caldwell County Road.

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- 03.11.05 Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of February 25, 2013 Minutes. Amendment of February 19, 2013, February 11, 2013, February 4, 2013, December 10, 2012, and October 15, 2012 Minutes.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve minutes with the corrections. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.06 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 Annual 2012 Profit and Loss Report and Form 990-N from Mid County Volunteer Fire Department as required by Paragraph 8 of the Rural Fire Protection Service Contract with Caldwell County to comply with the yearly reporting to the Caldwell County Judge's Office.
  - B. To ratify waiver and indemnification agreement with Texas Lone Star Grand Prix Inc.
  - C. To approve records contract between County Clerk and Integrity Title Records, Ltd. LLP.
  - D. To amend contract with the Architectural firm of Steinbomer, Bramwell & Vrazel. (Amendment concerns shifting of the allocation of fee payout from later stages to earlier stages due to increased work in the early stages. No additional cost over original contract).  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Consent Agenda, items A. B. C. D. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.07 County Administrator Report/Presentation.**
- A. Monthly Sales Tax Collection Report.
  - B. Federal Inmate Revenue Report.
  - C. Septic and Subdivision Fees Report.
- County Administrator Ron Heggemeier, presented the reports for the three items listed above. He also presented the Property Collection Report to the Court.
- 03.11.08 Special Presentations.**  
Presentation by Betty Voights, Executive Director, CAPCOG (Capital Area Council of Government) concerning Senate Bill 628, allowing for formation of the 9-1-1 District for the CAPCOG region which includes Caldwell County.  
Betty Voights, Executive Director, CAPCOG (Capital Area Council of Government) presented information to the court and those present, concerning Senate Bill 628, allowing for formation of the 9-1-1 District for the CAPCOG region which includes Caldwell County. Their role is to make sure that the equipment in the facility is the best equipment available and the infrastructure that connects that equipment to the phone systems is the best. The capability is not digital at this time. The goal is to be able to text to 911. This will enable citizens to possibly get emergency help faster and be able to send more information.

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**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

- 03.11.09     **Discussion/Action** concerning yearly report for the Pre-Trial Bond Release Program. Victor Jackson presented the yearly report for the Pre-Trial Bond Release Program. He explained how long he tracks the defendants that are in the program, and the estimated amounts that this program saves Caldwell County.
- 03.11.10     **Discussion/Action** concerning approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 relating to the purchase of seven (7) new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department (2 Patrol Sedans, 4 Patrol SUV's, and 1 K-9 SUV, plus software, hardware, and related equipment for automatic download of video footage). Funds for the purchase are to come out of reserves. **Cost:** \$287,082.00;  
Capt. Mike Lane and Sheriff Daniel Law gave an overview of the request for the vehicles and equipment. They answered questions from the Court. Motion made by Commissioner Roland that budget amendment #5 is not approved, a friendly amendment from Commissioner Madrigal to table, until more information is gathered. Motion from Commissioner Roland is withdrawn. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until more information is gathered from the Sheriff's Office. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.11     **Discussion/Action** to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Madrigal to the CARTS Board for a two year term beginning March 31, 2013.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Madrigal to the CARTS Board for a two year term beginning March 31, 2013. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.12     **Discussion/Action** to extend County Judge's Disaster Declaration Related to Risk of Wildfires for Caldwell County and to enact burn ban.  
Judge Bonn spoke about the wind conditions and that he had reinstated the burn ban last Thursday. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to continue the Burn Ban. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.13     **Discussion/Action** to approve lease for microwave dish antenna at Creedmoor with Lower Colorado River Authority subject to approval of legal counsel.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to table this item until the lease agreement is received. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.14     **Discussion/Action** regarding status of unpaved roadway between County Line Road and Lytton Lane (on Bastrop County line) not included in official county road map and registry.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until the next meeting. All Voting "Aye"

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- 03.11.15**    **Discussion/Action** to authorize the County Engineer to enter into negotiations with Klotz Associates in accordance with Chapter 2254, Subchapter A of the Texas Government Code, to determine proposed hourly rates and number of hours required to perform an Engineering Evaluation and prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report (Tasks 1 and 2) for the flood damaged bridge on Borchert Loop (CR 108) at the Clear Fork of Plum Creek. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz second by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item for 30 days. All Voting “Aye”

Court Recess- 10:35

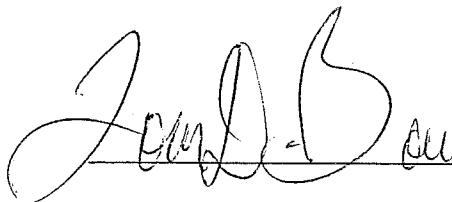
Reconvene- 10:49

- 03.11.16**    **Discussion/Action** regarding Uhland City Council’s request to convey 0.279- and 0.563-acre tracts to City of Uhland. Property to be used as a municipal park or for another purpose that benefits the public interest of Caldwell County or the city. Conveyance authorized by section 272.001 of Texas Local Government Code. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal second by Commissioner Buchholtz to convey 0.279- and 0.563-acre tracts to City of Uhland. Friendly amendment accepted from Judge Bonn that Caldwell County will retain all water and mineral rights. All Voting “Aye”
- 03.11.17**    **Discussion/Action** to approve traffic light project funding agreement with Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC, in which FHR will pay county to enter Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to install traffic signal at intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1854 and State Highway 21 for the benefit of the public. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve traffic light project funding agreement with Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC, in which FHR will pay county to enter Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to install traffic signal at intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1854 and State Highway 21 for the benefit of the public. All Voting “Aye”
- 03.11.18**    **Discussion/Action** to approve advance funding agreement with Texas Department of Transportation in which county will fund TxDoT installation of traffic signal at intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1854 and State Highway 21 for the benefit of the public. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to approve advance funding agreement with Texas Department of Transportation in which county will fund TxDoT installation of traffic signal at intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1854 and State Highway 21 for the benefit of the public. All Voting “Aye”

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- 03.11.19 Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution No. 9 requesting the Texas Transportation Commission and the Legislative Budget Board to convene to identify and provide additional assistance to Texas counties to repair, rehabilitate and maintain the county road system being deteriorated by the increased oil and gas truck traffic in South and Central Texas. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Resolution No. 9 requesting the Texas Transportation Commission and the Legislative Budget Board to convene to identify and provide additional assistance to Texas counties to repair, rehabilitate and maintain the county road system being deteriorated by the increased oil and gas truck traffic in South and Central Texas. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.20 Discussion/Action** concerning cancellation of the March 18, 2013 Commissioners Court. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to not cancel the March 18, 2013 Commissioners Court Meeting. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.21 Pay Bills - \$542,562.64**  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to pay the bills in the amount of \$542,562.64. All Voting "Aye"
- 03.11.22 Adjournment**  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"

  
TOM D. BONN, County Judge