

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S. Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Regular Meeting April 10, 2017 9:00 a.m.



KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	HOPPY HADEN	Commissioner Pct. 1
CAROL HOLCOMB	County Clerk	EDDIE MOSES	Commissioner Pct. 2
		ED THERIOT	Commissioner Pct. 3
		JOE IVAN ROLAND	Commissioner Pct. 4

Call Meeting to Order.

Judge Schawe calls the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. All members present.

Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Pastor Rob Clopton opens the meeting in prayer.

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 leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

Announcements. Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Haden attended the CAMPO Executive Board meeting and tried to work through issues with how projects are scored. They want to ensure rural areas can compete in the scoring system. He worked at Sip and Stroll in Lockhart which was very successful. He says thank you to Donald LeClerc and Unit Roads for fast response time. Kiwanis 5k is in Lockhart this weekend. **Commissioner Moses** attended CARTS groundbreaking at a new facility in Cedar Creek. He judged at the Roughneck Cook-off in Luling Friday and Saturday. Friday in Luling is Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m., starting at the Watermelon Thump Pavilion. **Commissioner Theriot** also worked Sip and Stroll. He also went to a Master Gardeners' plant sell and Spring Festival at Lockhart Animal Shelter that day. He congratulates Michael Jeffrey's team, locals who won the Roughneck Cook-off Grand Champion. They have been working on the Memorandum of Understanding with the tubing outfitters and should have it before the next meeting. He recommends tabling the agenda item today. The MOU is a temporary fix and will not replace or offset W.O.R.D. which is currently in hearing with Texas Legislature.

Commissioner Roland says good morning. Within his precinct he fielded a lot of problems that he called into Unit Road to get resolved. He attended a local Risk Management Conference in San Marcos. **Martin Ritchey** says a Skyborn class was hosted at the Scott Annex Building and covered bad weather situations. He mentions potential bad weather over the next few days and encourages everyone to buy a NOAA weather radio and register their cell phones with warncentraltexas.org. This is National Telecommunicator Week and we have many dedicated people doing this work who deserve appreciation. For the next several months the Volunteer Fire Departments will be having a County-wide Fire Academy. Mr. Ritchey thanks the volunteers involved. **Judge Schawe** recognizes the efforts to bring economic development to the county.

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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).

Katharine Patil owns property on and is concerned about Pebblestone Road in Dale. It floods and is dangerous to drive and walk on. There is confusion about it being an existing County Road or a private road she is asking for help to maintain it and make it safe.

Ignacio Rodriguez is **Alejandro Rodriguez's** son. They bought land near Pebblestone Road and were not told the road was private. He asks why and how did it change from a County Road to a Private Road without residents being notified and the County's documents not reflecting it.

Diana Corbett is a Lockhart resident who is worried about the ability of an ambulance to get down Pebblestone Road. She says there are many residents on the road and it needs maintained.

Eleanor Melville is a Lockhart resident who owns property off of Pebblestone Road and she says it has gotten worse and worse over the years. She asks for clarification regarding who owns the road.

Olivia Whittier lives in Lockhart and walks on Pebblestone Road. She has almost been hit while walking. The school bus drops children off who have to walk and cars slide and there are gullies on either side of the road. She is requesting help and leaves the court photos.

Linda Hinkle surveyed the land for Katherine Patil and there were County Road signs. Commissioners Court has to take action to abandon a road. She is concerned that a county road is unmaintained and asks how private road signs went up with nothing on record. She would like to know the road's classification.

CONSENT AGENDA. *The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion.*

1. Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$306,873.00.
2. Accept the Certification to Commissioners Court and Order by the Judicial District Judges of Caldwell County, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 84.002(a), In Re: Matter of County Auditor.
3. Approve issuance and payment of Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Interim County Auditor, Elizabeth Mundine, effective April 1, 2017 for a term of two years.

Motion made by Commissioner Haden, second by Commissioner Moses to accept items 1-3 on the consent agenda. All voting "Aye".

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4. **Veterans Services Presentation** – Dr. Al Dos Santos, Veterans Service Officer.

