

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court March 11, 2025, 9:00 AM



Hoppy Haden
Teresa Rodriguez

County Judge
County Clerk

B.J. Westmoreland
Rusty Horne
Ed Theriot
Dyral Thomas

Commissioner, Pct. 1
Commissioner, Pct. 2
Commissioner, Pct. 3
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>

No Citizens' comments.

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 \$440,245.97.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$451,019.72 (02/09/2025 - 02/22/2025).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$131,758.05 (2/09/2025 - 02/22/2025).

F.4.To approve the February 2025 Indigent Burial Report.

F.5.To accept the DMV Remittance payment in the amount of \$8,384.04 for January 22-29, 2025.

F.6.To accept the January 2025 State Comptroller payment in the amount of \$295,393.06.

F.7.To accept the Young Farmer's Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$520.00 (December 2024 in the amount of \$155.00 and January 2025 in the amount of \$365.00).

F.8.To accept the completed Juvenile Probation external audit and financial report for FY 2023-2024.

- F.9.To accept the successfully completed 2024 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for Commissioner B.J. Westmoreland, PCT. 1.**
- F.10To. accept the successfully completed 2024 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for Commissioner Rusty Horne, PCT. 2.**
- F.11To. accept the successfully completed 2024 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for Commissioner Ed Theriot, PCT. 3.**
- F.12To. accept the successfully completed 2024 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for Commissioner Dyrall Thomas, PCT. 4.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- F.1 To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$440,245.97.
3 11 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
3 11 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$451,019.72 (02/09/2025 - 02/22/2025). Payroll 02092025 thru 02222025.pdf
- F.3 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$131,758.05 (2/09/2025 - 02/22/2025). Payroll Tax 02092025 thru 02222025.pdf
- F.4 To approve the February 2025 Indigent Burial Report.
Feb 2025 Indigent Burial Report.pdf
- F.5 To accept the DMV Remittance payment in the amount of \$8,384.04 for January 22-29, 2025. DMV Remittance Partial Payment January 2025.pdf
- F.6 To accept the January 2025 State Comptroller payment in the amount of \$295,393.06.
January 2025 Comptroller Payment_Redacted.pdf
- F.7 To accept the Young Farmer's Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$520.00 (December 2024 in the amount of \$155.00 and January 2025 in the amount of \$365.00). Young Farmer's Fees 12.2024 and 01.2025.pdf
- F.8 To accept the completed Juvenile Probation external audit and financial report for FY 2023-2024. Caldwell Juvenile FY2024 Audit Report.pdf
- F.9 To accept the successfully completed 2024 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for Commissioner B.J. Westmoreland, PCT. 1.
B.J. Westmoreland - 2024 Continuing Education Transcript.pdf
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Rusty Horne - 2024 Continuing Education Transcript.pdf
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Ed Theriot - 2024 Continuing Education Transcript.pdf
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Dyrall Thomas - 2024 Continuing Education Transcript.pdf

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- G.1 To discuss and take possible action related to the approval of the Minutes for the February 25, 2025, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 6; Cost: \$0.00
2.25.25_Filed_Agenda.pdf
Commissioner Court Minutes 02_25_2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.2 To discuss and consider the Preliminary Plat for Roman Road Subdivision consisting of four residential lots on approximately 21.671 acres located on Bugtussle Lane and Mineral Springs Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Preliminary Plat for Romans Road Subdivision

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.3 To approve the Preliminary Plat for Mesquite Meadows consisting of 22 residential lots on approximately 32.90 acres located on FM 672 and Barth Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Preliminary Plat for Mesquite Meadows

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Conveyance Agreement between the City of Luling and Caldwell County for two tracts of approximately 13.737 and 15.458 acres of land. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton ; Backup: 5; Cost: \$437,925.00
Contract for Purchase of Real Estate from Luling.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.5 To discuss and consider authorizing the County Judge to go through the process of entering into an agreement that identifies future transportation corridors within the County in accordance with Section 201.619, Transportation Code. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Will Conley; Backup: 11; Cost: \$0.00

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cca-program-overview.pdf
cca-agreement.pdf
cca-district-contacts.pdf
cca-request-form.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.6 To discuss and consider taking action regarding a Resolution supporting legislation to amend Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Gov't Code through act of the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Will Conley; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00 Resolution is read
Caldwell County Resolution in Support of PID Legislation re Bidding Exception 4922-6002-9458.docx 89R 6014.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.7 To discuss and consider Order 03-2025 regarding a Personal Service Agreement between EWEAC LLC and Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Will Conley; Backup: 9; Cost: Not to Exceed \$6,250.00/mth
Commissioner Horne makes a Motion to Table, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Judge Haden discusses the Personal Service Agreement between EWEAC LLC and Caldwell County.

Order Authorizing EWEAC Contract.pdf

Personal Service Agreement EWEAC.pdf

Commissioner Horne makes a Motion to Table, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Westmoreland "Nay", Commissioner Horne "Aye", Judge Haden "Nay", Commissioner Theriot "Nay", Commissioner Thomas "Aye"

Motion to table does not pass.

Judge Haden asks for another motion:

Commissioner Theriot makes a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland

Commissioner Westmoreland "Aye", Commissioner Horne "Nay", Judge Haden "Aye", Commissioner Theriot "Aye", Commissioner Thomas "Aye"
4 "Ayes", 1 "Oppose"

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.8 To discuss and consider Change Order No. 3 for Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Radio Services and Equipment with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Change Order No. 2 (Caldwell County) 2024-12-16.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding Animal Shelter Fees. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
2.27.25 Animal Control Budget Report.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to table pending additional information being presented to the court for a future meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.10 To discuss and consider a Caldwell County Burn Ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel;
Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

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

Burn Ban Order 3.11.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.11 To discuss and consider Order 04-2025 authorizing the sale of fireworks for San Jacinto
Day. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Order 04-2025 San Jacinto Day Fireworks.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.12 To discuss and consider an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Caldwell County and
Texas State University for Tobacco Enforcement Program FY 2024-2025. Speaker: Judge
Haden/Steve Kenney; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00
Caldwell Co Pct 3 TEP FY25 Contract.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.13 To discuss and consider ratifying payment for invoice #16311 for Century Construction in
the amount of \$719,573.00 Speaker: Judge Haden/Merari Gonzales; Backup: 9; Cost:
\$719,573.00 Pay app 3 Century Construction Back up.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.14 To discuss and consider creating a Construction Inspector position for the Unit Road Department.
Speaker: Judge Haden/Donald LeClerc/Kristianna Ortiz; Backup: 3; Cost: \$50,191.00

Judge Haden explained the position of Construction Inspector was not placed in the budget and
monies will be taken out of the Fund balance and would have to be budgeted for next year.
Construction Inspector - Unit Road 3.04.2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H. DISCUSSION ONLY:

H.1 To inform of the Resolution from the State of Texas House of Representatives recognizing
February 26, 2025, as Caldwell County Day at the State Capitol. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup:
2; Cost: \$0.00

State Representative Stan Gerdes recognized Caldwell County on February 26, 2025, as Caldwell
County Day at the State Capitol.

2.26.25 Resolution - Caldwell County Day at the State Capitol.pdf

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session


J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:36 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 March 11, 2025.


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

