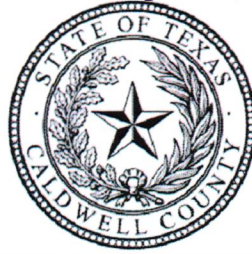


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court April 22, 2025, 9:00 AM



Hoppy Haden	County Judge	B.J. Westmoreland	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Teresa Rodriguez	County Clerk	Rusty Horne	Commissioner, Pct. 2
		Ed Theriot	Commissioner, Pct. 3
		Dyral Thomas	Commissioner, Pct. 4

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Haden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Keith Hill, Local Government Ministry Leader with Capital Ministries, opens the meeting in prayer.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.)

Judge Haden leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Westmoreland is looking forward to 50 Lions this Friday. Contact the Education Foundation for tickets.

Judge Haden thanks Representative Gerdes for sponsoring and getting HB2826 through committee to allow concession to be extended for SH130, also a companion bill in the Senate, carried by Senator Zaffirini.

E. 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.) Citizens' Comments may be submitted to the Court by using the form found at: <http://www.co.caldwell.tx/us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm>

Andrew McClish Prairie Lea resident has concerns with the safety study of the unnecessary stop signs in neighborhood.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

F.1.To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$419,378.27.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$446,431.53 (03/23/2025 - 04/05/2025).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$131,102.86 (03/23/2025 - 04/05/2025).

F.4.To approve the Caldwell County 2nd Quarter Investment Report ending March 31, 2025.

- F.5.To reaffirm the adopted Caldwell County 2021 Investment Policy.**
- F.6.To accept the March 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.7.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 March 2025 Report.**
- F.8.To accept Continuing Education Hours for Danie Teltow, Caldwell County Auditor.**
- F.9.To accept the County Election Services Agreement with Caldwell County MUD No. 9, Caldwell County MUD No. 8, Ladera MUD, Lantana MUD, City of Martindale, Luling ISD, Lockhart ISD, Prairie Lea ISD, and Hays CISD.**

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- F.1 To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$419,378.27.
4 22 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
4 22 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$446,431.53 (03/23/2025 - 04/05/2025). Payroll 03232025 thru 04052025.pdf
- F.3 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$131,102.86 (03/23/2025 - 04/05/2025). Payroll Tax 03232025 thru 04052025.pdf
- F.4 To approve the Caldwell County 2nd Quarter Investment Report ending March 31, 2025. Caldwell County Investment Report 2nd Qtly Ending March 31.2025.pdf
- F.5 To reaffirm the adopted Caldwell County 2021 Investment Policy.
Investment Policy 2021.pdf
- F.6 To accept the March 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. CCAD March 2025 Report.pdf
- F.7 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 March 2025 Report.
March Monthly Report.docx
- F.8 To accept Continuing Education Hours for Danie Teltow, Caldwell County Auditor.
D. Teltow CE Hours.pdf
- F.9 To accept the County Election Services Agreement with Caldwell County MUD No. 9, Caldwell County MUD No. 8, Ladera MUD, Lantana MUD, City of Martindale, Luling ISD, Lockhart ISD, Prairie Lea ISD, and Hays CISD.
Contract_20250416_0001_combined.pdf

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

G.15 To discuss and take possible action regarding the relocation of law enforcement services for Lockhart Independent School District campuses to Constable, PCT. 4. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Superintendent Mark Estrada discussed the district's raise plan that will be added to their budget for Constable services.

Judge Haden is in agreement with Superintendent Estrada that the program is incredibly important and states that he does not agree with how this meeting was approached.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the April 8, 2025, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 13; Cost: \$0.00
April 8 2025 Agenda.pdf
April 8, 2025 Commissioners Court Minutes.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Preliminary Plat for Gristmill at Prairie Lea subdivision consisting of 1,206 lots on approximately 346.047 acres located on Highway 80 and Plant Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 17; Cost: \$0.00
Preliminary Plat - Gristmill at Prairie Lea

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Sage Hills Estates consisting of 12 lots on approximately 13.824 acres located on Tower Road and Black Ankle Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Final Plat for Sage Hills Estates

