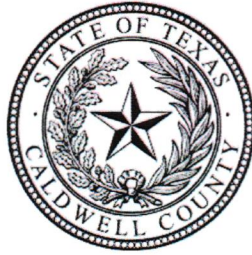


**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S Main St. 2nd  
Floor, Lockhart, Texas Commissioners Court August 12, 2025,  
10:00 AM**



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

<b>Hoppy Haden</b>	<b>County Judge</b>	<b>B.J. Westmoreland</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 1</b>
<b>Teresa Rodriguez</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>	<b>Rusty Horne</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 2</b>
		<b>Ed Theriot</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 3</b>
		<b>Dyral Thomas</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 4</b>

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Judge Haden called the Budget Workshop to order at 11:10 a.m.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne 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: 106; Cost: \$0.00

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, informed the court of several updates, including the addition of funding for the evacuation shelter and the creation of a separate department for it. She also noted that all bond-related items have been included, and that Engineer Subdivision Services has been moved from Non-Departmental to the newly designated Subdivision and Engineering Department. Additionally, all county retirement contributions have been included.

Commissioner Horne inquired about the Environmental Task Force budget, to which Judge Haden responded that it is still being developed. Judge Haden also clarified that one new Code Enforcement Officer will be added under Developmental Services, along with the hiring of two additional Constable deputies. He noted that Commissioner Theriot oversees Developmental Services.

Nicole Stephens, County Planner, inquired about the possibility of bringing on an intern for the Code Enforcement Department. Danie Teltow, County Auditor, explained that since interns are typically unpaid, she does not recommend this option due to payroll-related concerns.

Judge Haden requested an estimate and scope of work for a study on the Animal Shelter to be considered for the next fiscal year's budget.

Judge Haden suggested implementing a policy to designate the fund balance for use in emergencies and capital projects.

A discussion was held regarding the salary of the County Judge.

Commissioner Horne inquired about the I.T. department. Judge Haden responded that the County is currently reviewing 3 proposals to establish its own I.T. department.

DR Budget as of 08.07.2025.pdf

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT:**

Court adjourns at 11:36 a.m.

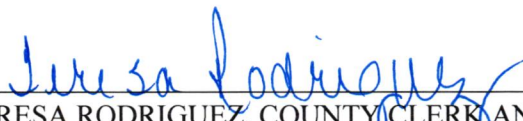
Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Adjourn. All voting "Aye."

**MOTION APPROVED.**

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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 August 12, 2025.



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