

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting February 10, 2014 8:30 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

WORKSHOP BEGINS  
Commissioner Madrigal is not present.

**8:30 A.M.**      **WORKSHOP (No Action):** Report from program manager on remodeling of the new Caldwell County Judicial and Service Center. No action will be taken at this time. Project Manager Les Reddin updates the Court and public on the progress at the Caldwell County Justice Center. He reviews the packet that was handed out to the Court and answers any questions. He requests that before any visit is made that notification is made and OSHA regulations are followed. It's decided that updates will be in the court twice monthly instead of every week until decided otherwise. The next report will be on February 24, 2014. Items for consideration or change will be placed in the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting.

**WORKSHOP ENDS- 8:53 a.m.**

**9:00 A.M.**      **REGULAR MEETING**  
**Call Meeting to order.**

**2014.02.10.01**      **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance  
Pastor Randy Frye opened the meeting with prayer.

**2014.02.10.02**      **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 present in the Pledge to both Flags.

**2014.02.10.03**      **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.  
Commissioner Muñoz spoke about the Go Texan banquet this past Saturday. Commissioner Buchholtz said that it raised a lot of money for scholarships. He also spoke about the TXDOT deadline for the applications has been extended to March 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Roland said that this month is Black History Month and there will be a proclamation later in the meeting. The banquet for the fund raiser is this Saturday night. It helps to raise scholarship money for 5 students in Caldwell County. Judge Bonn comments what a beautiful day Sunday had been and hopes of a little rain this week.

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**2014.02.10.04**

**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)

Deborah Bissonnet thanked the Court for passing the landfill ordinance. She commented about the impact that she felt the landfill was already having on the property values and the growth of the County. There were already three members of her family that would not be building on the property that was already owned here. She asked them not to sign the host agreement associated with the landfill and explained that it would be giving up the rights of the citizens and the decisions of the County.

James Greene declined his comment as the agenda item that he wished to speak about will be tabled.

**2014.02.10.05**

**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 \$982,906.07 for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- B. To approve payment of Braun and Butler Application and Certificate for Payment in the amount of \$568,357.45.
- C. To approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for January 13, 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- D. To approve rescheduling Commissioners Court from February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 due to President's Day.
- E. To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 61287183 for Pamela Ohlendorf, Elections Administrator for Caldwell County in the amount of \$20,000 beginning March 1, 2014 and ending March 1, 2015 for a cost of \$70.

Commissioner Buchholtz would like to remove (c) from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve consent agenda items A, B, D, E. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.02.10.06**

**Reports.**

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Report – John Cyrier  
John Cyrier updated the Court on the past CAMPO meetings and upcoming subjects that would be discussed on behalf of the County. He thanked Commissioner Muñoz for attending the meetings and all of his help. Commissioner Muñoz appreciated being familiarized with all those involved and the topics being discussed.

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Burglary/Police Report – Precinct #3 Maintenance Bldg. – Curtis Weber  
Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber explained the police report and explained what items were stolen. The Judge and the Commissioners all felt that the property should be locked up after 5:00 p.m. Curtis explains that the cameras were adjusted and one was added to have better visibility to the entrance and the doors. It is the Precinct Judge’s decision to lock the gates. Curtis also gave update on the Luling project concerning the ADA compliance on the entrance to the building.

Elections Department Report – Pamela Ohlendorf  
Elections Administrator Pamela Ohlendorf reported that the Elections office is busy at this time programming voter laptops and preparing for Primary Elections.

Septic and Subdivision Report – Kasi Miles  
Sanitation Officer Kasi Miles gave the sanitation report for January 2014. She reported that her budget has been exceeded by \$8,992.00.

Treasurer’s Report – Lori Rangel  
County Treasurer Lori Rangel-Pompa gave the Bank Reconciliation report for December 2013.

**2014.02.10.07 Special Presentations. None.**

**Consent Agenda item C.**

To approve Commissioners’ Court Minutes for January 13, 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Commissioners’ Court Minutes for January 13, and January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All Voting “Aye”

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**2014.02.10.08 Discussion/Action** to approve a Proclamation to designate the month of February 2014 as Black History Month.

