

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting January 26, 2015 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWA	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

Call Meeting to Order.

2015.01.26.01 Invocation. Lockhart Ministry Alliance.

Pastor Randall Frye with First Christian Church opened the meeting.

2015.01.26.02 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.

Judge Shawe commented on the loss of Chris Schulze and Kenny Roland. A moment of silence was taken.

2015.01.26.03 Announcements. Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Commissioner Muñoz recognized Lockhart Chamber of Commerce for the event this past weekend. He wished James Dillworth a Happy Birthday. Mr. Dillworth is the last remaining World War 2 Veteran. He turned 100 years old on Sunday January 25th.

Commissioner Moses announced that on Tuesday afternoon, LCRA will present the McMahan Community Center with \$15,000.00 for improvements. There will also be a Chili Cookoff at the McMahan Community Center on Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 at the door.

Commissioner Roland spoke about the loss of Kenny Roland. He spoke about the collection taken at Cedar Creek Church and the presentation at St. Johns Colony. Commissioner Roland was touched to receive the award from the Tejano Democrats recognizing him as the Voice of the People.

2015.01.26.04 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. Judge Todd Blomerth spoke to the Court concerning Resolution No. 02-2015 supporting legislation to amend the Local Government Code to allow a possible increase of the Caldwell County Auditor's compensation and allowances above existing limits.

2015.01.26.05 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. Approve payments of county invoices in the amount of \$465,607.62.

B. Approve a Proclamation in observance of February being Black History Month.

Commissioner Roland read the Proclamation. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve Consent Agenda items A& B. All Voting "Aye"

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2015.01.26.06 Reports.

Emergency Management Report – Martin Ritchey

Martin handed out a packet to the Court of the events that have transpired these past months. He also explained the procedure to register for reverse 911 on a cell phone.

Environmental Investigator Report – Mike Bittner

Mike Bittner gave the Environmental Investigator Report for the last three months of 2014.

IT Report – Mark Hinnenkamp

Mark Hinnenkamp reported that there were a few minor things to iron out in the Justice Center but that for the most part, things were running smoothly.

Texas Agrilife Extension Service Report – Carissa Wilhelm and Michael Hayes

Carissa Wilhelm spoke about the safety day in November. Even though it was the coldest day in November and held outside, it seemed to be successful and the kids enjoyed it. At this time, they are working on Scholarships. Youth are busy with Stock shows for this spring. Plans for upcoming Diabetes education programs are being prepared. **Michael Hayes** thanked everyone who attended, volunteered or helped make the Livestock Show in Luling a success. The stock show in Lockhart is February 5-7. There are youth from Caldwell County attending and showing at the Fort Worth show this week and he will be attending. The spring will be very busy for the youth. He expects a very positive outcome.

2015.01.26.07 Special Presentation. None

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2015.01.26.08 Discussion/Action to approve Resolution No. 02-2015 supporting legislation to amend the Local Government Code to allow a possible increase of the Caldwell County Auditor's compensation and allowances above existing limits.

Judge Todd Blomerth spoke to the Court requesting the adoption of the Resolution. He explained that there is an extreme need for a qualified CPA, not just an Auditor for Caldwell County. He explained that he did not feel that they would not be able to fill the vacancy with the present salary. He presented the Court with a letter that explained the compensation expected for the position. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses. All Voting "Aye"

2015.01.26.09 Discussion/Action to approve the lease of the Neopost IN-600 Digital Mailing System for the Courthouse and other downtown county offices. Cost: \$1,365.00 per year.

County Auditor Larry Roberson explained the need for a postage machine at the Courthouse and his suggestion for the choice of products. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to approve the lease of the Neopost IN-600 Digital Mailing System for the Courthouse and other downtown county offices. Cost: \$1,365.00 per year. All Voting "Aye"

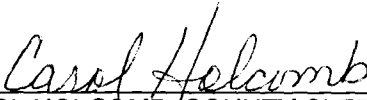
2015.01.26.10 Discussion/Action to approve payment to the State Comptroller for fees collected but not remitted for prior years. Cost: \$259,466.52.

County Auditor Larry Roberson gave a brief overview of the need for the payment. The funds had been approved in a prior meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to approve payment of \$259,466.52 to the State Comptroller for fees collected but not remitted for prior years.: All Voting "Aye"

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- 2015.01.26.11 Discussion/Action** to approve Budget Amendment #2014-08 for Elections Department Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Cost: \$16,425.00.
Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve Budget Amendment #2014-08 for Elections Department Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$16,425.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.26.12 Discussion/Action** to set a public hearing for approval of preliminary plat for 130 Environmental Park subdivision located north of FM 1185 between U.S. 183 and Homannville Trail at 9:30am on February 9th, 2015.
Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to set a public hearing for consideration of approval of preliminary plat for 130 Environmental Park subdivision located north of FM 1185 between U.S. 183 and Homannville Trail at 9:30am on February 9th, 2015. All Voting "Aye"
- 2015.01.26.13 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 January 26, 2015.



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

