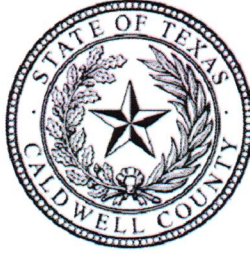


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court May 27, 2025, 9:00 AM



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

David Peyton, Senior Pastor with First Lockhart Baptist Church, opens the meeting with 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 thankful for the rain.

Commissioner Theriot and Judge Haden attended the Memorial Day Event in Luling.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, reminds everyone to complete the Cyber Security Training.

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, provides a review of previous traffic studies on unnecessary stop signs in the 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 \$1,019,546.96.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$460,196.21 (05/04/2025 - 05/17/2025).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$134,684.38 (05/04/2025 - 05/17/2025).

- F.4.To accept the April 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.5.To accept the ESD #1 Financial Statement ending September 30, 2024.**
- F.6.To ratify Resolution 19-2025 Authorizing Caldwell County to apply for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) FY 2026 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant.**
- F.7.To approve employee bond for Bob Bush, HR Coordinator.**
- F.8.To approve employee bond for Kristianna Ortiz, HR/Payroll Manager.**
- F.9.To approve employee bond for Dulce Arellano, 1st Assistant Purchasing.**
- F.10To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 April 2025 Report.**

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 \$1,019,546.96.
5 27 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
5 27 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Caldwell Hays County ESD No. 1 Financials.pdf
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Resolution 19-2025 MVCPA.pdf
MVCPA Grant Letter Caldwell County Constable PCT.
2.pdf FY26_MVCPA_SB224_RFA_Posting.pdf
- F.7 To approve employee bond for Bob Bush, HR Coordinator.
B. Bush Bond_Redacted.pdf
- F.8 To approve employee bond for Kristianna Ortiz, HR/Payroll Manager.
K. Ortiz Bond_Redacted.pdf
- F.9 To approve employee bond for Dulce Arellano, 1st Assistant Purchasing.
D. Arellano Bond_Redacted.pdf
- F.10 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 April 2025 Report.
April 2025 Monthly Report.docx

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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

5.13.25 Filed Agenda.pdf
5.13.25 Commissioners Court Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Juniper Springs, Phase 9 & 10, consisting of 129-lots on approximately 39.890 acres located on Borchert Loop and Juniper Springs Parkway. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00
Final Plat - Juniper Springs, Phase 9 & 10

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Juniper Springs, Phase 16, consisting of 1-lot on approximately 14.003 acres located on Borchert Loop and Juniper Springs Parkway. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Final Plat - Juniper Springs, Phase 16

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Ordinance in Caldwell County prohibiting jumping from bridges. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Richard Sitton; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Motion specifically prohibiting jumping off TxDOT bridges crossing the San Marcos River. Ordinance Prohibiting Jumping from Bridges.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation designating June 2025 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Speaker: Judge Haden/Erica Mendoza; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Proclamation is read.

5.27.25 Proclamation - Elder Abuse Awareness Month.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding appointment of Sara Love to Caldwell County Homeless Coalition's Board of Directors. Speaker: Judge Haden/Sara Love ; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

CCHC Board Letter - S. Love.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.7 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, is not present.

Judge Haden provides a fire update recommending that a burn ban be lifted.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Order authorizing the sale of fireworks for the Fourth of July. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Order is read.

2025-Web-Fourth-of-July-Fireworks.docx
Order 06-2025 Fourth of July Fireworks.pdf

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 stipends for Constables responding to Caldwell County environmental calls. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 16; Cost: TBD

Judge Haden motions to Table the item.

PCT. 1 - 4 Combined Environmental Reports.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding the 2026 Budget Calendar. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00

FY 25-25 Calendar.pdf
FY 2026 Revised Budget Calendar.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 05-2025 moving funds from Non-Departmental Contingency 001-6510 -4860 to IT Computer Support 001-6610-4185. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Tyler PSA_OCA configuration.pdf
BT 05-2025 Tyler Tech PSA.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 06-2025 moving funds from Contingency 001-6510-4860 to Tax Office Machinery and Equipment 001-2140-5310. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

BT 06-2025 Cont to Tax Office.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 09-2025 increasing and decreasing original budgets in the ARPA FUND 019 to reflect financial accuracy. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$383,100.69

The backup for the ARPA budget amendment was on the wrong form; it did not have a spot for her to attest. The correct form will be given to Teresa.

BA 09-2025 Grants Admin ARPA FUND.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:26 a.m. and closes at 10:45 a.m.

No action will be taken.

H.1 Discussion with legal counsel of Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. regarding *Texas Tribune, Mano Amiga, and Caldwell/Hays Examiner v. Caldwell County, Civil Action No. 1:23-CV-910; United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division* and any potential action needed. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].
No Action Taken.


I. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 10:46 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 May 27, 2025.


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

