COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas Commissioners Court July 8, 2025, 10:00 AM



* Meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. or immediately following the regular meeting.

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 opens the Budget Workshop at 10:01 a.m.

Commissioner Westmoreland is absent.

Judge Haden asks for a motion to skip the invocation and pledge.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

B. INVOCATION

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.)

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 at: http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm

No Citizens' Comments.

F. WORKSHOP:

F.1 To discuss current and future Caldwell County budgetary needs in anticipation of the upcoming FY 2025-2026 budgeting process. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 99; Cost: \$0.00 Judge Haden states a 5% raise will be given for cost of living for all employees.

Chief Craigmile read a letter on behalf of Sheriff Lane and provided a proposal with Step & Grade raises for the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office.

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, mentions that certified totals of revenue are still pending and due by July 25. Judge Haden states the possibility of a Special Workshop with updates.

Commissioner Theriot proposed to budget 75% of their fiscal year amount to the Animal Shelter.

Judger Haden states that new staff personnel and a new department have been added, which were budgeted. Constables are being brought up to \$50,000.00. Environmental positions will be added to Precincts 4 and 2.

Commissioner Theriot discussed the Judge and Sheriff's salary levels.

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, states Senate Bill 293 for District Judges and County Court at Law Judges has increased to meet with the state and county match.

Budget Worksheet as of 07.03.2025.pdf

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas 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 8, 2025.

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

