

CALDWELL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
City of Lockhart, Glosserman Room,
308 West San Antonio Street
Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting October 27, 2014 9:00 a.m.



TOM D. BONN County Judge
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

ALFREDO MUÑOZ Commissioner Pct. 1
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct.2
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct. 3
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct.4

8:30 A.M.

WORKSHOP (No Action): Report from program manager on remodeling of the new Caldwell County Judicial and Service Center. No action will be taken at this time. Project Manager Les Reddin updated the Court on the progress of the new Justice Center. The staining of the woodwork in the Courtrooms was in progress and the color was matching very well with the woodwork in the rest of the hall. The concrete for the front walkway was beginning to be poured and the back road and fire lane will begin soon. The Court discussed grand opening events for December 15 after Commissioners Court. This would be the first meeting of the month. Perhaps the Commissioners could show their constituents around the building and light refreshments would be served. County Clerk Carol Holcomb discussed the lack of rollers on the shelves in Deed Records. The weight of the books being removed cause concerns. There are possible solutions to alleviate this and they are being looked into. The benches in the grand hall are going to be covered with pecan wood. The wood will be from trees in Caldwell County. The next report is scheduled for November 10, 2014.

Call Meeting to order.

2014.10.27.01

Invocation. Lockhart Ministry Alliance.
A moment of silence was taken at beginning of the meeting.

2014.10.27.02

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 Bonn led all present in the Pledge to both Flags.

2014.10.27.03

Announcements: Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
Commissioner Buchholtz said that he had attended a meeting of the Caldwell County Family Violence Task Force on Friday. It was held at the Connection Center on Church St., in Lockhart. About 100 people were in attendance and it was a very productive meeting. He also announced that County Auditor Larry Roberson had won the raffle at the Delhi Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser this past weekend. Commissioner Roland told everyone that the County had been invited to West Columbia, Texas for a grave marking for Byrd Lockhart, the County's namesake. Judge Bonn and Commissioner Buchholtz said that they knew of a few of the Lockhart City Council that were planning to attend. Commissioner Roland also recognized Constable Villareal and his deputies from Pct. 4 for providing their service in Dale for the Halloween festivities this past Saturday night. They did a great job and stayed late to ensure that everyone had a safe time.

2014.10.27.04

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).
No Speakers

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2014.10.27.05 **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. Pay Bills in the amount of \$463,504.82 for October 27th, 2014.

B. To approve Commissioners Court Minutes for October 13th and October 20th, 2014.

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Consent Agenda. All Voting "Aye"

2014.10.27.06 **Reports.**

Caldwell County Indigent Health Program – Kristi Bullock, Amy Campos, and Mike Myers, Seton Hospital

Kristi Bullock and Amy Campos gave a short presentation to the Court explaining the Caldwell County Indigent Health Program.

Building Maintenance Report – Curtis Weber

Curtis Weber reported the work orders completed by the Building Maintenance Department. Judge Bonn asked about the progress to relieve the problem with the pigeons at the Courthouse. Curtis assured him that they would begin to replace the netting on the North side of the building.

Environmental Investigator Report – Mike Bittner

Report was submitted in today's backup. Mr. Bittner was unable to attend.

Emergency Management – Martin Ritchey

Martin Ritchey spoke about National Night out and of the extensive training for fire and swift water rescue that took place in September. He and the Court discussed having a covered area for the equipment used by Emergency Management.

Human Resources – Deborah Kortan

Report was submitted in today's backup. Deborah Kortan was unable to attend.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Report – Carissa Wilhelm/ Michael Haynes

Michael Haynes reported the activities that had taken place in September and the status of the upcoming events. He discussed the market for beef cattle at this time with Judge Bonn and said that he was glad for the beef producers in Caldwell County.

Greater San Marcos Partnership Report – Adriana Cruz

Adriana Cruz shared the Vision 2020 data for the Greater San Marcos Partnership for September. She said she had been to Fort Worth, Poland and London, England. She and members of the Court discussed the statistics that were presented.

2014.10.27.07 **Special Presentations. None.**

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2014.10.27.08 **Discussion/Action** to consider approval to add door locking hardware to the four courtroom interior door systems funded from the owners contingency for a cost not to exceed \$9,850. Les Reddin explained the need for the door locking hardware. This will enable the use of the conference rooms and enable the Court Room to remain locked while not in use. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the addition of door locking hardware to the four courtroom interior door systems funded from the owners contingency for a cost not to exceed \$9,850. All Voting "Aye"

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2014.10.27.09 Discussion/Action to reassess the need for the electronic key box at the new Caldwell County Justice Center.

Commissioner Muñoz explained that after speaking to a few of the Elected Officials, that they expressed that they didn't want to turn their keys in at the end of the day. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to not have the electronic key box at the new Caldwell County Justice Center. A friendly amendment from Judge Bonn to provide the Sheriff with a lock box or any equipment needed to retain the master keys was accepted in the motion. All Voting "Aye"

2014.10.27.10 Discussion/Action to approve interlocal agreement for subdivision regulation within extraterritorial jurisdiction of City of San Marcos.

City of San Marcos Assistant D. A. Jacqueline Cullom spoke to the Court explaining that the Caldwell County Development Ordinance would be attached to the Inter-local agreement and all fees would be taken from it. Commissioner Madrigal asked about if the residents in the ETJ would be required to follow City of San Marcos permitting rules and she assured him that the interlocal pertained to new subdivisions only. A.D.A. Mack Harrison told the Court that there could be amendments with mutual agreement. Commissioner Madrigal explained that he is comfortable with signing the agreement knowing that there can be amendments made. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Roland to enter into an interlocal agreement for subdivision regulation within extraterritorial jurisdiction of City of San Marcos. All Voting "Aye"

2014.10.27.13 Discussion/Action regarding the preservation of the present County Clerk's Office as the Caldwell County Museum.

