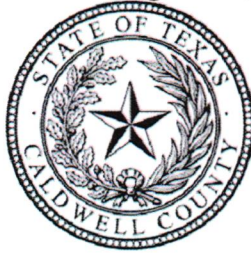


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court August 12, 2025, 9:00 AM



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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

Jodi Fischer of Old Lyton Springs 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 Westmoreland wishes all students in the County a good start to the school year, and to all motorists, be cautious at all school zones.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, congratulates everyone on completing 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>

Donna Voetee, a Lockhart resident, informed the court that she intends to file a counterclaim on Item G8 concerning the County Judge's authorization of license plate reader cameras installed by Flock Group Inc. on highway right-of-way and on Resolution 25-2024. Mrs. Voetee distributed handouts to the court and stated that she would document the matter at the county office.

Andrew McClish, a Prairie Lea resident, thanked citizens for supporting the all-way stop signs but noted the traffic study shows the intersection doesn't meet the criteria. He provided handouts on proper stop sign use and urged action for public safety.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

F.1.To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,178,142.38.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$448,359.59 (07/13/2025 through 07/26/2025).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$ 133,149.47 (07/13/2025 through 07/26/2025).

F.4.To approve the Caldwell County 3rd Quarter Investment Report ending June 30, 2025.

F.5.To approve the July 2025 Indigent Burial Report.

F.6.To accept the District Clerk's office Cash Handling Audit.

F.7.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 July 2025 Report.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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8 12 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf

8 12 2025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf

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Payroll 07132025 thru 07262025.pdf

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Payroll Tax 07132025 thru 07262025.pdf

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Caldwell County Investment Report 3rd Qtly April-June 2025.pdf

F.5 To approve the July 2025 Indigent Burial Report.

July 2025 Indigent Burial Report.pdf

F.6 To accept the District Clerk's office Cash Handling Audit.

CC Audit Letter.pdf

F.7 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 July 2025 Report.

Monthly Report July 2025.pdf

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

G.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the July 22, 2025, regular meeting and budget workshop. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 16; Cost: \$0.00

07_22_2025 Filed Agenda.pdf

07_22_2025 Filed Budget Workshop Agenda.pdf

07_22_2025 Commissioner Court Minutes.pdf

07_22_2025 Budget Workshop 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 Mineral Springs Vinklerek Subdivision consisting of 18 lots on approximately 166.184 acres located at Mineral Springs Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Kasi Miles, Director of Sanitation, requests final approval of the corrected change.

Caleb Barton with La Tierra Realty informed the court of revised wording to reference a "future phase," noting that an exemption was added to avoid the need for replatting the ten-acre lots. Final Plat for Mineral Springs Vinklarek Subdivision

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Right-of-Way License Agreement to allow Centex Drainage District to construct an entrance monument and flag poles in County right-of-way on Lytton Lane for the Luna Rosa Subdivision. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Thomas/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 6; Cost: \$0.00
Commissioner Thomas requests to Motion to Table Item G3.
Right of Way License Agreement.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding Order 09-2025 creating a School Zone on Borchert Loop in the vicinity of Borchert Loop Elementary. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Order 09-2025 is read.
Order Creating School Zone for Borchert Loop Elementary.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Interlocal Agreement for the 2025-2026 Constable Security Program with Lockhart ISD. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland; Backup: 8; Cost: TBD
Commissioner Westmoreland discussed the addition of Borchert Loop Elementary School to the agreement with the Lockhart ISD Constable Program. The school district has agreed to a compensation rate of \$ 27.00 per hour for Constables, with a full-time position designated for the Lockhart Junior High campus. Constables may also provide coverage at the High School upon request.

Constable Villareal states they are ready for traffic control and are taking applications for a full-time position at the Junior High campus.

REVISED - LISD Constable Program Interlocal 2025-2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 23 -2025 opposing the prohibition of taxpayer funded lobbying by county government. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Resolution 23-2025 is read.
Resolution 23-2025 Re Taxpayer Funded Lobbying.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding selling a portion of Caldwell County land between the jail and Scott Annex to ESD #5. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
County Annex_Show Barn_Jail Survey.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.8 To discuss and take possible action authorizing the County Judge to execute a Supplemental Agreement to MUA allowing installation of LPR cameras within the highway right of way. Speaker: Judge Haden/Mike Lane/Jon Craigmile/Juan Villarreal; Backup: 40; Cost: \$0.00

Juan Villarreal distributed handouts containing information from Flock Group regarding Fourth Amendment concerns.

Chief Craigmile addressed concerns regarding the Flock System, explaining that camera placements were determined based on recommendations from a database search using crime statistics. He also noted that the collected data is deleted after 30 days unless it is linked to a criminal case.

Commissioner Thomas asked about the number of cameras planned for Precinct 4 and recommended distributing them throughout different parts of the city as part of a pilot program. He also requested that his disagreement with all cameras being placed solely in Precinct 4 be officially noted.

Amanda Spees, Regional Customer Success Manager II, answered questions for the court on how widely the Flock System is used within multiple cities and counties.

Paul Easterling, Constable for Precinct 2, spoke in support of License Plate Recognition technology, highlighting its effectiveness and practical benefits.

Executed Caldwell County LPR MUA.pdf
MUA Supplemental Agreement-Final.docx

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve.
4 "Ayes", 1 "Oppose"

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Order of Special Election for State Constitutional Amendments (Secs. 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, and 85.007, Texas Election Code). Speaker: Judge Haden/Devante Coe; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Order of 2025 Constitutional Amendment Election.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland 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, requests a burn ban.

