

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
Regular Meeting July 25, 2011



TOM D. BONN County Judge
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

JOHN P. CYRIER Commissioner Pct 1
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct 2
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct 3
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct 4

1. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.**
Judge Bonn led the Pledge to the United States and Texas Flag.
2. **Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.071(1) (Consultation with Attorney about termination of contracts and budget); Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney when the Attorney's obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code**
Executive Session begins at 9:03 a.m.
Court reconvenes at 9:33 a.m.
3. **Discussion/Action or Continuance resulting from the Executive Meeting-Judge Bonn.**
There was no action to report.
4. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 18, 2011).**
Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the minutes of July 18, 2011, with the changing of the word "cutoff to staff" on #8. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED
5. **Citizen's comments: at this time any person with business before the Commissioners Court, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the Commissioners Court. Comments will be limited to three (3) to (5) minutes per person.**
Citizens listed to speak on various items include Kathy and Larry Sellers, Susan Modrall, Barbara and Herb Decker.
6. **Discussion/Action to accept a Grant from TXDOT, Historic Caldwell County Jail 1909 TxDOT Enhancement Project CSJ 0914-22-027, and to advertize for a building contractor-Judge Bonn/Coyle Buhler.**
Coyle Buhler updated the court on the history of the grant from TXDOT for the Historic Caldwell County Jail, 1909 TXDOT Enhancement Project CSJ 0914-22-027. He has received the Letter of Authority to receive bids for a building contractor. Requirements are for an ad to be posted in a County newspaper and begin receiving bids August 3, 2011 and end on August 31, 2011. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Judge Bonn to authorize to begin receiving bids on this project to accept the Grant from TXDOT, Historic Caldwell County Jail 1909 TXDOT Enhancement Project CSJ 0914-22-027. Commissioner Cyrier asks if the scope is defined and it is verified. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED. Judge Bonn thanks Coyle Buhler and the members of the Caldwell County Historical Commission for their work.

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7. Presentation on Caldwell County Road Plan and to receive the Caldwell County Road Plan from the Caldwell County Road Study Committee-Commissioner Buchholtz/Donnie Graham.

Donnie Graham gave report of the Caldwell County Road Plan and gives Court members copies of the report concerning both gravel and paved County roads. Breakdowns and costs concerning maintenance, repairs and how many miles of county roads there are in at this time. The members of the Caldwell County Road Study Committee that were present were recognized. Bill Gardner, an engineer from Travis County and also a resident of Lockhart, has met with the Road Study Committee and spoke in agreement with them concerning the Caldwell County roads and maintenance issues. He lives in Lockhart and is familiar with Caldwell County Roads. Kathy Sellers speaks about the costs of road repairs and the current economic conditions of the community. Judge Bonn assures her there is no mention of taxes being raised. Howard Berg speaks and thanks Unit Road Administrator Dwight Jeffrey for doing the job he has done with his crew and supplies that have been available to him. Linda Hinkle voices her concerns about the road width in the ordinance and gives information concerning other counties. Commissioner Buchholtz agrees to meet with her at a later time. Ronnie Duesterheft says that there are more roads in the county that are not on the list. Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Judge Bonn to accept the report from the Caldwell County Road Study Committee. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

8. Discussion/Recommendations concerning Family Land Grants-Commissioner Buchholtz.

Commissioner Buchholtz provided history on a few pieces of land in Caldwell County and spoke about road width and the adoption of construction standards. Commissioner Madrigal understands that we should set a precedence and have rules but disagrees to hold somebody accountable to rules that are just being passed concerning property that was bought 10-15 years ago. Judge Bonn states that going forward on any subdivision topic, that anybody from the audience approaching the microphone will be sworn in. Linda Hinkle makes decision not to sworn in, stating that what she is going to say is the truth. Linda Hinkle speaks as an advocate for Family Land Grant and for the choice to have families who all live on the same property to only have one driveway.

9. Discussion/Action to set 2012 Sheriffs' and Constables Fees to take effect on January 1, 2012-Judge Bonn

Sheriff Law states that the Sheriffs' and Constables Fees should remain as they are at this time. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to leave the fees as they are at this time. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

10. Discussion/Action to approve Resolution No. 16-2012 in support of City of Lockhart Application for the Central Lockhart Enhancement Project-Commissioner Cyrier.

Commissioner Cyrier reads Resolution No. 16-2012 in support of City of Lockhart Application for the Central Lockhart Enhancement Project. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve Resolution No. 16-2012 in support of City of Lockhart Application for the Central Lockhart Enhancement Project. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

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11. Discussion/Action to consider changing the speed limit on Thompson Road to 35mph-Commissioner Roland.

Council, Ron Heggemeier, advises that a study be done on the road conditions and any hazards that may warrant the need for lowering of the speed limit before any action be taken. Sheriff Daniel Law offers the services of his department to the Commissioners Court for evaluation of road conditions on Thompson Lane. Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until more information is gathered. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

12. Discussion/Action to approve the proposed 2012 Appraisal District and Collection Budgets-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Cyrier to approve the proposed 2012 Appraisal District and Collection Budgets. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

13. Discussion/Action to set the rate and authorization to maintain TCDRS plan provisions for Plan Year 2012-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Judge Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

14. Discussion/Action to consider imposing extra fees relating to registration of vehicles for the calendar year 2012 in Caldwell County.

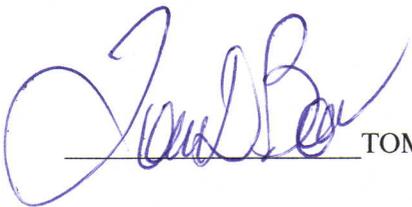
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to keep fees as they are at present time. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

15. Pay Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to pay bills in the amount of \$85,132.35. This includes \$8062.00 for Indigent Defense and \$32,564.69 for Indigent Health. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Judge Bonn. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED



TOM D. BONN, County Judge