

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting August 26, 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.**

Commissioner Madrigal not present.

- 08.26.01 Invocation.** Caldwell County Christian Ministries  
Pastor Vi Lee of Faith Fe Presbyterian Church began the meeting with prayer.
- 08.26.02 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 the Pledge to the Flags.

Commissioner Madrigal arrived.

- 08.26.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Judge Bonn asked for any rain levels. Commissioner Muñoz recognized the first day of school. Final amounts for the environmental cleanup on Powell Rd. The final amount was \$50,702.09. The cleanup showed to be larger than expected. A large amount was soil removal. Judge Bonn updates the court on the progress made at the Wal-Mart building. There has been in excess of 20 roll out bins taken. Demolition is almost done. Judge Bonn said that hopefully that in October, the Construction manager will be able to let some of the bids out. There was discussion concerning the Judges Office in Luling and the Tax-Assessors Office in Lockhart.
- 08.26.04 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
- 08.26.05 Commissioners Court Minutes.** Approval of August 19, 2013 Minutes.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the minutes dated August 19, 2013. All Voting "Aye"

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**08.26.06 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 begin two-year performance period for the streets and drainage for Highland Ranch Phase II subdivision, to accept maintenance bond for the improvements, and to release the letter of credit posted by the developer for the construction cost of the improvements.
- B. To waive any fees and grant variance allowing a division of a 1.00-acre parcel along FM 671 from the John Tyler Survey A-289 without a short form plat for donation to the Mid County Fire Department. **Backup:** Attached.
- C. To approve Budget Amendment No. 13 which allows the Unit Road Department to move \$125,154.00 from Paving to Seal Coating. **Backup:** Attached.
- D. To approve the 990-N Form submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for South East Caldwell 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. **Backup:** Attached.
- E. Pay Bills - \$287,218.53

Before motion was made, Commissioner Roland said that he and County Road Administrator, Dwight Jeffrey took a ride through Highland Ranch to look at the streets. He said that they looked great. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

**08.26.07 Reports**  
None

**08.26.08 Special Presentations**  
None

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**08.26.09 Discussion/Action** to approve a Proclamation designating August 26<sup>th</sup> of each year as Women's Equality Day in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve a Proclamation designating August 26<sup>th</sup> of each year as Women's Equality Day in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote. Commissioner Buchholtz recognized Susan Stewart as a member of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters. All Voting "Aye"



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- 08.26.10 Discussion/Action** to approve Juvenile Probation's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and funding request in the amount of \$417,260.00.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Juvenile Probation's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and funding request in the amount of \$417,260.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 08.26.11 Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution No. 19-2013 requesting that the Texas Transportation Commission allocate \$1 million of the county's \$10 million SH 130 concession payment toward the FM 110 Project. **Cost:** \$1 million from SH 130 concession payment.  
**Hays County** Commissioner Pct. 1, Debbie Ingalsbe spoke to the Court explaining the Project. Commissioner Buchholtz would like to discuss and plan where all the money will be used before spending it. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Resolution No. 19-2013 requesting that the Texas Transportation Commission allocate \$1 million of the county's \$10 million SH 130 concession payment toward the FM 110 Project. County Engineer Bill Gardner explains that there is approximately \$2 million dollars in another fund called the STPMM that is ideally used for this type of project. He said that the Commissioner may be able to amend his motion to use money from this account. Motion is amended with Counsels approval. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Resolution No. 19-2013 requesting that the Texas Transportation Commission allocate \$1 million from the STPMM money allocated by TXDOT. Commissioner Muñoz-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-No, Commissioner Madrigal-Yes, Commissioner Roland-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes. Motion Passed
- 08.26.12 Discussion/Action** to open bids and award contract for restoration, repair and painting of the Main Office of Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector located at 100 E. Market Street, Lockhart, Texas.  
Judge Bonn opened two bids for the restoration, repair and painting of the Main Office of Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector located at 100 E. Market Street, Lockhart, Texas. They were from ALPHA Building Corp., in the amount of \$41,930.00 with a 1.5% bond totaling \$42,569.00 and M&M in the amount of \$53,494.00. with no bond. Judge Bonn requests to table this item until Assistant District Attorney Mack Harrison and County Auditor Larry Roberson took a minute to look over the bids. They exit at 9:31 a.m. and return at 9:41 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to award contract for restoration, repair and painting to ALPHA Building Corp., in the amount of \$41,930.00 for the Main Office of Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector located at 100 E. Market Street, Lockhart, Texas. All Voting "Aye"
- 08.26.13 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment No. 12 to establish the Fleet Maintenance Department as a new department under the Unit Road Department. **Cost:** \$109,247.00  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Budget Amendment No. 12 to establish the Fleet Maintenance Department as a new department under the Unit Road Department at a cost of \$109,247.00. All Voting "Aye"

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**08.26.14 Discussion/Action** to disburse \$675.00 to each of the following Volunteer Fire Departments that hold a First Responder Organization (FRO) status:

- A. Dale Volunteer Fire Department
- B. Delhi Volunteer Fire Department
- C. McMahan Volunteer Fire Department
- D. Martindale Volunteer Fire Department
- E. Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department
- F. South-East Volunteer Fire Department

Cost: \$4,050.00; Speaker: Commissioner Buchholtz/Mark Padier, Chief's Association Medical Committee Chair/Martin Ritchey, Firefighter; Backup: None.

This was money that was still in the 2012-2013 Budget for MAT (medical assistance team) that disbanded last January. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve disbursement of \$675.00 to each of the Volunteer Fire Departments that hold a First Responder Organization (FRO) status: these are the Departments listed above. All Voting "Aye"

**08.26.15 Discussion** concerning First Responder Organizations in 2013-2014 Budget. \$5,400.00 was in 2012-2013 Budget under Medical Assistance Team.

Commissioner Buchholtz/Mark Padier, Chief's Association Medical Committee Chair/Martin Ritchey, Firefighter

Mark Padier gave an overview of where the money would be placed and how it is used for the First Responders Team. Larry Roberson, County Auditor explained how the money could be placed into the 2013-2014 Budget.

**08.26.16 Discussion/Action** to designate office space for County Commissioners at the Market Street Annex, 405 East Market, Lockhart, Texas 78644.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to accept designation of office space for County Commissioners at the Market Street Annex, 405 East Market, Lockhart, Texas 78644. Commissioner Muñoz mentions that after the new Judicial Center opens, he would like it to be considered for the office to be moved to the Courthouse. All Voting "Aye"

**08.26.17 Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to keep the Burn Ban on. All Voting "Aye"

**08.26.18 Adjournment**

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

  
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TOM D. BONN, County Judge