

CALDWELL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting January 20, 2015 9:00 a.m.



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KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	ALFREDO MUÑOZ	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		NETO MADRIGAL	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

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**Agenda**

**Call Meeting to Order.**

**2015.01.20.01 Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.

Russel Tiner Mid County Fire Chief opened the meeting with prayer.

**2015.01.20.02 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 Shawe led all present in the pledge to both Flags.

**2015.01.20.03 Announcements.** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Commissioner Madrigal had attended the Maxwell Fire Department's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on Saturday. He noted that former Caldwell County Judge, Ron Duesterheft had been involved since day one and is still instrumental in the department. The volunteer department became an Emergency Services District in 2014. Commissioner Roland spoke about the Martin Luther King, Jr., march on Monday January 19. He said that he is very proud of Caldwell County, that there were many citizens of all races gathered for the march. It was the largest turnout so far. Commissioner Moses thanked everyone for attending the stock show this past weekend in Luling. He thanked the elected officials and all who joined in the buyer's pool. There was also a dedication for Rosenwald School. It is now a Head Start School. The Martin Luther King, Jr., march also began there. Commissioner Muñoz attended the Dedication of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library this past Saturday. It has been renovated and is the oldest working Library in the State of Texas. Judge Shawe said that he has learned a lot but still has a way to go. He said that he was proud of Caldwell County citizens and their participation in the community. And looks forward to working for the County and with Commissioners Court.

**2015.01.20.04 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. Martin Ritchey** spoke to the court about the petition in favor of Mid-County Fire Dept., creating an Emergency Service District. The funding issues and the purchasing of updated equipment. He thanked the Court for their consideration. The community has showed support for this.

**2. Joe Colorciello** Asst. Chief of Mid County and president of Caldwell County Fire Departments was in favor of Mid-County Fire Dept., creating an Emergency Service District.

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**2015.01.20.05 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 a Proclamation to honor Chief Jerry Doyle for serving the City of Lockhart for 43 years.  
Judge Shawe read the Proclamation. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye" Chief Doyle thanked everyone for the honor.

**2015.01.20.06 Reports.**  
Unit Road Systems Report – Dwight Jeffrey  
Unit Road Supervisor, Dwight Jeffrey gave the report for the month of December 2014.  
  
Maintenance Report – Curtis Weber  
Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber gave the maintenance report for December 2014.  
  
To acknowledge receipt of Federal Inmate Report, General Fund Report, Tax Collection Report from County Auditor, Larry Roberson.  
Larry Roberson explained that he had sent copies of the reports to all members of the Court via e-mail. He also read the reports in Court.

**2015.01.20.07 Special Presentation.** None

**(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)**

**2015.01.20.08 Executive Session** pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: Consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Cast. Possible action may follow in open court. No Action taken in Executive Session.

**Executive Session began: 9:20 a.m.**

**Executive Session ended: 10:13 a.m.**

**Court Reconvened: 10:18 a.m.**

**2015.01.20.09 Discussion/Action** to authorize the County Judge to execute a License Agreement with Camp Gladiator for use of the Justice Center Grounds.  
Michael Franks and John Juarez appeared in Court. Mr. Juarez gave a brief overview of Camp Gladiator. Jordan Powell, County Civil Attorney explained that she had discussed the contract with them and it seemed all things were in order. Commissioner Muñoz and Martin Ritchey were concerned with anytime the County needed the parking lot for any emergency that may arise. They were assured that the County will come first. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to authorize the County Judge to execute a License Agreement with Camp Gladiator for use of the Justice Center Grounds. All Voting "Aye"