Donnelly Brice, Bill Watson & Doug Shomette spoke on behalf of the Historical Commission and the Genealogical Society here in Caldwell County. County Clerk Carol Holcomb explained to the Court the importance not only to the community for the museum but for the preservation of Caldwell County History. She read just a few of the recorded items in the books dated from the 1800's and read them to the Court. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Roland to preserve the present County Clerk's Office as the Caldwell County Museum. All Voting "Aye"

Executive Session began-11:57 a.m.

2014.10.27.11 EXECUTIVE SESSION for consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 regarding Tax Suit No. 6281, *Caldwell County Appraisal District, et al v. Stanley Martin, et al*. No action will be taken in executive session.

No Action Taken

Executive Session Ended-12:16 p.m.

2014.10.27.12 Discussion/Action regarding Tax Suit No. 6281, *Caldwell County Appraisal District, et al v. Stanley Martin, et al*.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to go ahead and accept the taxes in the total of \$4,670.44. All Voting "Aye"

2014.10.27.14 Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution #18-2014 which formally approves the 2014 Caldwell County appraisal rolls.

County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that the amounts can vary a little with the closing of properties. Judge Bonn read the Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to adopt Resolution #18-2014 which formally approves the 2014 Caldwell County appraisal rolls. All Voting "Aye"

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- 2014.10.27.15 Discussion/Action** to adopt Resolution #19-2014 which formally approves the 2014 Farm to Market Road appraisal rolls.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Muñoz to adopt Resolution #19-2014 which formally approves the 2014 Farm to Market Road appraisal rolls. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.16 Discussion/Action** to approve budget amendment #2014-04 for approval of a new John Deere Z915B gas lawn mower for maintenance department at a cost of \$6,150.
County Auditor Larry Roberson explains that this purchase was approved at the October 20, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve budget amendment #2014-04 for approval of a new John Deere Z915B gas lawn mower for maintenance department at a cost of \$6,150. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.17 Discussion/Action** to approve Request for Proposal to solicit brokerage services to sell County buildings located at 201 E. San Antonio St. and 100 E. Market St.
County Auditor Larry Roberson explained that he had prepared a list of brokerage services that he could mail out for the sale of the properties discussed. Commissioner Buchholtz said that he had another business that he would like to add to the list. Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to approve Request for Proposal to solicit brokerage services to sell County buildings located at 201 E. San Antonio St. and 100 E. Market St. Friendly amendment made by Commissioner Buchholtz to add Primus Real Estate Services to the list of brokerage services to be contacted was accepted. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.18 Discussion/Action** to approve renewal of copier lease contract and authorize the County Judge to sign on behalf of the Court.
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, second by Commissioner Roland to approve the renewal subject to changes per attorney. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.19 Discussion/Action** regarding Burn Ban for Caldwell County.
Martin Ritchey recommended that the Burn Ban remain off and that the chance of rain this week was forecasted. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to leave the burn ban off at this time. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.20 Discussion/Update** on the move to the new Caldwell County Justice Center.
No Action taken. Information was given during the workshop.
- 2014.10.27.21 Discussion/Action** to consider approval for one (1) icemaker at the new Justice Center.
Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Madrigal to purchase one (1) icemaker at the new Justice Center, not to exceed \$2200.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.22 Discussion/Action** to consider approval of three (3) refrigerators for the break rooms at the new Justice Center.
Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, second by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the purchase of three (3) refrigerators for the break rooms at the new Justice Center, not to exceed \$3,000.00. All Voting "Aye"
- 2014.10.27.23 Discussion** to consider the use of an electronic bulletin board for displaying court dockets at the new Justice Center.
Judge Bonn explained that the screen would be displayed vertically and suggested that it not exceed \$800.00. He suggested that the District Court Coordinator could possibly be responsible to enter data. Assistant D. A. Mack Harrison explained that they receive the docket too late in the week and would probably not be able to enter the information. This item will be placed for discussion on a future agenda.

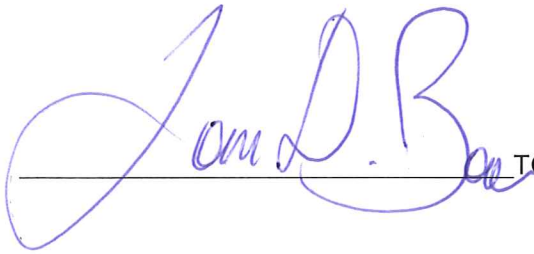
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2014.10.27.24 Discussion regarding future commissioner's court location and concerning the video/audio communications for court.

Judge Bonn said that he would like to see the Commissioner Court to be held in the Courtroom at the Courthouse after the move. Commissioner Madrigal also would like to have it there. Judge Bonn said that he has spoken to Pat Horn and he has agreed to sit in there during Court one day and check the acoustics. There was discussion about the desk arrangement in the Glosserman Room and that the City of Lockhart may be donating it to the County to place in the Courtroom for meetings. Commissioner Muñoz asked if the Historical Commission has been approached since the desks are modern. No date is set for further discussion.

2014.10.27.25 Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Muñoz, second by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All Voting "Aye"



TOM D. BONN, County Judge