Burn Ban Order 8.12.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding the transfer of General Obligation Bond Series 2025 proceeds from Texpool to Texas Class, an approved investment vehicle under our county's investment policy. Speaker: Judge Haden/Gloria Garcia/Travis Zander; Backup: 19 ; Cost: \$0.00

Gloria Garcia, County Treasurer, requests to transfer General Obligation Bond Series 2025 proceeds from Texpool to Texas Class.

06.2025 - Prospect Deck - Texas CLASS.pdf
PMA Fact Sheet - BPM.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.12 To discuss and take possible action to approve the selection of engineering consultants for the Caldwell County 2024 Road Bond Program projects, as outlined in Attachment A. Approval includes authorizing staff and legal counsel to initiate contract negotiations with the designated firms for future consideration. Speaker: Hoppy Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$ 0.00

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, read aloud the list of engineering firms selected for each road bond project.

Caldwell County - Attachment A (Engineering Selections)-CLEAN.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.13 To discuss the tax rate for FY 2026 and take possible action regarding public hearing to approve tax rate. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 24; Cost: \$0.00

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, presented the court with the proposed tax rates and recommended scheduling a public hearing for tax rate approval on September 9th.

Caldwell County - 2025 Tax Rate Calculations.pdf
Caldwell County Notice About 2025 Tax Rates.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.14 To discuss and take possible action regarding the composition of the Caldwell County Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to Section 152.014 of the Texas Local Government Code. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Danie Teltow; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden stated that the Caldwell County Salary Grievance Committee will be selected in accordance with Section 152.014 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.15 To discuss and take possible action regarding the selection of public members for the Caldwell County Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to Section 152.014(a) and Section 152.015 of the

Texas Local Government Code. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Danie Teltow/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden and County Clerk Teresa Rodriguez conducted the drawing for members of the Salary Grievance Committee. The selected members are Melissa Gonzalez, Thomas Krenz, and Aleah Anderson. The first alternate is Ayrick Castillo, the second is Tiffini Hargett, and the third is Hal Purka.

G.16 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 11-2025 moving \$5,000.00 from Bridge Repair/Replacement (002-1101-3205) to Fleet Operating Supplies (002-1103-3135). Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$5,000.00
BT 11-2025 Unit Road 7.31.25pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.17 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 15-2025 moving \$24,500.00 from Contingency, and \$ 24,500.00 from Medical Contingency to Professional Services 001-6510-4110 for first installment of CCCSF Agreement. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
BA 15-2025 CCCSF Agreement \$49,000.00.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.18 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 16-2025 moving \$64,250.00 from Contingency, and \$64,250.00 from Medical Contingency to Professional Services 001-6510-4110 for the remainder of the FY Doucet invoices. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden explained that this item pertains to Doucett Engineering invoices and mentioned the need to request specific change orders moving forward.

BA 16-2025 Doucet invoices \$128,500.00.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 17-2025 moving \$14,000.00 from 001 -6510-4864 Medical Contingency to Professional Services 001-6510-4110 for BidNet invoices. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
BA 17-2025 BidNet 8.12.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.20 To discuss and approve The i3 Public Sector Master Agreement (formerly known as NetData) for all Justice of the Peace Departments. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 15; Cost: \$45,355.00

Judge Haden requested the addition of monthly collection reporting.

i3 Master Binder.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.21 To discuss and take possible action regarding Amendment No. 1 of the Caldwell County Purchasing Policy. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Dominique Esquivel; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, corrected Item 21 to reflect Amendment No. 4.

Dominique Esquivel, Purchasing Administrative Assistant, presented updates to the Caldwell County Purchasing Policy. Changes include increasing the general purchase threshold from \$500 to \$1,000 and the Unit Road threshold to \$5,000, requiring two signatures instead of three for immediate check requests in emergency purchases, allowing Amazon and Office Depot orders to be submitted throughout the week, and processing those orders every Friday.

AMENDMENT NO 1 - Changes to Purchasing Policy and Procedures.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.22 To approve final draft and solicitation of RFB 25CCP01B Unit Road Materials. Speaker: Judge Haden/Dulce Arellano; Backup: 39; Cost: \$0.00
RFB 25CCP01B Unit Road.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

G.23 To discuss and take possible action on accepting an award from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY 2026 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/Constable Easterling; Backup: 9; Cost: \$3,701.00
Caldwell County PCT 2.pdf
Senate Bill 224 Grant Negotiation- application revision.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H. DISCUSSION ONLY:

H.1 To discuss House Bill 1522 and possible impact on designating the day of the week on which court will convene in a regular term during the next fiscal year, per TEX. LOC. GOV'T. CODE 81.005(a). Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden discussed a bill passed during the last legislative session that changes the public meeting notice requirement from 72 hours to 72 business hours, effective September 1st. As a result, Commissioners Court meetings will shift to Thursdays starting in October.

HB 1522.pdf

Commissioners Court - PROPOSED Cutoff, Pre-Agenda & Meeting Dates.pdf

AMENDED 1.24.23 Court Rules of Procedure Conduct and Decorum.pdf

UPDATED PROPOSED DRAFT 2025 Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum at Meetings of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.pdf

2023 commissioners-court.pdf

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session began at 10:12 a.m. and concluded at 11:09 a.m.

- I.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.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Ignition Point. Possible action may follow in open court.
No Action Taken.
- I.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Tangled Web. Possible action may follow in open court.
No Action Taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT:


Court adjourns at 11:09 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, 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 August 12, 2025.




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