

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting January 13, 2014 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.

Judge Bonn said Happy New Year to everyone present and announced that the first workshop had been earlier that morning. It would be posted on the website for the public.

- 2014.01.13.01 Invocation. Caldwell County Christian Ministries.
Judge Bonn acknowledged the passing of two leaders in our County. Doug Buckner and former Mayor Maxine Goodman. A moment of silence was taken to remember them and others that have passed.
- 2014.01.13.02 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 those present in the Pledge to both Flags.
- 2014.01.13.03 Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Roland thanked the Lockhart Post Register for the coverage of the L.I. S. D. Varsity basketball team. He was proud of the team, not only because of his son but the team overall has performed well this year. Commissioner Madrigal thanked Karen McCrary with the Luling Newsboy for taking time to attend the meetings even when they were out of the regular schedule. Commissioner Buchholtz said that Caldwell County was added as requested in Presidential Declaration. Commissioner Munoz thanked the Luling Newsboy for the informative report about the new Justice Center. He also said that there was prospect of a new company coming into Caldwell County which will be discussed at the City Council meeting on Friday and there would be more information. He had also met with F.E.M.A. regarding the flooding in October. Moving forward but it is a big process. Judge Bonn was also at the meeting. He said that the discussion for prospect of economic development will continue. Commissioner Madrigal announced that on Saturday, January 25, 2014, Pct. 3 will have a Community pickup event in Maxwell.
- 2014.01.13.04 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).
Susan Stewart spoke to the Court with concerns of another small area in Luling. She asks the Court to consider adding it to the Reinvestment Zone since it gives access to the Highway and may be used.
- 2014.01.13.05 Commissioners Court Minutes. Approval of December 16, 2013 Minutes.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2013. All Voting "Aye"

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2014.01.13.06

Consent Agenda. (Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda to be moved to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and action).

A. Pay Bills in the amount of \$308,253.67 for December 23, 2013.

B. Pay Bills in the amount of \$7,764.00 for December 31, 2013.

C. Pay Bills in the amount of \$263,226.39 for January 13, 2014.

D. To approve family land grant exception to platting for conveyance of 1.0 acres on Cattlemen's Row (John A. Neill Survey A-20).

E. To approve reimbursement to the Architect for a topographic survey at the Judicial/Service Center. Estimated cost to be \$1,300.

F. To approve Project Manager's billable hours for the Judicial Center. See attached invoice.

G. To approve professional services from Dell to set up replication hardware already purchased to be located at the Juvenile Probation building. Cost: \$14,685.

H. To approve the price increase for lubricants provided by Schmidt & Sons, Inc. See attached letter regarding price increases.

I. To approve Form 990-N e-filing receipt for Martindale Volunteer Fire Department. See attached.

J. To approve rescheduling Commissioners Court from January 20th, 2014 to January 21st, 2014 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent Agenda with exception of "H". Commissioner Buchholtz would like to remove "H" for further discussion. All Voting "Aye"

Consent Agenda "H"

Because of a clause in the original contract, the company is able to send a notice of price increase but the Commissioners Court is still responsible for approving the change. Larry Roberson and Dwight Jeffrey explain the cost changes for gas and oil products for any changes after the contracts are approved. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Consent Agenda item "H". All Voting "Aye"

2014.01.13.07

Reports.

Judge Bonn says that it is a new year and there are new goals. He would like to have the Department heads to give a brief review of the departments and the goals for new year progress.

Environmental Investigator Report – Mike Bittner

Mike Bittner explained that his department had a goal to protect the environment. That includes trash and any dumping in the County. He gave his report for the month of December 2013. He also works within the Caldwell County Development Ordinance.

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Texas Agrilife Extension Service Report – Carissa Wilhelm

Carissa Wilhelm explains that her department is to provide health education on a broad range of safety, family and health topics. She presented a brief report on the activities, classes and events for the Texas Agrilife Extension Service for the past year. Michael Haynes updated everyone on the 2013 livestock shows and adds that they were very productive this year. The projects that the youth participate in assist in college funds. Michael updated the court on the past years events.

Septic and Subdivision Report – Kasi Miles, Sanitation Officer

Kasi Miles presented the Septic and Subdivision Report for December 2013. She expects 2014 to be a productive year.

Maintenance Report – Curtis Weber

No report given.

Veteran's Officer Report – David Francis

David Francis presented the Veteran's Officer Report and answered questions from the Court.

Elections Department Report – Pamela Ohlendorf

Pamela Ohlendorf updated the Court on the preparation process that the office is going thru for the primary elections. She answered questions from the Court. She requested the addition of 42 laptops for the polling stations to ensure accuracy and security.

Emergency Management Report – Martin Ritchey

Martin Ritchey presented the Emergency Management Report and informed those present that the Governor and the President have signed the Federal Disaster Proclamation enabling Caldwell County to be eligible for Federal disaster funds. He offered his assistance to those who have questions or need assistance with information.

Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey

Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffrey discusses the progress in his department and the purchase of new equipment for it. A discussion concerning the security of the new Justice Center for the construction period and when employees with company vehicles should drop off.

Federal Inmate – Larry Roberson, County Auditor

No report at this time.

Sales Tax – Larry Roberson, County Auditor

General Fund Operating Statement – Larry Roberson, County Auditor

County's Obligations – Larry Roberson

Larry Roberson spoke about the three reports listed and updated everyone with comparison to the 2013-2014 budget. He gave reports for the month of December and answered questions from the Court. Conversion to a new auditing program is in the beginning stages.

Treasurer's Report Monthly Report for October & November 2013

County Treasurer Lori Rangel-Pompa gave the Treasurer's Report for October & November 2013.

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Mark Hinnenkamp was asked to speak concerning the request for laptops for the Election Office. He answered questions from the Court concerning the use and storage as well as the cost for the equipment. He also updated everyone on the progress in Pct. 2 renovation and the discussions for the new Justice Center.

Accident Report – Captain Mike Lane
Chief Deputy David Brent updated the Court on the accident. He said that it is an everyday occurrence and there is nothing that can be done. He does not feel that the whistles make a whole lot of difference.

2014.01.13.08 Special Presentations. None.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2014.01.13.09 Discussion/Action to approve a decrease of Standard Mileage Rates from employee reimbursement from 56.5 cents to 56 cents per mile to match the IRS Regulations (Rev. Proc. 2010-51) for 2014.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve a decrease of Standard Mileage Rates from employee reimbursement from 56.5 cents to 56 cents per mile to match the IRS Regulations (Rev. Proc. 2010-51) going forward. All Voting "Aye"

2014.01.13.10 Discussion regarding location of County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone and the advisory board.
Commissioner Buchholtz gave a status update for the Court and public to turn in the application and that the committee plans to have everything ready for the original date. An extension for the application deadline is being discussed but not set yet. They are preparing the zone for approval at this time and will continue to look at the improvements in the county and the places that are being impacted at this time. There will be further updates at the next meeting.

2014.01.13.11 Discussion/Action to consider retaining Allison, Bass & Associates to assist in the creation and administration of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ) and preparation and submission of an Application for CETRZ Grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, pursuant to 222.1071 and Chapter 256 of the Texas Transportation Code. Cost: \$5,000; Speaker: Commissioner Roland; Backup: 1.
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to table until next week. All Voting "Aye"

2014.01.13.12 Discussion/Action on update of the purchase of 1.15 acre south of the new Justice Center.
More information will be gathered. No Action Taken.

2014.01.13.13 Adjournment
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge