

KEN SCHAWE CAROL HOLCOMB County Judge County Clerk

ALFREDO MUÑOZ EDDIE MOSES NETO MADRIGAL JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct. 1 Commissioner Pct. 2 Commissioner Pct. 3 Commissioner Pct. 4

Call Meeting to Order.

Commissioner Roland in late at 9:18am

Agenda

2015.04.27.01

Invocation. Lockhart Ministry Alliance.

Rick Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

2015.04.27.02

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.

2015.04.27.09

Discussion/Action regarding the burn ban for Caldwell County.

Martin Richey explained how the rain has affected Caldwell County in the last week with over 10" accumulated in the southern half of the County as well as over 30 road closures reported. He also thanked Unit Road and all other Emergency Services for a great job. Mr. Richey reported a drowning on the San Marcos River near the Martindale Dam around 4:00pm April 26th. Despite many efforts from surrounding medical emergency staff, the 30 year old male was unable to be rescued. Smart Divers from San Marcos were called to recover the man's body. On Friday, April 24th there was another water rescue off of CR 1322 near Luling due to the driver of that vehicle driving around a barricade. Both occupants were rescued with criminal charges unknown.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to leave burn ban off. All Present Voting "Aye"

2015.04.27.03

Announcements. Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

Commissioner Muñoz congratulated the Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department on a successful fundraiser this past Saturday. He also congratulated the Relay for Life event for the great showing it had this past Saturday at the Lockhart H.S. football field.

Commissioner Moses stated that Luling received much rainfall over the past week and gave his appreciation to Martin Richey for all the updates and information he gives to the County.

Commissioner Madrigal thanked Rick Johnson again for putting together a great event for Veteran's. He also mentioned that today there will be a hearing on the Recreational District on the San Marcos River and will be awaiting details.

2015.04.27.04

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).

Rick Johnson thanked the County for the Veterans Homecoming event that took place on the 18th of this month. Despite the weather, there was a still a great turnout and every Veteran was very pleased with this event.

2015.04.27.05

Consent Agenda. (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion. Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda be pulled for separate discussion and/or action).

A. Approve payment of county invoices in the amount of \$157,456.52.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Consent Agenda item A. All Present Voting "Aye"

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2015.04.27.06

Discussion/Action to consider authorizing the County Judge to hire a temporary parttime assistant for the Building Maintenance Department, primarily for custodial services for the Caldwell County Justice Center.

Judge Schawe states that there is currently an overworked employee who is doing all the custodial work at the Caldwell County Justice Center. He then explains that whenever that person is ill or takes vacation, the maintenance department must perform these custodial duties instead of the things they need to be doing. Judge Schawe plans to get with Head of Maintenance, Curtis Weber regarding a plan on custodial needs for the Caldwell County Justice Center but for temporary purposes would like to hire someone part time, 20 hours or less and without benefits. Commissioner Muñoz agrees with Judge Schawe that a part-time custodian is needed. Commissioner Muñoz also suggests looking at an additional part-time custodian when next year's budget approaches. During discussion, Commissioner Moses and Commissioner Madrigal asked whether this part time employee will primarily be at the Caldwell County Justice Center or if they will work at other County buildings as well. Judge Schawe confirms that this part-time employee's primary position is for the Caldwell County Justice Center but if they are needed to cover someone else that is ill or on vacation, they will utilize them in other areas.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to authorize the County Judge to hire a temporary part-time assistant for the Building Maintenance Department, primarily for custodial services for the Caldwell County Justice Center. All Present Voting "Aye"

Commissioner Roland now present.

2015.04.27.07

Discussion/Action to consider selling county property located at 201 E. San Antonio St. and 100 E. Market St.

Judge Schawe opens the discussion stating that he has had numerous people inquire about the Old Judicial Center and wanting to make an offer. Commissioner Muñoz lists the many new businesses opening up downtown and how favorable the downtown area is right now to many people. Commissioner Madrigal adds that he believes it would be a good idea to sell one of the buildings downtown while keeping the other. Commissioner Madrigal and Judge Schawe both express their desire to keep the Tax Assessor's office while selling the Old Judicial Center. Commissioner Roland would like to keep the Justice Center because of the fast amount of growth within the County. He goes on to say the Tax Assessor's office is not in great enough shape to keep. Commissioner Muñoz states that the Old Judicial Center is too big of a building and that it needs to be placed back on the tax rolls and start making money off of it. Commissioner Moses is for selling both buildings and would rather expand over at the Scott Annex building. He believes it will cost too much doing construction at either of these current buildings. Judge Schawe announces that the appraised value of the Old Judicial Center is about \$800,000 while the Tax Assessor's Office is close to \$360,000 appraised value.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to sell property located at 201 E. San Antonio Street. Commissioner Madrigal then requests a friendly amendment to table this item for two weeks in order to look at pricing and space before making a decision. Commissioner Muñoz then pulls original motion. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to table this item for two weeks for Discussion/Action in considering selling county property located at 201 E. San Antonio St. and 100 E. Market Street. All Voting "Aye"

2015.04.27.08

Discussion regarding the progress of relocation of county offices to the County Courthouse.

Commissioner Muñoz brought up the discussion to get answers regarding the progress of the relocation of county offices to the County Courthouse. He states visitors of the courthouse and citizens of the County, including taxpayers, are requesting answers. Commissioner Madrigal also adds that he has had citizens ask him about the empty spaces in the County Courthouse and asks about its' progress. Judge Schawe explains that Curtis Weber, Head of Maintenance, has been out on vacation but that they will get together when he returns to come up with a schedule. Lavaca County is believed to be present today, taking some of the remaining shelving. It was said by Curtis Weber that it would be better to build new desks instead of moving the current ones which were built-in's that would need to be torn apart in order to move. The Auditor's offices are moving from the north side to the south side of the Courthouse. He states that the moving of the treasurer's office will be about another week with the HR department being about two to three weeks before they can move into the Courthouse. Commissioner Muñoz acknowledges that this was the type of update he was requesting and commends the maintenance department for their work.

2015.04.27.09

Burn ban was voted on at beginning of meeting.

2015.04.27.10

Discussion/Action regarding 130 Environmental Park, SOAH Docket No. 582-15-2082; TCEQ Docket No.2015-0069-MSW and related matters. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Section 551.071(Consultation with Attorney)].

The Court entered into an Executive Session at 9:35 and ended at 10:07. Persons present in the executive session were: Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Moses, Judge Schawe, Commissioner Madrigal, Commissioner Roland and Civil Attorney, Jordan Powell.

No action was taken in closed session. In open session, motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Madrigal to utilize the services of Bowman Consulting for purposes of conducting a preliminary review of the application submitted by 130 Environmental Park. Judge Schawe then requested a friendly amendment to add that the services were not to exceed \$2,700.00. Commissioner Roland accepted the friendly amendment. All voting "Aye"

2015.04.27.11

Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Moses to adjourn.

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 April 27, 2015.

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