

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting April 09, 2018 9:00 a.m.



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KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	TERRY WRIGHT	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		ED THERIOT	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

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**Call Meeting to Order.**

Judge Schawe calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members are present.

**Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Caldwell County resident Kenneth Sneed 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 Schawe leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM**

6. **Discussion/Action** to approve Proclamations on behalf of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Zoe O'Balle; Backup: 2.**

CASA of Central Texas President JoAnne Germer, and Case Work Supervisor Shelley Denkeler introduce and Judge Schawe reads the Proclamation.

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

**Announcements.** Items or comments from Court members or staff.

**Commissioner Wright** says he attended the weather alert school on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Tolbert Chili Cook off in Lockhart on March 17<sup>th</sup>, and a Texas Association of Counties conference in Galveston April 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. He reminds everyone about the Old Settlers Music Festival April 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Commissioner Moses** says a tornado touched down in Luling on March 28<sup>th</sup>, there is an Honor Society fundraiser at Luling High School next weekend, and the Old Settlers Music Festival is the 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. He adds that he attended a CARTS meeting the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, a CAMPO Open House last week, and that he judged the Roughneck BBQ cook off in downtown Luling last weekend.

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**Commissioner Theriot** says that in addition to having attended several of the events mentioned he will attend a CAMPO Advisory Board Meeting tonight and has met with Lockhart and Greater San Marcos Partnership representatives with the goal of bringing good paying jobs to the area.

**Commissioner Roland** says he evaluated County Roads and played the Easter Bunny at the Lytton Springs Easter Celebration.

**Martin Ritchey** gives details regarding the tornado that hit Luling and the training classes his office has hosted and will host this month. He also says he will return to training and review regarding State Emergency Planning and coordination for Hazard Litigation Planning.

**Bob Bush** says he attended a Texas Association of Counties Conference and details the topics and training he received while there.

**Barbara Gonzales** provides a staff report answering the Court's question regarding the County's sales tax from the previous Commissioners Court Meeting.

**Judge Schawe** explains his diagnosis and the reasons for his hospitalization.

**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).

**Kenneth Sneed** says Wayne Morse should be hired by the County and that his work at the stock show and with the youth involved has been exceptional. He also reports on stock show numbers.

**David and Amy Anton** are advocating for the County to hire Wayne Morse. Amy Anton reviews the work he has done during his internship and says a third person is needed in the office.

**CONSENT AGENDA.** (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion).

1. **Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$ 309,345.10.**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County payments in the amount of:**
  - A. **\$ 293,846.33 (Payroll)**
  - B. **\$ 35,542.89 (Utilities)**
  - C. **\$ 163,010.66 (Department of Motor Vehicle Fees)**

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- D. \$ 283,908.81 (Texas Motor Vehicle Sales/Use Tax and Surcharge)
  - E. \$ 23,341.00 (Texas Motor Vehicle Registration Surcharge/Title Application Fees)
  - F. \$ 938.12 (Texas Boat and Boat Motor Sales and Use Tax Report)
3. Accept Certification for eight hours of Judicial Education Credit for the Texas College of Probate Judges, Texas Association of Counties-Texas Judicial Academy for Constitutional County Judges for County Judge, Ken Schawe.
  4. Accept Election Center Certified Elections/Registration Administrator Certificates of Completion for Elections Administrator, Pamela Ohlendorf.
  5. Accept the Financial Statements of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) of Caldwell, Comal and Hays County files, pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 140.004 and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Community Justice Assistance Divisions Financial Management Manual, for the Fiscal Year ending on August 31, 2017. [55 pages]

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright to accept Consent Agenda items 1-5. All voting "Aye".

**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

7. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe /Martin Ritchey; Backup: None.**

Martin Ritchey says he does not recommend the burn ban at this time. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses that we leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

8. **Discussion/Action** to consider entering into an agreement with the GBRA for transferring of ownership of outdoor warning sirens they own near the San Marcos River in Caldwell County. **Cost: \$10.00; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Martin Ritchey; Backup: 11.**

Martin Ritchey explains the agenda item and that the contract is still pending. He answers questions from the court regarding contract details, costs, and when the sirens would sound.

Judge Schawe recommends a motion to continue agreement process. Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses that we continue consideration of agreement subject to resolution of item X. All voting "Aye".

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9. **Discussion/Action** regarding price increases for the Synthetic Blend CK4 15W40 Oil, Universal Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, MP Lithium Grease (tube and pail), HD Red ELC 50/50 Coolant (drum and gallon), and Global Synthetic ATF, purchased at Schmidt & Sons, Inc., used by both the Unit Road and Fleet Maintenance Departments. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Donald LeClerc; Backup: 3.**

Donald LeClerc confirms what that annual costs will be after the increases. Judge Schawe recommends approval. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

10. **Discussion/Action** to approve the Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times for the May 22, 2018 Primary Run-Off Elections. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 2.**

Pamela Ohlendorf details the locations, dates, and times for the upcoming elections. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright. All voting "Aye".

11. **Discussion/Action** to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors and approve Resolution 06-2018 affirming the nomination. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Moses/ Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 1.**

Commissioner Moses recommends Edell Garza for nomination, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

12. **Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Transfer # 9 for Constable, Precinct One to provide two (2) new radios for the 2017 Ford procured in January 2018 and 2005 Crown Victoria and to provide a "camera system" that is mandated by law for racial profiling. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Wright; Backup: 1.**

Barbara Gonzales and Commissioner Wright explain the agenda item and answer questions from court members. Martin Ritchey discusses the necessity of new radios throughout the County and the associated cost.

Judge Schawe recommends approval and placing a large enough order to receive a discount. Motion made by Commissioner Wright, second by Commissioner Theriot that we approve this. All voting "Aye".

13. **Discussion/Action** to add Assistant Agent for Ag 4-H and Family Consumer Services, FCS. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Roland/ Wayne Morse; Backup: None.**

Commissioner Roland introduces Wayne Morse and Amy Anton reiterates why she believes the County should hire Wayne Morse. Wayne Morse reviews his job responsibilities and goals for the area and answers questions from the court.

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Judge Schawe says he is looking into how the position could be funded and asks for the item to be tabled. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to table this item. All voting "Aye".

**14. Discussion/Action** to finalize the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget Planning Calendar. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: None.**

Court members and Barbara Gonzales discuss the potential schedule for Budget Workshops and Judge Schawe says he is working on a Workshop and Commissioners Court schedule that he will give to court members for review.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, second by Commissioner Moses to table until next regular meeting. All voting "Aye".

**15. Adjournment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright we adjourn. All voting "Aye".

Meeting adjourns at 10:44 a.m.

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I, CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on April 09, 2018.

*Carol Holcomb*

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CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

