

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting March 9, 2015 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWA County Judge  
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

ALFREDO MUÑOZ Commissioner Pct. 1  
EDDIE MOSES Commissioner Pct. 2  
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct. 3  
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct.4

**Judge Schawe called the meeting to Order**

**2015.03.09.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.  
Pastor Rob Clopton opened the meeting in prayer.

**2015.03.09.02 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 Schawe led all present in the Pledge to both Flags.

**2015.03.09.03 Announcements.** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Commissioner Muñoz congratulated the City of Lockhart for a successful weekend with the Go Cart Races this past weekend. Commissioner Moses invited everyone to the Rajun Cajun Throwdown this weekend in Luling. He also informed everyone that there were still tickets available for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo for the "Caldwell County" night this Saturday also. Commissioner Madrigal said that he had attended the go cart event also and that they were exciting and it was a good turnout for the downtown businesses. Commissioner Roland had attended the Jr. Livestock Show here in Caldwell County and Sheriff Law had assisted in the sale of a bull for \$7,000 in recognition of Kenny Roland. Judge Schawe acknowledged that there were a lot of events this past weekend.

**2015.03.09.04 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).

**1. Randy Laney** spoke to the court with concerns of illegal dumping at the Caldwell/Bastrop County Line in Pct. 4. He lives on Old San Antonio Road at County Line Road. With discussion of a proposed elementary school in Lytton Springs and a Sewage Treatment plant in the area; he has concerns with the additional traffic and road conditions that are already very bad. He also voiced concerns with sub-par subdivisions in the County.

**2. Linda Hinkle** spoke about the Caldwell County Subdivision Rules and Regulations. She said that if people follow all the standards and all the rules, that the County requires, that Commissioners Court cannot and should not turn down the plat because a neighbor doesn't want the development. She is also concerned with the Family Land Grant rules and standards

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**2015.03.09.05**      **Consent Agenda.** (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion. Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be pulled for separate discussion and/or action).

**A.** To approve payment of county invoices totaling \$262,587.91.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda item "A". All Voting "Aye"

**2015.02.23.06**      **Reports.**

Bond Supervision Report – Adam Hanson  
Adam Hanson gave the Bond Supervision report for 2014.

Treasurer Department Report – Lori Rangel  
County Treasurer Lori Rangel gave the Treasurer Department Report for the month ending January 2015.

Septic and Subdivision Report – Kasi Miles  
Kasi Miles gave the Septic and Subdivision Report for February 2015.

**2015.03.09.07**      **Special Presentation.**

**A.** Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force Update - Nick Dornak  
Nick Dornak updated the Court that a \$25,000 Grant has been awarded to the County. There are no matching costs included. He gave an overview of the program from conception and the progress with community participation throughout the area. He thanked the Commissioners Court for the help beginning in 2012. He also recognized Judge Schawe, Commissioner Muñoz and the Auditor's office for their assistance so far with the Hogout program.

**B.** TCEQ Clean Water Act. Sec 319 Grant for the Justice Center update – Nick Dornak.

Nick Dornak updated the Court about the status of a \$370,000 Grant. It is titled, Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan Implementation of Low Impact Development for the Caldwell County Justice Center. It will be a 40% match although none of the return has to be in cash. It can include various items as well as maintenance, dirt work and education. Notification is expected within the next few months.

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**2015.03.09.08**      **Discussion/Action** to accept early voting and voting locations for the May 9th, 2015 elections.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve early, voting locations and Election Day locations for the May 9th, 2015 elections.

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- 2015.03.09.09**      **Discussion/Action** to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Madrigal to the CARTS Board for a two year term beginning March 2015 through March 2017.  
Judge Schawe stated that he had received a request from the CARTS board for Commissioner Madrigal to remain on the board. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Madrigal to the CARTS Board for a two year term beginning March 2015 through March 2017. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.03.09.10**      **Public Hearing** to discuss the approval or disapproval of the preliminary plat application for 130 Environmental Park located north of FM 1185 between U.S. 183 and Hommanville Trail. Possible action may follow.  
Public Hearing opened. 9:52 a.m. No Speakers. Public Hearing Closed 9:53 a.m.
- 2015.03.09.11**      **Discussion/Action** to approve or disapprove the preliminary plat application for 130 Environmental Park located north of FM 1185 between U.S. 183 and Hommanville Trail.  
Kasi Miles explained that all fees have been collected. Tracy Bratton stepped forward to answer any questions that the Court might have. Tracy Bratton explained that the applicant responded to all technical comments and everything on the preliminary plat appeared to be in general conformance with the Caldwell County Development Ordinance. Judge Schawe reminded everyone that this is a preliminary plat application and not a final plat. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the preliminary plat application for 130 Environmental Park located north of FM 1185 between U.S. 183 and Hommanville Trail. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.03.09.12**      **Discussion/Action** to approve the reclassification of committed reserves in the General Fund Balance totaling \$216,500.00, to the uncommitted General Fund Balance.  
Larry Roberson explained that this needs to be done to properly reflect the fund balances on future audits. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the reclassification of committed reserves in the General Fund Balance totaling \$216,500.00, to the uncommitted General Fund Balance. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.03.09.13**      **Discussion/Action** to consider replacing a damaged light pole and lights in the Caldwell County Justice Center parking lot. Cost: Not to exceed \$8,500.00.  
Judge Schawe explained that a truck struck a light pole in the Justice Center parking lot. Curtis Weber let the Court know that a check from the truck's insurance company was received for the damages. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve replacement of a damaged light pole and lights in the Caldwell County Justice Center parking lot. Cost: Not to exceed \$8,500.00. All Voting "Aye".

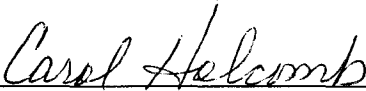
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- 2015.03.09.14**      **Discussion/Action** to approve or disapprove a variance from Section A.2 of the Caldwell County Development Ordinance and other technical provisions of the Ordinance as may be incidental to approval of the final plat of the Gorostieta Subdivision, located off of State Highway 21.  
Kasi Milles and Tracy Bratton give the Court an overview of the situation requiring the variance. Tracy Bratton stated that a back portion of the property was carved out and sold to another party resulting in a subdivision that was not legal. Once the parties realized an illegal subdivision was unintentionally made, they contacted the County in an effort to clean up the property subdivision and fix it to the fullest extent possible. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the variance from Section A.2 of the Caldwell County Development Ordinance and other technical provisions of the Ordinance as may be incidental to approval of the final plat of the Gorostieta Subdivision, located off of State Highway 21. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.03.09.15**      **Discussion/Action** to approve or disapprove the final plat (short form procedure) for the Gorostieta Subdivision located off of State Highway 21.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the final plat (short form procedure) for the Gorostieta Subdivision located off of State Highway 21. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.03.09.16**      **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban for Caldwell County.  
Martin Ritchey stated that due to moisture and the soil being saturated, he did not advise that the burn ban be in effect. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to leave the Burn Ban off. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.03.09.17**      **Adjournment.**  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"

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I, CAROL HOLCOMB, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO 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 March 9, 2015.

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

