

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S Main St. 2nd Floor,
Lockhart, Texas Commissioners Court January 14, 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 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 Horne announced that the Caldwell County Homeless Coalition would be gathering resources. If you would like to volunteer, contact Lee Rust out of Luling.

Commissioner Thomas invites everyone to attend the MLK march on January 20th and an MLK celebration at the First Baptist Church on January 19th.

Deborah Sanders, Tax Assessor-Collector introduces her Chief Deputy Erica Saucedo.

Danie Teltow, County Auditor states outside Auditors will be here February 10th -13th.

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>

No Citizens' Comments.

F. PRESENTATION:

- F.1 Agricultural Programs - Wayne Morse, Caldwell County Extension Agent, will introduce speakers from Prairie View A&M University: Peter Agboola, AG/NR for Travis/Caldwell County and Ashley James, AG/NR Unit Program Leader
Wayne Morse, Caldwell County Extension Agent introduces Agents Peter Agboola and Ashley James with Prairie View A & M University.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- G.1To. accept payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$636,136.78.**
G.2To. accept County Payroll payment in the amount of \$457,857.85 (12/15/2024 - 12/28/2024).
G.3To. accept County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$138,142.27 (12/15/2024 - 12/28/2024).
G.4To. accept the December 2024 Indigent Burial Report.
G.5To. accept bond for B.J. Westmoreland, Commissioner PCT. 1.
G.6To. accept bond for Edward Theriot, Commissioner PCT. 3.
G.7To. accept bond for Gloria Garcia, Treasurer.
G.8To. accept bonds for Deborah Sanders, Tax Assessor-Collector.
G.9To. accept bond for Mike Lane, Sheriff.
G.10To. accept bond for Richard Sanders, Constable PCT. 1.
G.11To. accept bond for Paul Easterling, Constable PCT. 2.
G.12To. accept bond for Michael Bell, Constable PCT. 3.
G.13To. accept bond for Arthur Villarreal, Constable, PCT. 4.
G.14To. accept bond for Juanita Allen, District Clerk.
G.15To. accept the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 3 2024 Racial Profiling Report.
G.16To. accept the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 2024 Racial Profiling Report.
G.17To. accept the Certificates of Course Completion on the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act for Gloria Garcia, County Treasurer.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.1 To accept payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$636,136.78.
1 14 2025 Payment Register.pdf
1 14 2025 Expense Approval Register.pdf
1 14 2025 B AP Payment Register.pdf
1 14 2025 B Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Bond_ETheriot.pdf
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Bond_GGarcia.pdf

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Bond_DSanders_cc.pdf

Bond_DSanders_gov.pdf

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Bond_MLane.pdf

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Bond_RSanders.pdf

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Bond_PEasterling.pdf

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Bond_MBell.pdf

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Bond_AVillarreal.pdf

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Bond_JAllen.pdf

G.15 To accept the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 3 2024 Racial Profiling Report.

2024 Caldwell Co Pct #3 Racial Profiling Report.pdf

G.16 To accept the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 2024 Racial Profiling Report.

2024 Caldwell Co Pct #4 Racial Profiling Report.pdf

G.17 To accept the Certificates of Course Completion on the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act for Gloria Garcia, County Treasurer.

Gloria Garcia Open Meetings Act. Certificate of completion 1.6.2025.pdf

Gloria Garcia Public Information Act. Certificate of completion 1.6.2025.pdf

I.2 To approve the Preliminary Plat for OCLA Acres consisting of five residential lots on approximately 10.010 acres located at Old Colony Line Road and FM 86. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Motion to table.

Preliminary Plat for OCLR Acres

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.3 To consider the appointment of Judge Pro Tem of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for Calendar Year 2025, per Section 2.04 of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Theriot is appointed Judge Pro Tem.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.4 To consider the designation of a new Commissioner Court site at which terms are to be held during the 2025 Calendar Year, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.005(d). Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

The 2025 Commissioners Court site will be held in the Courthouse.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.5 To reappoint William Hamilton and Josie Martinez to serve as Commissioners on the Caldwell County ESD #3 Board of Directors, with terms expiring December 31, 2026. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
ESD #3 Letter - Commissioner Appointments.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.6 To approve the reappointment of Rebecca King to the ESD #5 Board of Commissioners to serve from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Commissioner Horne; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Reappointment ESD #5 - Rebecca King.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.7 To discuss and consider nominating Commissioner Ed Theriot to serve as the county voting member for the Region 11 Guadalupe Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG). Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Guadalupe RFPG Nomination_Counties.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding proposed Executive Director (ED) position for the Caldwell County Community Services Foundation (CCCSF). Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: \$49,000.00

Motion to table pending a presentation by St. David's Foundation.

CCCSF Proposal for Funding of ED Position.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.9 Regarding the burn ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Hector Rangel, Chief EMC recommends keeping the burn ban off.

Burn Ban Order 1.14.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.10 Requesting approval to increase the county mileage reimbursement rate to the IRS standard rate of \$0.70 cents per mile effective FY 2025. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

01.14.25 IRS increases the standard mileage rate...pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.11 To ratify a budget amendment reflecting the additional expense and revenue of SIB loan. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

01.14.2025 SIB LOAN 2024 HWY 183 Turn Lane.pdf
Budget Adjustment 0000857 GLPKT40757.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.12 To approve budget amendment #04 moving \$1,283.92 from Contingency 001-6510-4860 to Misc Feral Hog 001-1000-4850. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Amber Quinley; Backup: 7; Cost: \$0.00
Cellgate Invoices & Cancellation.pdf
BA REQUEST 1.14.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H. PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 9:32 a.m. There are no speakers.

- H.1 Regarding consideration of Koeglar Hills Replat of Lot 9 in Block A located off Garrett Trail.
12.26.24 PH Notice - Koeglar Hills Replat.jpg
1.2.25 PH Notice - Koeglar Hills Replat.jpg
1.9.25 PH Notice - Koeglar Hills Replat.jpg
Koeglar Hills Replat- Lot #9

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- I.1 To approve the Replat of Koeglar Hills, Lot 9 consisting of three residential lots on approximately 10.000 acres located on Garrett Trail in Maxwell, Texas. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00
12.26.24 PH Notice - Koeglar Hills Replat.jpg
1.2.25 PH Notice - Koeglar Hills Replat.jpg
1.9.25 PH Notice - Koeglar Hills Replat.jpg
Replat of Koeglar Hills- Lot #9

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.13 To accept award from GLO for the Community Development Block Grant - Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Program Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the planning and development of the FY 2025 - 2030 Caldwell County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 55; Cost: \$0.00
\$100K_Contract_22-130-078-E940_-_Caldwell_Co.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.14 To approve Amendment No. 1 of the Grant Administration contract with Langford Community Management Services with regards to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for mitigation services, Contract #22-130-078-E940. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

AMENDMENT NO 1. Addition of Contract Provisions_Caldwell County.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.15 To approve Resolution 11-2025 authorizing signatories for contractual and financial documents with regards to the GLO CDBG-MIT Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program (LMHPP) Grant, Contract # 22-130-078 -E940. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SIGNATORIES - Caldwell County final.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.16 To approve MOU with City of Luling with regards to the Evacuation Center project. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
MOU - City of Luling - Evacuation Center Project.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:37 a.m. and closes at 9:57 a.m.

Commissioner Theriot abstained from the discussion.

No action was taken.

J.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with TRACT. Possible action may follow in open court. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00


K. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:57 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot 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 January 14, 2025.


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