**2015.01.20.10 Discussion/Action** to consider purchase of floor cleaning equipment for the Caldwell County Justice Center. Price comparison is as follows: GBC total cost \$10,924.83. Jco Janitorial Supply total cost \$9,309.00. Texas Smart Buy total cost \$8,864.17.  
Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Weber returned to the Court with a lower quote on floor machinery. He explained that it would be possible to buy quality equipment and not to exceed \$9,000.00. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland to approve purchase of floor cleaning equipment for the Caldwell County Justice Center. Commissioner Muñoz offered friendly amendment that was accepted, not to exceed \$9,000 and for Curtis to work with County Auditor Larry Roberson to achieve the amount approved. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2015.01.20.11 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2014-05 Emergency Management/ Homeland Security. Caldwell County received a grant from Flint Hills Resources to benefit first responders and emergency management operations. This amendment adjusts the budget to reflect the revenue received and the expenditure of the funds. There is no net increase of expenditures.  
County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that there was no additional cost involved with this amendment. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Budget Amendment #2014-05 Emergency Management / Homeland Security. Caldwell County received a grant from Flint Hills Resources to benefit first responders and emergency management operations. This amendment adjusts the budget to reflect the revenue received and the expenditure of the funds. There is no net increase of expenditures. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.20.12 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2014-06 Capital Projects-Justice Center. At the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting, the Commissioner's Court approved the reduction of the contract with Braun & Butler by \$226,302.00. This amendment transfers the savings to the contingency fund to be used for equipment and the maintenance contract with Braun & Butler.  
County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that there was no additional cost involved with this amendment. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Budget Amendment #2014-06 Capital Projects-Justice Center. At the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting, the Commissioner's Court approved the reduction of the contract with Braun & Butler by \$226,302.00. This amendment transfers the savings to the contingency fund to be used for equipment and the maintenance contract with Braun & Butler. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.20.13 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2014-07 Non Departmental Maintenance Department. The attached purchases were approved by the Commissioner's Court at the November and December 2014 meetings. The contracted services represents one-third of the total contract amount of \$144,337.00 for a three year maintenance contract with Braun & Butler to support County personnel in maintenance of critical systems with the Justice Center. The balance of \$115,153 is to be returned to reserves.  
County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that there was no additional cost involved with this amendment. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve Budget Amendment #2014-07 Non Departmental Maintenance Department. The attached purchases were approved by the Commissioner's Court at the November and December 2014 meetings. The contracted services represents one-third of the total contract amount of \$144,337.00 for a three year maintenance contract with Braun & Butler to support County personnel in maintenance of critical systems with the Justice Center. The balance of \$115,153 is to be returned to reserves. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.20.14 Discussion/Action** to consider approval of payment for Tracy Bratton, P.E. with Bowman Consulting to address issues concerning adopted subdivision regulations with our Caldwell County Development Ordinance. Cost: Not to exceed \$350.00 for two hours of service.  
Kasi miles explained the reason for having Tracy Bratton to address issues that concerned the takings committee. She assured the Court that 2 hours should be sufficient. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to approval of payment for Tracy Bratton, P.E. with Bowman Consulting to address issues concerning adopted subdivision regulations with our Caldwell County Development Ordinance. Cost: Not to exceed \$350.00 for two hours of service. All Voting "Aye"

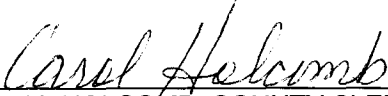
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- 2015.01.20.15 Discussion/Action** to discuss closure of County Clerk's Office during the lunch hour of 12:00 noon to 01:00pm.  
County Clerk Carol Holcomb spoke to the court concerning the decision to close between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. for lunch. She explained that Deed Records is on a different program than the Court side and two employees that will be leaving for maternity leave, these and other reasons will leave the office short staffed and unable to give adequate service to the citizens during these times. No Action was taken.
- 2015.01.20.16 Discussion/Action** concerning the Burn Ban for Caldwell County.  
Martin Ritchey said that the moisture indexes for the County looked better than he had ever seen. Motion made by commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the burn ban off at this time. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.20.17 Discussion/Action** to approve a Public Hearing regarding a petition for creation of Emergency Services District #4 for Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department and to set a public hearing date.  
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to set public hearing on February 23, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. regarding a petition for creation of Emergency Services District #4 for Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.20.18 Adjournment.**  
Motion made by commissioner Munoz, second by Judge Shawe 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 January 20, 2015.

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

