

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court January 28, 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

Commissioner Thomas 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.

No Announcements.

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>

Jeff Duon, a Dale resident states concerns of loud noise and harassment in his neighborhood.

Scarlette Geisler, a Dale resident states she has been harassed by neighbors.

F. PRESENTATION:

F.1 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Review of 2024 Caldwell County Plans - Paige Bielamowicz, Elsie Lacy and Wayne Morse

Elsie Lacy, Family & Community County Extension Agent, and Wayne Morse County Extension Agent AG & Natural Resources provide Annual reports on county programs.

Paige Bielamowicz, County Extension Agent for 4H Youth Development provided an update on community outreach programs.

2024_Caldwell_Annual_Report.pdf

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- G.1To. approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$403,968.43.**
- G.2To. accept County Payroll payment in the amount of \$455,368.33 (12/29/2024 - 01/11/2025).**
- G.3To. accept County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$136,535.58 (12/29/2024 - 01/11/2025).**
- G.4To. approve the Caldwell County 1st Quarter Investment Report ending December 31, 2024.**
- G.5To. accept the December 2024 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- G.6To. approve bond for Melissa Montana, Assistant Auditor.**
- G.7To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 December 2024 Report.**
- G.8To. accept the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 2024 Racial Profiling Report.**
- G.9To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 December 2024 Report.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.1 To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$403,968.43.
1 28 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
1 28 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
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- G.6 To approve bond for Melissa Montana, Assistant Auditor.
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- G.7 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 December 2024 Report.
Constable PCT. 1 December 2024 Report.docx
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2024 PCT. 1 Racial Profiling Report.pdf
- G.9 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 December 2024 Report.
Constable PCT. 4 December 2024 Report.pdf
- I.3 To approve a variance request for TxDot (Texas Department of Transportation) frontage requirements on behalf of the proposed Short Form Plat Cano Acres located on FM 20 and Old Colony Line Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Variance request for Cano Acres

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.4 To approve the Short Form Plat for Cano Acres consisting of three lots on approximately 4.993 acres located on FM 20 and Old Colony Line Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles;

Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Cano Acres-Short Form Plat

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.5 To approve the Development Agreement for Mammoth Bend RV Park on approximately 4.715 acres located off SE River Road in Martindale, Texas. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 18; Cost: \$0.00
DA for Mammoth Bend RV Park.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.6 To approve a Proclamation designating February 2025 as Black History Month in Caldwell County. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Proclamation is read.
1.28.25 Proclamation - Black History Month FEB 2025.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.7 To appoint a Caldwell County commission representative to the Economic Development San Marcos Board (EDSM). Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Judge Haden recommends Commissioner Theriot for EDSM board.
Fwd_EDSM Appointment for Caldwell County.pdf
EDSM Ordinance No. 2024-60.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, 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/Regan Gruber Moffitt/Abena Asante; Backup: 3; Cost: \$49,000.00

Regan Gruber Moffitt, Vice President of Community Investments with St. Davids Foundation with an overview of supporting health and wellness in Caldwell County, expressed the importance of creating an Executive Director for the county and asked to match the funding.

Abena Asante, Senior Program Officer, looks forward to working in Caldwell County.

Commissioner Theriot recommends approval of matching funding for the Executive Director of Caldwell County Community Service Foundation for a period of 2 years then bring back an official agreement between the county and the foundation.

CCCSF Proposal for Funding of ED Position.pdf CCCSF -
Proposed ED Position - Representatives Present.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.10 To approve the reappointment of Steve Fogle and Martin Ritchey to the ESD #4 Board of Commissioners to serve from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. Speaker: Judge Haden/Martin Ritchey; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
ESD #4 Reappointments - S. Fogle and M. Ritchey.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.11 To approve the appointment of Charles Royall to the ESD #5 Board of Commissioners to serve from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. Speaker: Commissioner Horne; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
ESD #5 Appointment - C. Royall.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC HEARING @ 9:30 A.M.:

H.1 Regarding the Regulations of Thru Traffic on Designated County Roads
Public Hearing opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 9:32 a.m.

No speakers.

1.16.25 PH Notice - Thru Traffic on County Roads - Westwood.jpg

Amendment to Order Prohibiting Thru Traffic adding Westwood Road.docx

H.2 Regarding the consideration of the Replat for Woodcreek II, Lot #6, located on Windmill Drive in Dale, Texas
Public Hearing opens at 9:32 a.m. and closes at 9:33 a.m.

No speakers.

1.9.25 PH Notice - Woodcreek II Replat.jpg

1.16.25 PH Notice - Woodcreek II Replat.jpg

Replat of Lot 6 of Woodcreek II

1.23.25 PH Notice - Woodcreek II Replat.jpg

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

I.1 To approve an amendment to the Order Prohibiting Thru Traffic on Designated County Roads, Section 3 - Designated Roads. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Richard Sitton; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Order is read.
Amendment to Order Prohibiting Thru Traffic adding Westwood Road.docx
1.16.25 PH Notice - Thru Traffic on County Roads - Westwood.jpg

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.2 To approve the Replat for Woodcreek II, Lot #6 consisting of four residential lots on approximately 5.162 acres located at Windmill Drive in Dale, Texas. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00
1.9.25 PH Notice - Woodcreek II Replat.jpg

Replat of Lot 6 of Woodcreek II
1.23.25 PH Notice - Woodcreek II Replat.jpg

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.9 To consider a letter regarding implementation of child- care facility tax abatement in Caldwell County pursuant to the Senate Joint Resolution 64 and Section 11.36, Texas Tax Code. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Richard Sitton; Backup: 13; Cost: TBD

Commissioner Horne addressed the court on a letter regarding the implementation of Child-care facility tax abatement and motioned to approve up to 50%, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland for discussion and questions about the dollar amounts. Judge Haden questioned the mechanism to which the savings are going.

Opposed vote unanimous.

Implementation Prop 2 - Caldwell County.pdf
tab-304-twc--CHILD CARE TAX ABATEMENT INFORMATIONAL.pdf
Center in Caldwell County.pdf
Caldwell County Centers.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Discuss. 0 "Ayes", 5 "Oppose"

MOTION FAILED.

I.12 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 1.28.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.13 To approve Order 02-2025 authorizing the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Order is read.
2025 Texas Independence Day Fireworks Order Template.docx
Order 02-2025 Texas Independence Day Fireworks.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.14 To approve American Electric Power Invoice #211-215382162 in the amount of \$6,565.12. Speaker: Judge Haden/Merari Gonzales; Backup: 2; Cost: \$6,565.12
AEP Inv#211-215382162.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.15 To approve re-solicitation of RFQ24CCP03Q PID Administration Consulting Services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Merari Gonzales; Backup: 20; Cost: \$0.00
RFQ# 24CCP03Q Final DRAFT Caldwell County PID Administrator.pdf
CC 01.28.2025 PID Administration Consulting Services Back up- PDF.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.16 To approve or reject award for RFQ24CCP04Q General Engineering Consultant - Road Bond to HNTB Corporation Speaker: Judge Haden/Merari Gonzales; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
CC 01.28.2025 RFQ24CCP04Q GEC-Road Bond Backup.pdf
GEC Road Bond Scoring Sheet- Judge Haden.pdf
GEC Road Bond Scoring Sheet- County Auditor Danie Teltow.pdf GEC Road Bond Scoring Sheet Gonzales.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.


J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:49 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 January 28, 2025.


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

