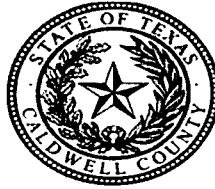


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
110 S. Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lockhart, Texas  
Regular Meeting September 10, 2018 9:00 a.m.



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KEN SCHAWÉ	County Judge	TERRY WRIGHT	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 9:02 a.m. All members are present.

**Invocation.** Lockhart Ministerial Alliance

Judge Schawe 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 Wright** discusses the pay period adjustment, says his daughter is getting married, and that he attended a KJT Catholic function.

**Commissioner Moses** says he attended a CARTS meeting, McMahan's Venders Market, a Hall Cemetery fundraiser, and a Masonic Lodge open house. He also mentions upcoming events: fundraisers in October for McMahan and Delhi VFDs, Nights in Old Luling, a Texas Art Show in Luling, and a CAMPO meeting.

**Commissioner Theriot** says he and the County Engineer met with representatives from San Marcos, Martindale, and GBRA regarding a flood relief bypass. He adds that the County is still working with CAMPO and Economic Development.

**Commissioner Roland** says he is thankful for the rain.

**Barbara Gonzales** provides court members a handout (not provided to the County Clerk for minutes), and she and her staff review their job duties.

**Al Dos Santos** discusses Patriot's Day, the influx of veterans that will receive assistance, and upcoming events through the VSO.

**Judge Schawe** says there are big changes in Caldwell County's future.

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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).

**Randy Laney** discusses fencing between neighbors, County road maintenance, and the chicken smell and noise in Lytton Springs.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING at 9:30AM:** Second Public Hearing regarding the 2018 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax for Caldwell County. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.**

Public Hearing opens at 9:30 a.m. There are no speakers. The Public Hearing ends at 9:30 a.m.

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

1. **Approve payment of County invoices in the amount of \$ 287,874.12.**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County payments in the amount of:**
  - A. \$ 294,234.65 (Payroll for 08/16/2018 - 08/31/2018)
  - B. \$ 90,184.70 (Payroll for 08/16/2018 – 08/31/2018)
  - C. \$ 188,725.76 (Department of Motor Vehicle Fees)
3. **Approve payment and accept Renewal of Surety Bond # 15663555 for Constable, Precinct 4, Arthur Villarreal, for a term of one year beginning on September 28, 2018.**

Motion made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Wright to accept Consent Agenda items 1-3. All voting "Aye".

**AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

4. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe / Carine Chalfoun; Backup: None.**

Carine Chalfoun says lifting the burn ban is acceptable and up to the court. She also discusses weather patterns including potential hurricanes and appreciation for the Lockhart Police Department and Caldwell County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, second by Commissioner Moses to take the burn ban off. All voting "Aye".

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5. **Discussion/Action** to publicly open and read bids for aggregate, asphalt materials, flexible base, fuel (regular unleaded and #2 diesel, oil and lubricants) for the Unit Road System Fiscal Year 2018-2019. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 8.**

County Auditor, Barbara Gonzales and Unit Road Administrator, Donald LeClerc open bids, read bids, and answer questions from the court. No action is taken.

6. **Discussion/Action** to authorize and fund a donation for the Texans feeding Texans- Meals on Wheels meal delivery program. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.**

Court members discuss the amount for donation and Judge Schawe asks for a recommendation.

Recommendation made by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland to donate \$1,700.00. All voting "Aye"

7. **Discussion/Action** to accept the District Judge's Order regarding the salaries of the Office of the County Auditor, Auditor's Office Staff and the Official Court Reporters of the 421<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 207<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 2.**

Court members discuss the District Judges' recommendations, the salaries in the County Auditor's Office, and the process for changing the amounts. They also examine relief options for County employees across the board regarding the pay period change.

Barbara Gonzales reviews the duties of the Auditor's Office and assistance received from Ezzy Chan, who is Judge Schawe's Executive Assistant.

Motion made by Commissioner Wright, second by Commissioner Theriot to keep the Auditor at \$80,000.00, raise the Assistant Auditor to 5 percent, raise the Internal Auditor to 4.91 percent, and keep the Payable Clerk at 3.8 percent. Judge Schawe clarifies the motion is to accept the District Judges' recommendations with the exception of the Assistant Auditor, which will max out at a 5 percent increase. All voting "Aye".

8. **Discussion/Action** to accept the District Judge's Order regarding the Purchasing Agent/ Manager of Caldwell County. **Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 2.**

Judge Schawe reviews the agenda item and says the order needs to be accepted.

Motion made by Commissioner Wright, second by Commissioner Moses that we accept the Order. All voting "Aye".

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- 10. Discussion/Action** to adopt the 2018-2019 Tax Rate. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 1.**

Judge Schawe says the rate will stay the same as last year and asks for a motion to accept.

So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Roland. Roll call vote: Commissioner Wright votes yay, Commissioner Moses votes yay, Commissioner Theriot votes yay, Commissioner Roland votes yes, and Judge Schawe votes yay. Motion passes.

- 11. Discussion/Action** to adopt the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget. **Cost: None; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: 65.**

Court members, County Auditor Barbara Gonzales, Chief Mike Lane, and First Assistant District Attorney Amanda Montgomery discuss the percentage for County employees' raises, using raises verses a stipend/s to offset any lost pay over the pay period transition, how the options considered would be financed, and possibly holding a special meeting.

Judge Schawe lists additional items pending on the budget.

Judge Schawe asks for a motion to table until the next meeting or a special meeting. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot to table. All voting "Aye".

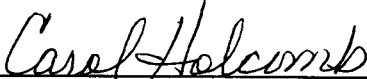
- 12. Adjournment.**

Judge Schawe asks for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Commissioner Moses, second by Commissioner Theriot. All voting "Aye".

Court adjourns at 11:31 a.m.

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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 September 10, 2018.

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