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.4 To discuss and possibly approve the public streets and drainage in Sunset Oaks Section V Phase 1B as complete and ready to begin the two -year performance period as evidenced by a maintenance bond in the amount of \$307,416.44 for maintenance security. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
JL Gray - Sunset Oaks - Caldwell County - Digital.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.5 To discuss and possibly approve the release of Construction Bond No. 0264417 for Sunset Oaks V Phase 1B in the amount of \$2,970,847.70 back to Starlight Homes Texas, LLC. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Bond No. 0264417.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding MOU with GBRA for construction, permits, and fees within the County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00 GBRA-Caldwell County MOU.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as National County Government Month in Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Proclamation is read.

4.22.25 Proclamation - County Govt Month (April 2025).docx

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation designating May 5 - 9, 2025, as Air Quality Awareness Week. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland; Backup: 1; Cost:\$0.00

Proclamation is read.

2025 Air Quality Awareness Week May 5-9.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding the appointment of Nancy Perryman of Luling to the ESD #5 Board. Speaker: Commissioner Horne; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
ESD #5 Appointment - N. Perryman.doc

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding the recommended appointment of Stephen Cure of Red Rock as an additional member to the Caldwell County Historical Commission (CCHC) for the current 2025-2026 term. Speaker: Judge Haden/Coyle Buhler; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
CCHC New Member Recommendation .pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 14 -2025 supporting the consolidation of and increased efficiency of District Courts. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Resolution 14-2025 is read.
4.22.25 Resolution 14-2025 Consolidation of and Increased Efficiency of District Courts.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Caldwell County Burn Ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Hector Rangel, Chief EMC could not be here today but recommends keeping the burn ban off. Burn Ban Order 4.22.25.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Order authorizing the sale of fireworks from May 21, 2025, through May 26, 2025, for Memorial Day. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Order is read.
4.22.25 Order 05-2025 Memorial Day Fireworks.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.14 To discuss and take possible action regarding stipends for Constables responding to Caldwell County environmental calls. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 5; Cost: TBD

Judge Haden commends the constable's office on the reports and social media pages created.

There may be some discussion about possible new positions and financial help for those offices

Commissioner Westmoreland motions to retain current stipends, allow Judge Haden's office to move forward on collected data, and the goal is to provide clarity for budget needs in the next cycle for additional positions.

Reports will be turned in monthly.

PCT. 1 Environmental Calls Report.pdf

PCT. 2 Environmental Calls Report.pdf

PCT. 3 Environmental Calls Report.pdf

PCT. 4 Environmental Calls Report.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.16 To discuss and take possible action regarding \$3,000.00 donation request from CARTS (Capital Area Rural Transportation System) for FY 2025. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 2; Cost: \$3,000.00
CARTS 2025.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.17 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 01-2025 moving \$50,000.00 from 002-1102-5310 Machinery and Equipment to 002-1102-4510 Repair and Maintenance. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$50,000.00
Budget Transfer 01-2025.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.18 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 02-2025 moving \$39,696.00 from

Contingency 001- 6510-4860 to Road Workers 002-1101 -1027 for the two additional equipment operator positions approved at the April 8, 2025, regular Commissioners Court meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
4.22.25 Budget Transfer 02-2025 Equipment Operators.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.19 To discuss and take possible action regarding award from the Texas GLO CDBG Regional Mitigation Program in the amount of \$3,499,500.00 for the Caldwell County Emergency Shelter Project, Contract No. 24-065-139-E997. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 72; Cost: \$0.00
\$34M_Contract_24-065-139-E997_-_Caldwell_Co.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.20 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 15-2025 authorizing Caldwell County to apply for the USDOT FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 77; Cost: TBD
SS4A-FY25-NOFO.pdf
Resolution 15-2025 USDOT FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Funding.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

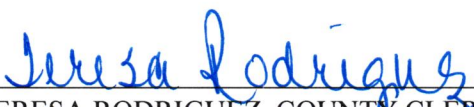
Court adjourns at 9:57 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Adjourn. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

I, TERESA RODRIGUEZ, 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 held by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on April 22, 2025.




TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY.