

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court June 24, 2025, 9:00 AM



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| 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 opened 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 announces the 72nd annual Watermelon Thump this weekend.

Commissioner Thomas announces the No Fee/Judge Free Community Dump in Pct. 4 this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 2990 FM 1185 Lockhart, TX.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, reminds everybody to complete the cybersecurity training. We are at 98% completed.

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, thanks the court for dropping the proposal to restrict citizens' comments and discusses Item I-9 from the last Commissioners Court meeting.

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 \$707,131.53.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$452,120.35 (06/01/2025 - 06/14/2025).

- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$134,290.43 (06/01/2025 - 06/14/2025).**
- F.4.To accept the 2024 financial audit report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.5.To accept the May 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.6.To approve blanket employee bond for the Caldwell County Clerk's Office.**
- F.7.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 May 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 \$707,131.53.
6 24 2025 Expense Approval Register.pdf
6 24 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$452,120.35 (06/01/2025 - 06/14/2025). Payroll 06012025 thru 06142025.pdf
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- F.4 To accept the 2024 financial audit report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.
CCAD 2024 Financial Audit.pdf
- F.5 To accept the May 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. CCAD May 2025.pdf
- F.6 To approve blanket employee bond for the Caldwell County Clerk's Office.
Blanket Bond - County Clerk's Office.pdf
- F.7 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 May 2025 Report.
May Monthly Report.docx

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- G.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the June 10, 2025, regular meeting and budget workshop meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 14; Cost: \$0.00

6.10.25 Filed Agenda.pdf
6.10.25 Commissioner Court Minutes.pdf
6.10.25 Filed Budget Workshop Agenda.pdf
6.10.25 Budget Workshop Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Performance Bond in the amount of \$807,641.40 for Juniper Springs Sections 9 & 10, Street, Drainage & E&S Improvements. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00

Bond No. 0849842 - Juniper Springs - Sections 9&10.pdf

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 Performance Bond in the amount of \$260,747.65 to complete Juniper Springs Section 16, Street, Drainage, & E&S Improvements. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Bond No. 0849841 - Juniper Springs - Section 16.pdf

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 the public streets and drainage in Cotton Gateway Phase 1 as complete and ready to begin the two-year performance period as evidenced by a maintenance bond in the amount of \$930,141.90 for maintenance security. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Cotton Gateway Unit 1 M.Bond.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the release of Cotton Gateway Phase 1 Construction Bond No. 30221056 in the amount of \$9,856,694.10 back to Lennar Homes of Texas Land & Construction, Ltd. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Bond No. 30221056.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Short Form Plat for Thompson Acres consisting of four residential lots on approximately 9.741 acres located at Old Colony Line Road and Thompson Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Thompson Acres: Short Form Plat

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Mesquite Meadows Subdivision consisting of 22 lots on approximately 32.90 acres located on FM 672 and Barth Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Mesquite Meadows Subdivision: Final Plat

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation commemorating the 19th anniversary of the death of U.S. Army Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and pay tribute to his memory and service. Speaker: Judge Haden/Randolph Goodman; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Randolph Goodman pays tribute to U.S. Army Private First Class Kristian Menchaca.
The proclamation is read.

6.24.25 Proclamation - Commemorate Death of Kristian Menchaca.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding the FY 2026 Air Quality Program Funding request from CAPCOG in the amount of \$2,884.00. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland; Backup: 7; Cost: \$2,884.00

FY26 AQ contribution request letter.pdf 2019-2026 Regional Air Quality
Plan Scope of Work Revisions_Revised.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.10 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 off.

Burn Ban Order 6.24.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.11 To review and take possible action regarding the Proposed 2026 Appraisal District and Collections Budget from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00

Proposed 2026 Appraisal District and Collection Budgets.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 21-2025 Authorizing Caldwell County to apply for the 2025 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/Devante Coe; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 21-2025.pdf
2025 ES Terms and Conditions.pdf
2025_HelpAmericaVoteAct (HAVA)_ObligationInformation.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:30 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. 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 June 24, 2025.

Teresa Rodriguez

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

