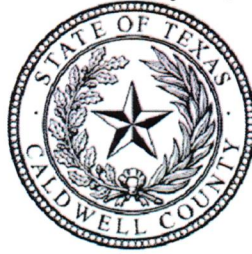


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court July 22, 2025, 9:00 AM



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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

Pastor Wayne Walther with Grace Lutheran Church 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.

Commissioner Theriot thanks Hector Rangel, Chief EMC, for working on sirens in Martindale along the San Marcos River.

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>

Chris Green and Clara Jane Green, 900 Hidden Oak Road, Caldwell County, are asking the court permission to sell 10.1 acres of their land.

Andrew McClish, a Prairie Lea resident, provided information he obtained from a traffic engineer and is requesting that the Prairie Lea traffic study be placed on the agenda.

Mariah Steemer, a Luling resident, expressed her support for keeping the stop signs in Prairie Lea.

Allora Deese, a resident of Fentress, also supports the stop signs in Prairie Lea.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- F.1.To approve payments of Caldwell County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$598,768.80.**
- F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$451,187.55 (06/29/2025 through 07/12/2025).**
- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$134,117.72 (06/29/2025 through 07/12/2025).**
- F.4.To accept June 2025 DMV Remittance to Caldwell County in the amount of \$80,224.40.**
- F.5.To accept June 2025 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$309,729.63.**
- F.6.To accept June 2025 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$366,055.79.**
- F.7.To accept the June 2025 Young Farmer Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$185.00.**
- F.8.To accept Justice of the Peace, PCT. 3, Cash Handling Audit.**
- F.9.To accept the ESD #5 Financial Statement ending September 30, 2024.**
- F.10To. pay bond for Dominique Esquivel, Purchasing Assistant.**
- F.11To. accept the June 2025 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.12To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 June 2025 Report.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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7 22 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
7 22 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Payroll 06292025 thru 07122025.pdf
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Comptroller June 2025.pdf
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Young Farmers June 2025.pdf
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CC Audit Letter.pdf
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2024 CCESD5 Findings Letter.pdf
Caldwell County ESD No. 5 Financials 2024 FINAL.pdf
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F.12 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 June 2025 Report.
Constable PCT. 1 June 2025 Report.docx

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

G.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the July 8, 2025, regular meeting and budget workshop meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 17; Cost: \$0.00

7.8.25 Commissioners Court Agenda.pdf

7.8.25 Minutes.pdf

7.8.25 Budget Workshop Agenda.pdf

7.8.25 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 to accept Hartland Ranch, Phase 4, Fiscal Deposit in the amount of \$41,580.00 necessary to record the Final Plat. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 4; Cost: \$41,580.00

Hartland Ranch Phase 4 Fiscal Deposit.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Hartland Ranch, Phase 4, consisting of five multi-family use lots on approximately 32.659 acres located south of Radley Road and Davis Mountain Drive. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Westmoreland reminded the court that these lots are in a Condominium regime.

Final Plat Hartland Ranch Phase 4

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 Short Form Plat for Howard Acres consisting of 1-lot on approximately 2.043 acres located on Old Colony Line Road and FM 86. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Short Form Plat Howard Acres

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Mineral Springs Subdivision consisting of 24-lots on approximately 32.90 acres located on FM 672 and Barth Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Kasi Miles, Director of Sanitation, noted that a corrected approval letter from Doucet has been provided to the court.

Final Plat Mineral Springs Subdivision

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.6 To discuss and take possible action to accept Bollinger, Phase 3, Fiscal Deposit in the amount of \$6,922.61 necessary to record the Final Plat. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 4; Cost: \$6,922.61

Bollinger Phase 3 Fiscal Deposit.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.7 To discuss and take possible action to accept Bollinger, Phase 4, Fiscal Deposit in the amount of \$5,579.43 necessary to record the Final Plat. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 4; Cost: \$5,579.43

Bollinger Phase 4 Fiscal Deposit.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Bollinger Subdivision, Phase 4, consisting of 65 lots on approximately 10.577 acres located on Bobwhite Road and FM 2720. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Kasi Miles, Director of Sanitation, noted that Bollinger 3 is still under review.

Final Plat Bollinger Subdivision Phase 4

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding a variance request concerning the Caldwell County Development Ordinance, Section 3.12 (A- F) to allow access off an easement for two tracts to be subdivided off the property located at 900 Hidden Oak Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Kasi Miles; Backup: 13; Cost: \$0.00

Kasi Miles, Director of Sanitation, lets the court know that Tracy Bratton is not opposed to the variance, but it does not meet the requirements of the Development Ordinance, which makes the variance an option. If the variance is approved, they will still need to follow all procedures to have this done.

Linda Hinkle, a Lockhart resident, spoke on behalf of the Green family to request the variance be approved.

