

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Special Meeting September 4, 2013 9:00 a.m.



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.

- 09.04.01** **Invocation-** Caldwell County Christian Ministries
Meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
- 09.04.02** **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 those present in the Pledge to both Flags.
- 09.04.03** **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Judge Bonn corrected the article in the Lockhart Post Register this past week. The
money that is being given to the Hays County 110 project will be coming from the
CAMPO money that was received. Commissioner Muñoz reminded everyone that the
opening of the new animal shelter was at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. He said that he
had rode with Deputy Constable Steve Holmann on Tuesday. He described it as an eye
opener to a thankless job, a side of the city that many don't see. Judge Bonn announced
the fund raiser for the Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department. It would be on
September 7th, at Cedar Hall. Commissioner Roland said that he attended the TAC
conference and he was very pleased with the information and the thorough explanations
for the different changes coming into effect. Commissioner Madrigal and Judge Bonn
questioned a new event that they had heard of planned for the tubing business in
Martindale. Chief Deputy David Brent informed them that TABC had been on the Texas
State campus and the event was not going to take place.
- 09.04.04** **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).
None
- 09.04.05** **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 execute order relating to the official court reporters of the 421st, 22nd and
207th Judicial District Court and Auditor of the County of Caldwell.

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B. To reappoint Judge Bonn to the Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Board of Trustees,(MMHR Board) to serve a two year term beginning September 1, 2013

C. To appoint of Judge Bonn to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board (CAMPO).

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

- 09.04.06** **Discussion/Action** to open and award bid for the Renovation of the Luling Annex Building Bid # 00012.
Bids were opened for the Renovation of the Luling Annex Building Bid # 00012 and were read aloud by Judge Bonn. They were from ALPHA Corp., Luling Machine and Welding, Real Country Aire, Beicker Insealation, Reyna Drywall and Paint, Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz for Commissioner Buchholtz, Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber and County Engineer Bill Gardner to get together and look over the bids. The agenda item will be back on the next agenda for September 9th to discuss the bids. All Voting "Aye"

Public Hearing begins: 9:23 a.m.

- 09.04.07** **Public Hearing** 9:15 A.M. on Caldwell County Tax Rate
No Citizens spoke.

Public Hearing Ends: 9:24 a.m.

Public Hearing Begins: 9:30

- 09.04.08** **Public Hearing** 9:30 A.M. on 2013-2014 Caldwell County Proposed Budget
Judge Bonn read opening letter explaining budget adjustments. No citizens spoke.

Public Hearing Ends: 9:33 a.m.

- 09.04.09** **Discussion/Action on 2013-2014 Caldwell County Proposed Budget** as required by section 111.008(a) of the Local Government Code. Pursuant to section 111.008(b), the commissioner's court may make any changes in the proposed budget that it considers warranted by the law and required by the interest of the taxpayers.
Budget adjustments were made to the machinery and equipment was reduced to \$10,000 and miscellaneous was reduced to \$5,000.00 to keep both Animal Control Officers and to fund a portion of the Courthouse Security plan. Training for Constable Pct. 3 has been increased. Also to add the wage for the fleet maintenance supervisor \$33,913.00 and mechanic remain at \$32,100.00 **Motion made** by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to move \$85,000 over from Contingency to the Unit Road for gravel. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn-No. Judge Bonn summarized the changes that were agreed on for the approval of 2013-2014 budget.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the changes that were outlined for the budget. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the Caldwell County Budget 2013-2014. Roll Vote- Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz- Yes, Commissioner Madrigal- Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn- Yes.

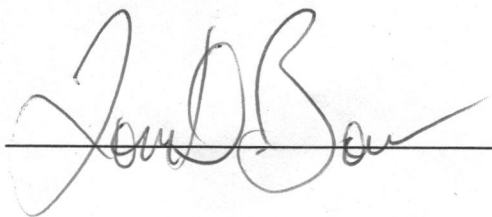
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- 09.04.10** **Discussion/Action** to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as required by section 111.008(c) of the Local Government Code because the budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as required by section 111.008(c) of the Local Government Code because the budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year. All Voting "Aye"
- 09.04.11** **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate business and financial issues relating to negotiations regarding a proposed development agreement between Caldwell County and Walton Texas, LP for regulation of subdivision and approval for Cotton Center.
NOTE: Prior to conducting the executive session, the commissioner's court must vote unanimously that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the commissioner's court in negotiations with Walton Texas, LP. In addition, the attorney advising the commissioner's court must issue a written determination that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the commissioner's court in negotiations with Walton Texas, LP.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland that there is a need for Executive Session due to deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the commissioner's court in negotiations with Walton Texas, LP. Roll Call Vote- Commissioner Muñoz- Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes. In addition, Mack Harrison, the attorney advising the commissioner's court issued a written determination that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the commissioner's court in negotiations with Walton Texas, LP.
No Action Taken.

Executive Session Begins: 11:08 a.m.

Court Reconvenes-11:50 a.m.

- 09.04.12** **Discussion/Action** relating to negotiations regarding a proposed development agreement between Caldwell County and Walton Texas, LP for regulation of subdivision and approval for Cotton Center.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to let District Attorney Mack Harrison proceed with negotiations with Walton Texas LP. All Voting "Aye"
- 09.04.13** **Adjournment**
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge