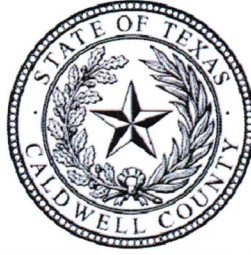


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart,
Texas Commissioners Court December 23, 2024, 9:00 AM



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 in the pledge to both flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioners Court wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

No Staff Announcements.

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>

Linda Hinkle will speak on Items H.1 & H.3.

F. PRESENTATION:

F.1 35 Years of Service - Darla Law, Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector

Judge Haden introduced and presented Darla Law, Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector with a Plaque for 35 Years of Service.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

(The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion.)

G.1 To. approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$446,139.45 (12/01/2024 - 12/14/2024).

- G.2 To. approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$131,964.96 (12/01/2024 - 12/14/2024).**
- G.3 To. approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,283,509.85.**
- G.4 To. ratify emergency check request for veteran rent assistance.**
- G.5 To. accept the November 2024 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- G.6 To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 November 2024 Report.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.1 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$446,139.45 (12/01/2024 - 12/14/2024). Payroll 12012024 thru 12142024.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.2 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$131,964.96 (12/01/2024 - 12/14/2024). Payroll Tax 12012024 thru 12142024.pdf
- G.3 To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,283,509.85.
12 23 2024 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
12 23 2024 AP Payment Register.pdf
- G.4 To ratify emergency check request for veteran rent assistance.
Emergency Check Request_Redacted.pdf
- G.5 To accept the November 2024 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. CCAD November 2024 Report.pdf
- G.6 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 November 2024 Report.
Monthly Report November 2024.pdf

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- H.1 To approve the Short Form Plat for Cruz Acres consisting of two residential lots on approximately 2.514 acres located on Old Lockhart Road and Williamson Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Handouts are given to the court.

Linda Hinkle with Hinkle Survey is available for questions.

Commissioner Theriot makes the motion as revised.
Short Form Plat- Cruz Acres

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.2 To discuss and take possible action on an Interlocal Agreement between Caldwell County and the City of Niederwald concerning maintenance of a portion of Schuelke Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
ILA-Caldwell County and City of Niederwald - Schuelke Rd.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.3 To approve the Short Form Plat for Jaramillo Subdivision consisting of four residential lots on approximately on 23.203 acres located on Taylorsville Road and FM 86. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Linda Hinkle with Hinkle Suvey spoke on corrections made with the plat.
Short Form Plat- Jaramillo Subdivision

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.4 To approve the reappointment of Gary Dickenson to the Luling Foundation Board. Speaker: Judge Haden/Wayne Morse ; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.5 Regarding the burn ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Hector Rangel, Chief EMC, and his staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Recommends keeping the burn ban off.

Burn Ban Order 12.23.24.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.6 To review and approve Caldwell County Financial Audit Report for FY 2023. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 116; Cost: \$0.00

Deborah Fraser with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. Auditor provides an update on the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023.

Caldwell County 2023 Material Weakness Letter.pdf
Caldwell County 2023 Annual Financial Report.pdf
Caldwell County 2023 Governance Letter.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.7 To approve Change Order No. 2 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Radio Services and Equipment between LCRA and Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Amber Quinley; Backup: 4; Cost: \$413,500.00
Change Order No. 2 (Caldwell County) 2024-12-16.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.8 To approve Resolution 08-2025 granting authority for Veterans Services Officer Sara Love to sign Interagency Agreement (IAA) with regards to SLFRF - ARPA funding. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Amber Quinley; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 08-2025 is read.

08-2025 Resolution Veterans Services Interagency- FINAL.pdf
Interagency Agreement w Veterans Services- FINAL.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.9 To approve Resolution 09-2025 granting authority for Unit Road Administrator Donald LeClerc to sign Interagency Agreement (IAA) with regards to SLFRF - ARPA funding. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Amber Quinley; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

09-2025 Resolution Unit Road Interagency- FINAL.pdf
Interagency Agreement w Unit Road- FINAL.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.10 To approve Resolution 10-2025 regarding settlement with Kroger in Texas Opioid Litigation. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 60; Cost: \$0.00

Richard Sitton, Assistant Criminal District Attorney-Civil is present for any questions.

Letter_CaldwellCounty_Opioid_Texas_Settlement.pdf
Texas Settlement Subdivision Participation and Release - Caldwell
County.pdf Resolution 10-2025 Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Theriot recused himself from the courtroom.

Executive Session opens at 9:27 a.m. and closes at 9:38 a.m.

I.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: To discuss Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA) between the County and TXLCO regarding potential economic development discussions. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Cost: \$0.00

Action to be Taken

H.11 To discuss and possibly approve authorizing the County Judge to execute a Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA) on behalf of the County with TXLCO. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Cost: \$0.00

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. Commissioner Westmoreland, Commissioner Horne, Judge Haden, and Commissioner Thomas voting "Aye".

Commissioner Theriot recused himself from Item 11.

MOTION APPROVED.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:40 a.m.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I, TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings held by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on December 23, 2024.



Teresa Rodriguez

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