

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court October 9, 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

Pastor Jodi Fischer of Lytton Springs Church opened the meeting with a 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 led everyone in the pledges to both flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Horne announced that on Saturday, October 18th there will be a Tire Collection event located at 2510 East Pierce Street in Luling. That evening, the Night in Old Luling Festival will also take place - everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support.

Commissioner Thomas announced that on October 18th, a Harvest Festival will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the St. John Colony Civic Center, and everyone is invited to attend.

Judge Haden stated that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that the 13th Annual Walk will be held October 11th at 9:00 a.m. on the east side of the courthouse. He also announced that today is Commissioner Thomas's birthday.

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, a resident of Prairie Lea, provided a recap regarding the political "all-way stop" signs in his neighborhood.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- F.1.To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,107,421.54.**
- F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$469,613.66 (09/07/2025 through 09/20/2025).**
- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$137,571.85 (09/07/2025 through 09/20/2025).**
- F.4.To accept Justice of the Peace, PCT. 4, Cash Handling Audit.**
- F.5.To accept County Clerk, Cash Handling Audit.**
- F.6.To ratify immediate check request for Century Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$1,654,845.50.**
- F.7.To ratify Addendum No. 1 to RFB25CCP01B-1 for Unit Road Materials.**
- F.8.To accept the September 2025 Indigent Burial Report.**
- F.9.To pay bond for Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator.**
- F.10To. accept Continuing Education Hours for Gloria Garcia, Caldwell County Treasurer.**
- F.11To. accept the August 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.12To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 August 2025 Report.**
- F.13To. accept Election Services Contracts/Joint Election Agreement.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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10 9 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
10 9 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Payroll 09072025 thru 09202025.pdf
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Payroll Tax 09072025 thru 09202025.pdf
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CC Audit Letter.pdf
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Century Construction Pay10.pdf
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Addendum #1 RFB225CCP01B-1 Unit Road.pdf
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Sept. 2025 Indigent Burial Rep..pdf
- F.9 To pay bond for Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator.
2025.10.01 CNA SURETY \$100.00_Redacted.pdf

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G. Garcia Treasurer CE Hrs.pdf

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Constable PCT. 1 Aug 2025 Report.pdf

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Caldwell County Joint Election Contract - Nov 4 Special Election.pdf

G. DISCUSSION ONLY:

G.1 To discuss the development agreement for Creekside Highway 80 Logistics Park located off West Ridge Road in Martindale. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Ben Green; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Benjamin L. Green, P.E. with Kimley-Horn, Engineer representing the client, provided details and handouts for Creekside Highway 80 Logistics Park project.
CREEKSIDE LOGISTICS PARK - CONCEPT PLAN

G.2 To discuss the development agreement for Luna Rosa, Phase 3 & 4, located off Luna Rosa Drive and Lytton Lane. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Garrett Forthuber/Paul Viktorin; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Garrett Forthuber, Development Director at Cayetano Development, and Paul Viktorin with Southwest Engineers, Inc. provided information and handouts of exhibits for Luna Rosa Phase 3 & 4 as well as plans for future development of Phases 5 & 6 roadways.
Development Agreement for Luna Rose Drive

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the September 23, 2025, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00
9.23.2025 Agenda.pdf
9.23.25 Commissioner Court Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding MOU between Prairie Lea Independent School District (PLISD) and Caldwell County for a substation to be utilized by Constables and Deputy Sheriffs. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Horne/Richard Sitton; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00

Constable Paul Esterling emphasized that school safety and security are important and noted that a substation at Prairie Lea ISD would be beneficial. The substation would be available for use by all branches of law enforcement to use at no cost, with the full support of superintendent and school board.

Buddy Freeman, PLISD Interim Superintendent, added that having a substation will be beneficial for both the district and county, noting that simply having a presence of law on campus will be a great incentive.

10.9.25 Prairie Lea Substation MOU.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Short Form Plat for Tower Acres consisting of two lots on approximately 7.196 acres located at Tower Road and Black Ankle Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Short Form Plat: Tower Acres

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Paso Fino Meadows Subdivision consisting of nine lots on approximately 22.067 acres located at Bugtussle Lane and Acorn Road. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Final Plat: Paso Fino Meadows Subdivision

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding public improvements in Sunset Oaks Section V Phase 1A for permanent County maintenance and release the two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$784,977.92 back to JL Gray Construction, Inc. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Bond No. 341696N.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding public improvements in Tumbleweed Estates, Phase 2 Subdivision for permanent County maintenance and release the two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$58,238.40 back to McDamuth Construction, LLC. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Thomas/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Bond No. 2111465.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation from the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center designating October 2025 as Mediation Month. Speaker: Judge Haden/Martha Joyce; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Martha Joyce from the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center introduced volunteers Maria Delgado and Margie Villapando, informing the court that October is Mediation Awareness Month and that their services are available to all citizens of Caldwell County.

10.9.25 Proclamation - Mediation Awareness Month 2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation designating October 2025 as Family History Month. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Horne; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Donaly Brice and Virginia Sofge, representing the Genealogical and Historical Society of Caldwell County thanked the court for recognizing Family History Month.

10.9.25 Proclamation - Family History Month 2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 01- 2026, nominating up to five candidates to be included on a ballot for the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sifton; Backup: 7; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 01-2026 is read.

Judge Haden stated that the selected candidates for Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors are Kayline Cabe, Sally Daniel, Linda Hinkle, Matthew McGovern, and Dr. Deirdre Williams.

2026-2027 CCAD BoD.pdf

Resolution 01-2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 02-2026 declaring Caldwell County's support for X-Bow System, Inc. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 02-2026 is read.

Resolution 02-2026 Support for X-Bow.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding Amended Resolution 24-2025 for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Kelly Franke; Backup: 7; Cost: \$5,000.00

9.23.25 CC Item Transcript.pdf

9.23.25 Signed Resolution 24-2025 TX Dept of Ag Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.pdf

10.2.25 Lockhart PR Article - Meals on Wheels.pdf

Amended Resolution 24-2025 TX Dept of Ag Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.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 recommends keeping the burn ban on.
Burn Ban Order 10.9.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 01-2026 moving \$3,209.00 from 001-4310-4510 Repairs & Maintenance to 001-4310-1057 Jail Corporal. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Mike Lane; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
BT 01-2026 SO Repairs to Jail Corporal.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.14 To discuss and take possible action on an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Caldwell County and Texas State University for the Tobacco Enforcement Program FY 2025-2026. Speaker: Judge Haden/Steve Kenney/Amber Quinley; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00
Caldwell Co Pct 3 TEP FY26 Contract.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.15 To discuss and take possible action on submitting a grant application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) for the FY 2026 Formula Grant Program and approval of the accompanying resolution. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00
2025.09.17 FY2026 RFA COVER LETTER.pdf
2025.09.17 FY2026 FORMULA GRANT REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA).pdf 2026Â Caldwell County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.16 To discuss and take possible action on accepting an award from the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State for the 2025 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/Devante Coe; Backup: 8; Cost: \$20,000.00
HAVA Grant Notice of Award.pdf
2025 ES Terms and Conditions.pdf
6.24.25 Signed Resolution 21-2025 HAVA Election Security Grant.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.17 To discuss and take possible action on the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for county facilities and vehicles paid for by Caldwell County's 2025 Opioid Abatement Settlement

Fund Distribution. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/Jon Craigmile; Backup: 72; Cost: \$0.00

Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator, stated that this year's Opioid Funding will require a report on purchases. She noted a suggestion to use the funds for AEDs, which would allow for the purchase of seven machines for county facilities and five machines law enforcement vehicles.

Captain Juan C. Villarreal of the Law Enforcement Support Services Bureau read and presented a statement on behalf of Chief Craigmile regarding the AED program and its success within the county. Based on a needs assessment, a proposal has been made to purchase equipment using grant funds.

OATF_Distributions_Reporting_Requirements.pdf

List_of_Opioid_Remediation_Core_Strategies_and_Other_Approved_Uses.pdf

STRYKER PROPOSAL.pdf

Caldwell County - Opioid AED Quote (12).pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.18 To discuss and take possible action on submitting a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG) - Public Safety Office (PSO) for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Border Crisis Response Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00 SHSP and UASI "Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Projects (HSGP-BC), FFY 2025 _ eGrants.pdf
Microsoft Word - 2026 CEO-LE_Cert-Assurances_Form-Blank.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:53 a.m. closed at 10:18 a.m.

- I.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Trail Blazer. Possible action may follow in open court.
No action taken.

- I.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Irish. Possible action may follow in open court. No action taken.

- I.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.87: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Tangled Web. Possible action may follow in open court.
No action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 10:22 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland 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 October 9, 2025



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

