

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
Scott Annex Building at 1403 Blackjack St, Lockhart, Texas  
Workshop July 22, 2019 following the adjournment  
of the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Meeting



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HOPPY HADEN County Judge  
TERESA RODRIGUEZ County Clerk

B.J. WESTMORELAND  
BARBARA SHELTON  
ED THERIOT  
JOE IVAN ROLAND

Commissioner Pct. 1  
Commissioner Pct. 2  
Commissioner Pct. 3  
Commissioner Pct. 4

**Call Meeting to Order.**

Judge Haden calls the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. All members are present. Judge Haden asks for a motion to skip the invocation, pledges, and announcements. So moved by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Shelton. All voting "Aye".

**Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

**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).

**Announcements.** Items or comments from Court members.

**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).

There are no Citizens' Comments.

1. **WORKSHOP:** To discuss budget proposals for County Clerk, District Judge, Sheriff Office, County Jail, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Building Maintenance, Elections, Veteran Service Officer, Grants Department, Code Investigator, Information Technology, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Purchasing, Sanitation and County Extension Agent, as well as Non-Departmental and other departments managed by County Judge.

The Workshop is opened at 10:41. Judge Haden, Commissioner Westmoreland, Bob Bush, Ezzy Chan, and Amanda Montgomery discuss elected officials' salary increases. The discussion includes recommending the 5 year step program listed on the handout (provided for backup), that all Commissioners make the same amount, that other counties' will continue to raise salaries, and that an agreement needs to be reached today in order for notices to be sent and possible protests addressed.

Mike Lane, Commissioner Theriot, Judge Haden, and Commissioner Shelton deliberate regarding the Sheriff Department's budget. They discuss salaries with the department being made comparable to similar counties, form a consensus to allot the jailers, who are understaffed, a 5% increase, and that the contracted jail repairs will begin within 90 days.

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Donald LeClerc, Judge Haden, Commissioner Theriot, Danie Blake, Commissioner Shelton, and Commissioner Westmoreland discuss Unit Road's budget including dust control, the mowing contract possibly being rebid, when to require bonds for bids, creating additional positions, and litter control.

Chief Deputy Constable Richard Sanders and Judge Haden discuss a part time deputy being budgeted for Precinct 1 to process backlogged warrants, explaining that the position will earn bond forfeiture monies and it is a starting point to evaluate if the program should be initiated in the remaining Precincts.

Judge Haden reviews departments requesting new positions including County Court at Law, District Attorney's Office, Elections Office, and the Tax Office. Court members discuss an additional position being added to the Code Enforcement Office.

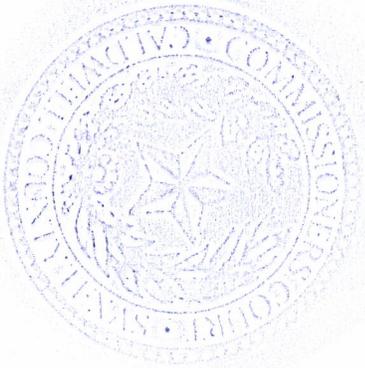
Mayra Castillo, from the Auditor's Office, says the proposed budget should be ready on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Adjournment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Shelton, second by Commissioner Theriot that we adjourn. All voting "Aye". Court adjourns at 11:51 a.m.

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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 had by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on July 22, 2019.



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