Variance Request- 900 Hidden Oak Road

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding the following Utility Agreements: County Standard Utility Agreement, County Standard Utility Agreement (Supplemental), County Standard Joint Use Agreement, County Replacement Easement/Eminent Domain Form, County Standard Affidavit, and County Standard Joint Bid Form. Speaker: Judge Haden/Maria Castanon/Cobb Fendley; Backup: 37; Cost: \$0.00
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CALDWELL-U-JB_070125.docx
CALDWELL-U-COND_070125.doc
CALDWELL-U-Affidavit_070125.docx

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 Order 08-2025, exempting from competitive bidding requirements and approving an agreement between Caldwell County and PHI Health, LLC d/b/a PHI Air Medical for membership into the PHI Cares Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/James Green; Backup: 23; Cost: \$85,847.00

Judge Haden corrects the cost of \$85,847.00 to \$109,000.00 based on households in the county.

James Green with PHI Air Medical discussed recent program changes and updated fees.

Order Exempting from Bidding Requirements - PHI Air Ambulance 2025.pdf Exhibit
A - Caldwell County TX-PHI Cares Agreement EXP 9.30.2026.pdf
Highlighted and Annotated Caldwell County TX- PHI Cares Agreement EXP 9.30.2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.12 To discuss and possibly take action regarding a two -year Funding Agreement between Caldwell County Community Services Foundation (CCCSF) and Caldwell County for the establishment of a full-time CCCSF Executive Director position. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 5; Cost: \$49,000/Annually

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, second by Commissioner Westmoreland

Commissioner Thomas amends the motion to pay half the salary \$49,000.00, this year and second half installment next fiscal year.

Caldwell County CCCSF ED Funding Agreement.pdf
CCCSF Proposal for Funding of ED Position.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding an inaugural Proclamation recognizing August 2025 as National Emergency Management Awareness Month. Speaker: Judge Haden ; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Proclamation is read.
7.22.25 Proclamation - National Emergency Management Awareness Month (August 2025).pdf
IAEM-Announces-National-Emergency-Management-Awareness-Month.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.14 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 7.22.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.15 To discuss and take possible action regarding the nominations to the Bluebonnet Trails Board of Trustees, to replace Tom Bonn, beginning September 1, 2025, for a two-year term. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Westmoreland motions to appoint Terence Gahan to the Bluebonnet Trails Board of Trustees.

Reappointment to Bluebonnet Trails.pdf
Bluebonnet Trails MHMR Board appointment .pdf
Terence Gahan Bio.pdf
Re_ Bluebonnet Board appointment.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.16 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 10-2025 from Telephone (001-6610-4420) to Outside Services (001-6610-4840) for the Unified Strategic Resources IT Staffing Strategy & Governance Statement of Work (SOW). Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 11; Cost: \$49,500.00

7.8.25 APPROVED Caldwell County IT Staffing Strategy SOW w Signature Page.pdf
7.8.25 Invoice 1-0003-CALDWELL2025.pdf
BT 10-2025 IT 1472.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.17 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 12 -2025 from Medical Contingency (001-6510-4864) to Insurance (001-6510- 4845) to cover current small deficit and TAC Insurance Claim invoice for data breach services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$40,000.00
BA 12-2025 Non Departmental 1473.pdf
BA 12-2025 TAC Claim.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.18 To discuss and approve Budget Amendment 13-2025 for Law Enforcement Enterprise vehicle upfitting, transferring funds from 001-3010 Current Fund Balance to 001-6510-5310 Machinery and Equipment. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 98; Cost: \$327,040.00

BA 13-2025 FUND BALANCE ENTERPRISE UPFITTING.pdf
IN Car Dash Cam QUOTE-3154628 Caldwell Co. PCT1-(1)M500.pdf
QUOTE-3166700 Caldwell Co.-(1)APX4500 POLICE IN CAR RADIO.pdf
SWPS Quote Number 45858 (UID 07189).pdf Motorola for SO quote.pdf
2025 White Constable 1.pdf
2025 Ram SO.pdf
2025 Ram Constable 2.pdf
2025 Durango CID.pdf
2022 Gray Patrol SO.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.19 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 14-2025 from Medical Contingency (001-6510-4864) to Autopsy (001-6510-4123) to cover autopsy invoices for the remainder of the FY. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

BA 14-2025 Non Departmental.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.20 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Engineering On-Call List for professional services related to the Road Bond Program, as selected through RFQ25CCP01Q. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

RFQ25CCP01Q-AgendaItemBackup.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.21 To discuss and take possible action on submitting a grant application for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) FY 2026 Community Grant to assist with disaster recovery and safety equipment. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 11; Cost: \$0.00

Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator, requests to apply for a LCRA grant.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 10:13 a.m.

H.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Earth Ship. Possible action may follow in open court.

No Action taken.

H.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Proto. Possible action may follow in open court.

No Action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT:


Court adjourns at 10:17 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 July 22, 2025.




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