Dr. Al Dos Santos represents the Veterans Service Office and says that for every dollar the County puts into the VSO, over \$900.00 comes back into the community through veterans and their families who also make up 25-30% of local voters. He requests changes to the VSO office that include it becoming a full-time office, it having an updated computer system with a lap top for mobile support, and full internet access for research. These updates are required to adequately assist local veterans and maintain and update the networking system. He and Commissioner Moses discuss CARTS.

5. **Project Connect** – Eric Bustos, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Eric Bustos overviews Project Connect which is a High Capacity Transit Plan. He goes over the changes to the program since the previous strategy did not pass. The new plan is taking regional concerns and growth and agency consolidation into consideration. The plan's three phases are explained in detail. He will bring the court updates and would like feedback (their website has a survey). Mr. Bustos answers questions from the court.

6. **New Ambulance** – Vance Rodgers, City of Lockhart.

Vance Rodgers, City Manager of Lockhart, explains that Commissioners Court budgeted for the new ambulance and introduces **Chris Chomel** who thanks the court and shows a video detailing the features of the new ambulance. The court then goes outside to see the actual ambulance at 10:27a.m. and returns at 10:36a.m. and resume the meeting.

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

7. **Discussion/Action** regarding Proclamations on behalf of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center recognizing child abuse and sexual assault awareness month. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 2.**

Cindy Gonzales, District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Coordinator, Rob Edwards, Case Work Supervisor with CASA Central Texas, Kayla Reese, CPS Legal Advocate Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, and JoAnne Germer, CASA Central Texas Board of Directors, introduce themselves and the Proclamations. The proclamations are read by Kayla Reese. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

8. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe/Martin Ritchey; Backup: None.**

Martin Ritchey recommends the burn ban remain off. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to leave the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

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9. **Discussion/Action** to approve Resolution 05-2017 supporting the FM 2001 Project from I-35 to SH 21 and urging the Texas Department of Transportation to approve the FM 2001 Project Environmental Document in a timely manner. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 4.**

Commissioner Theriot explains the Resolution. Commissioner Theriot recommends approval of the Resolution in support of FM 2001 Project, second by Commissioner Roland. All voting "Aye".

10. **Discussion/Action** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and certain Outfitters to provide security and emergency services along the San Marcos River. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: None.**

Commissioner Theriot tells Judge Schawe that he would like to table the item until the next meeting, second by Commissioner Haden. All voting "Aye".

11. **Discussion/Action** to approve the standard procedure of new hire employment dates to begin on the first or the sixteenth day of the month as recommended by the Payroll and Electronic Timekeeping Committee. **Cost: None; Speaker: Commissioner Haden; Backup: None.**

Commissioner Haden says The Committee would like to see, except in cases of emergency, new hires take place on the first and sixteenth if at all possible to try to streamline especially at the end if they term their employment with us it makes it a little bit easier. He answers a question from Judge Schawe and Treasurer Lori Rangel. Motion made by Commissioner Haden, second by Commissioner Moses. All voting "Aye".

12. **Discussion/Action** regarding archived files stored at the Juvenile Probation Building. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: None.**

Judge Schawe is requesting the court come up with options for the files. Commissioner Theriot confirms with County Civil Attorney Jordan Powell that there are legal standards for disposing of files and how they have been disposed of in the past. Judge Schawe and the court discuss bringing options back to the court. No action is taken.

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13. **Discussion/Action** regarding the courthouse lawn. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Commissioner Moses Backup: None.**

Commissioner Moses goes over the research he has done to get the lawn replaced. Commissioner Theriot and Judge Schawe make recommendations and discuss grasses. Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden to table the item. All voting "Aye".


14. **Discussion/Action** concerning approval of an Order authorizing the filing of a Final Plat (Short Form Procedure) for Raptor Acres located on FM 2001. **Cost: None Speaker: Commissioner Haden / Kasi Miles Backup: 16.**

Kasi Miles goes over the Plat details and is looking for approval from the Court. Motion made by Commissioner Haden, second by Commissioner Moses that we approve this plat. All voting "Aye"

Adjournment.

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Haden to adjourn. All voting "Aye". Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

I, CAROL HOLCOMB, 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 April 10, 2017.



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

