

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
McMahan Community Center  
6022 FM 713, McMahan, Texas 78640  
Regular Meeting February 18, 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.**

Pat Parsons gave a brief history of the Community Center and welcomed the Caldwell County Commissioners Court to the Center. It is the first time ever for a Governmental body to meet there. She invited everyone to an open potluck dinner tonight at the center, where candidates for election will be present.

**2014.02.18.01 Invocation**

Pat Parsons opened the meeting in prayer.

**2014.02.18.02 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.

**2014.02.18.03 Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Commissioner Roland thanked all those who attended the Progressive Club Banquet on this past Saturday night. It was a great turnout. Judge Bonn let everyone know that the update on the progress for the new Judicial Center would be at the next meeting.

**2014.02.18.04 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).

County Engineer Bill Gardner spoke to the reason for agenda item #16. He explained to the Court that he had sent out a few e-mails to see if there was any interest in his position. He will be resigning the end of March. He was not requesting resumes, only seeing how much interest there might be. There is more interest than he thought that there would be. He was doing this informally. There has never been a job description approved for the position, only the motion by Commissioner Madrigal that was approved on January 17, 2012. The job description was never implemented and it varied off from the statute. Bill Gardner will be passing on the e-mails and responses that he has to Judge Bonn.

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- 2014.02.18.05 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.** To approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - B.** To approve successful completion of Continuing Education for Matt Kiely, Justice of the Peace #1 for Caldwell County.
  - C.** To authorize a total not to exceed \$13,000 to be paid by the General Contractor (Braun and Butler) from the owner's contingency fund for contracts with Arias & Associates for construction materials testing and for related geotechnical engineering services at the new Caldwell County Judicial Center.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

**2014.02.18.06 Reports.**

Federal Inmate Report – Larry Roberson

Caldwell County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the Federal Inmate Report for January 2014.

General Fund Operating Statement – Larry Roberson

Caldwell County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the General Fund Operating Statement for the last three months of 2013.

Sales Tax Report – Larry Roberson

Caldwell County Auditor Larry Roberson presented the Sales Tax Report for January, 2014. He answered questions about the impact that City events have on the income for the County.

Tax Collection Report – Larry Roberson Caldwell County Auditor

Larry Roberson presented the Tax Collection Report.

Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey

Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffrey presented an update on supplies used and progress for the month of February. He discussed the major resources that will be needed to do repairs of damage from the flooding last fall.

Veteran's Officer Report – David Francis

David Francis presented the report for January and answered questions from the Court.

Commissioner Madrigal asked about the in home and nursing home visits. He thanked David for his hard work for the seniors and those who couldn't make it into the office.

**2014.02.18.07 Special Presentations. None.**

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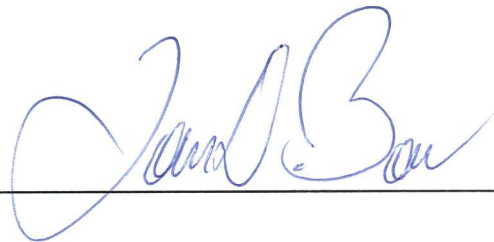
**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

- 2014.02.18.08**    **Discussion** of possible historical tribute to Caldwell County.    Matthew Caldwell marker.  
Commissioner Buchholtz showed the Court a monument that is located in Gonzales County for the late Matthew Caldwell. He would like to have a tribute to him on the Courthouse lawn or in the new Judicial Center. He will check out the information concerning funds from the State Historical Society that may pay for similar items. He will return the information to the Court at a later time.
- 2014.02.18.09**    **Discussion/Action** to approve removal of the terrazzo seal in the amount of \$34,150 and move to contingency fund.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve removal of the terrazzo seal in the amount of \$34,150 and move to contingency fund. Further discussion and friendly amendment was accepted to table this item until the meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014 at the City Hall. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.18.10**    **Discussion** on update of the purchase of 1.15 acre south of the new Justice Center. Information from the bank is that the contract will be approved for the easement and there will be a key to access it if necessary. This will be on the South East corner of the existing building. There will be a sidewalk for an emergency door. County Attorney Mack Harrison said that it will be taken care of this week.
- 2014.02.18.11**    **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (current Caldwell County Judicial Center at 201 E. San Antonio St. and current Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector's office at 100 E. Market St.).    No action will be taken in executive session.
- Executive Session begins-9:45 a.m.**  
**Executive Session ends- 10:10 a.m.**
- 2014.02.18.12**    **Discussion/Action** to obtain property appraisals of the fair market value for current Caldwell County Judicial Center at 201 E. San Antonio St. and current Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector's office at 100 E. Market St. and to seek bids for the sale of those properties.  
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to begin the process to obtain property appraisals of the fair market value for current Caldwell County Judicial Center at 201 E. San Antonio St. and current Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector's office at 100 E. Market St. and to seek bids for the sale of those properties. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.18.13**    **Discussion/Action** to approve Caldwell County Asset Disposal Policy for the proper, appropriate, and lawful disposal of County-owned non-real estate assets under chapter 263 of the Local Government Code.  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Caldwell County Asset Disposal Policy for the proper, appropriate, and lawful disposal of County-owned non-real estate assets under chapter 263 of the Local Government Code. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2014.02.18.14 Discussion/Action** to amend development agreement originally approved October 28, 2013 between Caldwell County and Walton Texas, LP for regulation of subdivision and approval for Cotton Center near Martindale.  
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve to amend development agreement originally approved October 28, 2013 between Caldwell County and Walton Texas, LP for regulation of subdivision and approval for Cotton Center near Martindale. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.18.15 Discussion/Action** to set a date for a workshop to plan expenditures of CAMPO State Transportation Metropolitan Planning funds on state highway projects and SH-130 funds.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to have a workshop after the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at City Hall. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.02.18.16 Discussion** regarding the County Road Engineer's position.  
Commissioner Muñoz thanked Bill Gardner for the work that he has done for the County as County Engineer. He was concerned about the fact that he was contacted about an opening in this position. He didn't know that Bill had asked about interested parties to fill the position. Commissioner Roland thanked Bill for the time that he had been with the County.
- 2014.02.18.17 Adjournment**  
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



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TOM D. BONN, County Judge