Commissioner Roland read the Proclamation. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Proclamation to designate the month of February 2014 as Black History Month. All Voting “Aye”

**2014.02.10.09 Discussion/Action** to approve a Proclamation to designate February 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 as Texas Food Connection Week.

Commissioner Muñoz read the Proclamation. Donnie Graham spoke to the Court explaining the history of the Farm Bureau and the relationship with the Caldwell County Ministries. The collection will be Feb 16-22, 2014 at the Farm Bureau Office at 103 East Market, in downtown Lockhart. The collection will be disbursed at the Food Bank on Bois D’ Arc St.

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- 2014.02.10.10**     **Discussion/Action** to approve the relocation of Commissioners' Court Meetings for February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> due to early voting.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to have the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting at McMahan and the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting at City Hall. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.10.11**     **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (part of current Judicial Center parking lot at 201 E. San Antonio). No action will be taken in executive session.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS: 9:55 a.m.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS: 10:15 a.m.
- 2014.02.10.12**     **Discussion/Action** regarding possible sale of part of the current Judicial Center parking lot at 201 E. San Antonio to First Presbyterian Church.  
Motion made Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to table this item indefinitely. He apologizes and recognizes that this in Commissioner Roland's precinct and he will be taking over this matter. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.10.13**     **Discussion/Action** to approve Caldwell County Credit Card Policy in order to safeguard the taxpayers' money and ensure financial accountability and transparency regarding county-obtained credit card transactions.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Caldwell County Credit Card Policy in order to safeguard the taxpayers' money and ensure financial accountability and transparency regarding county-obtained credit card transactions. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.10.14**     **Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution No. 02-2014 authorizing County Auditor to obtain credit cards in the name of Caldwell County from either the county's depository bank or the State of Texas Charge Card Program and authorizing County Auditor to close out all other credit cards in the name of Caldwell County.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Resolution No. 02-2014 authorizing County Auditor to obtain credit cards in the name of Caldwell County from either the county's depository bank or the State of Texas Charge Card Program and authorizing County Auditor to close out all other credit cards in the name of Caldwell County. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.10.15**     **Discussion/Action** to authorize County Auditor to issue county-obtained credit cards to a specific county elected official, county employee or county office.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to authorize County Auditor to issue county-obtained credit cards to a specific county elected official, county employee or county office.

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**Judge Bonn recognized District Court Judge Todd Blomerth present.**

**Judge Blomerth recognized Rochelle Thomas, Gary Howard & Victor Jackson.**

**2014.02.10.16** **Discussion/Action** to consider Resolution No. 01-2014 to approve submission of the grant application for the Challenge Court to the Office of the Governor.

Steve Thomas explained a few of the conditions of the grant application and said there is no match from the County. Judge Bonn read the Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Resolution No. 01-2014 to approving submission of the grant application for the Challenge Court to the Office of the Governor. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.02.10.17** Discussion of possible historical tribute to Caldwell County. Matthew Caldwell marker, floor seal, etc.

Commissioner Buchholtz discussed the recognition of Matthew Caldwell and would like for the other Commissioners to consider a tribute to him for the Courthouse lawn. There is recognition of him in Gonzales County where he died but not in Caldwell and since our County is named after him, he would like to see something.

**2014.02.10.18** **Discussion** on update of the purchase of 1.15 acre south of the new Justice Center.

Commissioner Buchholtz updates the Court on the status of the easement at the new Justice Center. He said that he and Architect Robert Steinbomer have plans for a meeting with the lean holders for the property. There is a need for at least 5 foot at the emergency exit. There will be future updates.

**2014.02.10.19** **Discussion/Action** to allow the county treasurer and staff to learn all aspects of the software of the county auditor's office concerning finance.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal with a friendly amendment from Commissioner Muñoz accepted to allow the county treasurer and staff to learn all aspects of the software of accounts receivable and accounts payable concerning finance, not to exceed \$4000.00, with the Treasurer training with Tyler when training the Auditor's office and /or training later with the Auditor's Office and if necessary to keep scheduled training in July. To conditionally approve the change order in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Commissioner Buchholtz would like to see all training be done locally, not to spend more money. Larry Roberson adds that he is in negotiations for additional training due to conversion problems in the middle of time that was allotted to training. If the needed training can be done before July, the dates can be cancelled.

**2014.02.10.20** **Adjournment**

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



TOM D. BONN, County Judge