

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court November 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.



Hoppy Haden	County Judge	B.J. Westmoreland	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Teresa Rodriguez	County Clerk	Rusty Horne	Commissioner, Pct. 2
		Ed Theriot	Commissioner, Pct. 3
		Dyral Thomas	Commissioner, Pct. 4

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Haden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Thomas opens the meeting in prayer.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.)

Judge Haden leads all present to the pledge to both flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Thomas announced there will be a public forum held Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Connection Center. An open discussion with concerns and issues in Precinct 4 and surrounding areas.

E. 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.) Citizens' Comments may be submitted to the Court by using the form found at:

<http://www.co.caldwell.tx/us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm>

No Citizens' Comments.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

F.1.To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$912,867.32.

F.2.To approve payment of excess HAVA grant funds in the amount of \$4,548.38.

F.3.To ratify re-occurring County Payroll payment in the amount of \$410,768.07 (10/08/2023 - 10/21/2023).

F.4.To ratify re-occurring County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$121,197.32 (10/08/2023 - 10/21/2023).

F.5.To ratify re-occurring County Payroll payment in the amount of \$434,476.13 (10/22/2023 - 11/04/2023).

F.6.To ratify re-occurring County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$129,279.32 (10/22/2023 - 11/04/2023).

F.7.To approve DMV payment to Comptroller for October 2023 Sales Tax in the amount of \$455,614.96.

F.8.To ratify emergency check request to Ascension Seton for indigent healthcare services in the amount of \$320,000.00.

F.9.To accept the October 2023 Indigent Burial Report.

F.10To. approve expenditure side of Juvenile Probation Budget.

F.11To. receive Cost Allocation for 2024 Appraisal District and Collections Budget.

F.12To. approve the blanket bond for the Tax Assessor-Collector Deputy Clerks.

F.13To. approve the bond for Bob Bush, HR Coordinator.

F.14To. approve the bond for Kristianna Ortiz, HR Payroll Manager.

F.15To. approve the bond for Gloria Garcia, Treasurer.

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October 2023 Comptroller Sales Tax_Redacted.pdf
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11.14.2023 Expenditure Budget FY 23-24.pdf
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CCAD - 2024 Cost Allocation.pdf

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Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

G.1 Regarding the burn ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost:

\$0.00 Hector Rangel, Chief EMC recommends keeping the burn ban off.

Burn Ban Order 11.14.23.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve.

All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.2 To approve Resolution 05-2023, approving the Caldwell County appraisal roll. Speaker: Judge

Haden/Chase Goetz; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 05-2023 is read.

Resolution 05-2024 Tax Roll Approval.docx

Resolution 05-2024 Tax Roll.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve.

All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.3 Resolution 06-2024, distributing votes for candidates to positions on the Caldwell County

Appraisal District Board of Directors. Speaker: Judge Haden/Shanna Ramzinski; Backup: 3;

Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 06-2024 is read.

List of candidates and votes:

Kayline Cabe	322
Sally Daniel	322
Kathy Haigler	322
Linda Hinkle	322
Matthew McGovern	0
Alfredo Munoz	321

Resolution 06-2024 Directors Election.docx
CCAD - Directors Selections.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.4 To approve Resolution 07-2024, repealing approval of an interlocal cooperation agreement between the County and the Regional Public Defender's Office and annulling the County Judge's authorization to execute the same. Speaker: Danie Teltow/Chase Goetz; Backup: 1; Cost: TBA

Resolution 07-2024 is read.

Resolution 07-2024 Terminating RPDO Contract.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.5 To approve budget amendment #03 moving \$ 72,817.90 from Contingency to 001-6520-4510 Repairs & Maintenance for elevator upgrade. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 15; Cost: \$72,817.90
Caldwell County Courthouse - Modernization Proposal.pdf
Budget Amendment #03 Elevator Modernization.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.6 To approve TKE PO #02782 in the amount of \$72,817.20 for courthouse elevator modernization. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 16; Cost: \$72,817.90
Requisition REQ02782 Report.pdf
Caldwell County Courthouse - Modernization Proposal.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.7 Request to approve Blue Layer PO #02766 in the amount of \$74,402.00 and PO #02772 in the

amount of \$154,357.00 for respective camera upgrade projects. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 29; Cost: \$228,759.00

11.14.23 Agenda Approve BLULAY REQs NEW.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.8 To approve City of Lockhart Blanket PO #02769 in the amount of \$350,000.00 and pay October and November EMS invoices. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 13; Cost: \$350,000.00

11.14.23 Agenda Approve REQ & Payment CITLOC EMS NEW.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.9 To approve Dell PO #02706 in the amount of \$54,295.00 for annual Office 365 License renewal. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 3; Cost: \$54,295.00

11.14.23 Agenda Approve REQ02706 Dell NEW.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.10 To approve Motorola Solutions Blanket PO #02776 in the amount of \$112,770.00 and payment of \$56,385.12 for ILA costs. Speaker: Judge Haden/Carolyn Caro; Backup: 11; Cost: \$112,770.00 11.14.23 Agenda Approve REQ & Payment MOTSOL NEW.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.11 To ratify approval of an election services contract between the County and Gonzales ISD for the November 2023 uniform election. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Devante Coe/Chase Goetz; Backup: 15; Cost: TBA

Election Services Contract--Gonzales ISD (County Executed).pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.12 To approve a fee schedule for EMS ambulance services in the unincorporated portions of Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Chase Goetz; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Judge Haden asks to table Item G. 12.

FY2024 County EMS Fee Schedule.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Postpone Motion to table

Item G.12 made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne.. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.13 To approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Chuckwagon Ranches located on Chuckwagon Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 19; Cost: \$0.00
Chuckwagon Short Form Plat & Letter Backup.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.14 To approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Johnson One Subdivision located at US Highway 183 and FM 1185. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 11; Cost: \$0.00
Johnson One Subdivision Plat & Letter Backup.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.15 To approve an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Johnson Two Subdivision located at US Highway 183 and FM 1185. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00
Johnson Two Subdivision Plat & Letter Backup.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.16 To approve the Preliminary Plat for Dale Subdivision consisting of 12 residential lots on approximately 23.885 acres located at Tumbleweed Trail and Witter Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00
Dale Subdivision Pre. Plat & Letter Backup.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H. DISCUSSION ONLY:

H.1 To consider any remaining steps required to create Caldwell County Emergency Services District No. 5. Speaker: Judge Haden/Chase Goetz; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden reports that Caldwell County Emergency Service District No. 5 has passed in every precinct but has not been canvassed.

Chase Goetz, Assistant Criminal District Attorney-Civil explains the canvass will be completed in a few weeks and adds court will need to create the district and appoint 5 board members.

Commissioner Theriot requests an email with an outline of duties, commitments, and liabilities for the District Board members that are nominated.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:37 a.m.

Executive Session closes at 10:09 a.m.

I.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071: Consultation with counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers resulting from a revised Development Ordinance fee schedule. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Tracy Bratton/Kasi Miles; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00
NO ACTION TAKEN.

I.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associate with Project Nora, Project Blue Star, Project Up Front, and Project Demeter. Speaker: Judge Haden/Emily Mathes; Cost: \$0.00
NO ACTION TAKEN.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn. All voting "Aye."
The court adjourns at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION APPROVED.

I TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONER COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on November 14, 2023.



Teresa Rodriguez

TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS.