

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court September 23, 2025, 9:00 AM



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.
Commissioner Theriot is not present.

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Jodi Fisher of Lytton Springs Church opened the meeting with a 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 led everyone in the pledges to both flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Judge Haden noted that on the Court Procedures item, a paragraph stating that citizen comments are limited to agenda items was incorrect due to the use of a new template. This will be corrected when the discussion item is addressed.

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 Prairie Lea resident, stated he would pause his comments regarding the political "all-way stop" signs in his neighborhood and addressed concerns about attempts to weaken rules that ensure the court remains accountable by limiting open discussion through citizen comments.

Judge Haden made a point of order, explaining that during announcements this change will not be made.

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 \$1,018,129.91.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$478,113.47 (08/24/2025 through 09/06/2025).

- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$141,160.47 (8/24/2025 through 09/06/2025).**
- F.4.To accept August 2025 DMV payment to Caldwell County in the amount of \$59,867.80.**
- F.5.To accept August 2025 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$425,029.46.**
- F.6.To accept August 2025 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$426,333.06.**
- F.7.To accept the August 2025 Young Farmer Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$270.00.**
- F.8.To accept the 2025 Tx Comptroller Sales Tax Annual Commission paid to County in the amount of \$236,079.95.**
- F.9.To ratify immediate check request for Lockhart Motor Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,491.00.**
- F.10To. ratify immediate check request for Century Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$1,221,080.34.**
- F.11To. ratify addendum No. 1 to RFB25CCP01B for Unit Road Materials.**
- F.12To. ratify immediate payment made to Consumer Portfolio Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$658.07 for veteran's assistance.**
- F.13To. ratify immediate payment to Brazos Valley Locators - Southwest Leasing Office in the amount of \$840.80 for veteran's assistance.**
- F.14To. accept the Order Appointing Official Court Reporter and Fixing Compensation for the 207th Judicial District Court.**
- F.15To. accept the Order Relating to the Official Court Reporters of the 421st, 22nd, and 207th Judicial Courts and Auditor for the County of Caldwell.**
- F.16To. accept the Amended Order Appointing Official Court Reporter and Fixing Compensation for the 22nd Judicial District Court of Caldwell County.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- F.1 To approve payment of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,018,129.91.
9 23 22025 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
9 23 2025 AP Payment Register.pdf
- F.2 To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$478,113.47 (08/24/2025 through 09/06/2025).
Payroll_08242025_thru_09062025 COMPRESSED.pdf
- F.3 To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$141,160.47 (8/24/2025 through 09/06/2025).
Payroll Tax 08242025 thru 09062025.pdf
- F.4 To accept August 2025 DMV payment to Caldwell County in the amount of \$59,867.80. DMV paid to County Aug 2025.pdf
- F.5 To accept August 2025 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$425,029.46.
DMV Remittance Aug 2025.pdf
- F.6 To accept August 2025 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$426,333.06.
Comptroller Aug 2025.pdf
- F.7 To accept the August 2025 Young Farmer Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$270.00.
Tx Agricultural Finance Authority (Young Farmers) Aug 2025.pdf
- F.8 To accept the 2025 Tx Comptroller Sales Tax Annual Commission paid to County in the amount of \$236,079.95.
Tx Comptroller Sales Tax Commission 2025.pdf

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- F.10 To ratify immediate check request for Century Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$1,221,080.34.
Century Construction Pay #9.pdf
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Addendum #1 RFB.pdf
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2025 ORDER APPOINTING OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER AND FIXING COMPENSATION.pdf
- F.15 To accept the Order Relating to the Official Court Reporters of the 421st, 22nd, and 207th Judicial Courts and Auditor for the County of Caldwell.
2025 ORDER RELATING TO COURT REPORTERS - 421ST, 22ND, AND 207TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS - AUDITOR FOR CC.pdf
- F.16 To accept the Amended Order Appointing Official Court Reporter and Fixing Compensation for the 22nd Judicial District Court of Caldwell County.
2025 AMENDED ORDER APPOINTING OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER.pdf

G. PRESENTATION:

- G.1 Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) - Volunteer Hours, Events and Awards -
Elsie Lacy, County Extension Agent

Elsie Lacy, Family & Community County Extension Agent, provided information on the TEEA clubs and introduced Ester Barney, Council President, who shared updates from the State Conference in Abilene. Ms. Barney also presented a check for \$169,755.34 and expressed gratitude for the county's continued support.

H. PUBLIC HEARING @ 9:30 A.M.:

The Public Hearing opened at 9:30 a.m. and closed at 9:32 a.m.

Judge Haden read the public notice regarding the Caldwell County Tax Rate for the year 2025.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- I.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the September 9, 2025, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00
09_09_2025 Amended Agenda.pdf
09_09_2025 Amended Commissioners Court Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Preliminary Plat for Blue Sky subdivision consisting of 450-lots on approximately 106.47 acres located on Boggy Creek Road and Black Ankle Road. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00 Preliminary Plat - Blue Sky.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Clementine Ranch consisting of 12-lots on approximately 20.198 acres located at State Highway 304 and Cardinal Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Final Plat - Clementine Ranch.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Sunset Oaks VI, Phase 1A, consisting of 113 lots on approximately 85.84 acres located on FM 1966 and Highway 21. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Final Plat - Sunset Oaks VI Phase 1A.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden/Ashley Rios; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Proclamation is read.

Ashley Rios, Program Director with HCWC, informed the court of free services available to all individuals impacted by domestic violence. Sarah Guckian, Training and Outreach Coordinator with HCWC, explained that her role involves coordinating sexual assault response teams for Hays and Caldwell counties and expressed appreciation for the county's support.

9.23.25 Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2025.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 24 -2025 for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Kelly Franke; Backup: 1; Cost: \$2,153.75
Resolution 24-2025 is read.

Kelly Franke, Executive Director of Combined Community Action, provided an update on the Meals on Wheels program and requested a match of \$2,153.75 for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program, also noted they have been informed by St. David's Foundation Grant they will no longer be receiving the grant that is keeping the McMahan site open, also stated that volunteers are needed to continue serving the community. She expressed appreciation for the county's support each year.

Marissa Anderson, CFO, stated that \$5,000.00 would maintain all food services currently provided. 9.9.25 Resolution 24-2025 HDM Grant Program 2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.8 To reappoint representatives from Caldwell County to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) General Assembly and Executive Committee. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00
9.23.25 CAPCOG General Assembly Representation for CC.pdf
Nominations for CAPCOG's 2026 Executive Committee.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding designating a day of the week on which the Court shall convene in regular term each month during the next fiscal year, pursuant to Section 81.005 Texas Local Government Code. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden stated that Commissioner Court will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning in October, with exceptions on Tuesday, November 25th, for Thanksgiving, and Tuesday, December 23rd, for Christmas.

Commissioners Court - DRAFT Proposed Cutoff, Pre-Agenda & Meeting Dates 3.0.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.1 Tax Rate for Year 2025 Caldwell County, TX Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.4391 per \$100 of taxable value
Notice of PH for FY 2026 tax 9.23.25 CORRECT VERSION.docx
Taxpayer Impact Statement FY25-26.pdf
Caldwell County Notice About 2025 Tax Rates.pdf
Notice_of_Meeting_to_Vote_on_Tax_Rate_25-26_UPDATED_version.pdf

9.18.25 Lockhart Post-Register - Tax Rate.jpg

9.18.25 Lockhart Post-Register CCAD Tax Rate Notice.jpg

9.18.25 ax Rate - Luling Notice.pdf

- I.2 To discuss and take possible action on adopting the proposed tax rate for Caldwell County, TX of \$0.4391 for Year 2025. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.4391 per \$100 of taxable value

Record vote: Commissioner Westmoreland – "Aye," Commissioner Horne – "Aye," Commissioner Thomas – "Aye," and Judge Haden – "Aye."

Taxpayer Impact Statement FY25-26.pdf

Notice of PH for FY 2026 tax 9.23.25 CORRECT VERSION.docx

Caldwell County Notice About 2025 Tax Rates.pdf

Notice of Meeting to Vote on Tax Rate 25-26 UPDATED version.pdf

Order 11-2025 Tax Rate FY 2025-2026.pdf 9.18.25 Lockhart Post-Register - Tax Rate.jpg

9.18.25 Lockhart Post-Register CCAD Tax Rate Notice.jpg

9.18.25 Tax Rate - Luling Notice.pdf

- I.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding nominating up to five candidates to the Caldwell County Appraisal District's (CCAD) Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term. Speaker: Judge Haden ; Backup: 6; Cost: \$0.00

Nominations include:

Commissioner Westmoreland – Linda Hinkle
Commissioner Horne – Linda Hinkle
Commissioner Thomas – Dr. Deirdre Williams and Kayline Cabe
Judge Haden – Kathy Haigler and Sally Daniel

Nomination of Appraisal District Directors 2026-2027.pdf

- I.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Proposed Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum for All Commissioners Court Meetings. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton;
Backup: 10; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden stated that, due to a new template used to compress the Rules of Decorum, a paragraph specifying that citizens may not speak on items not on the agenda. He proposed amending the rules of decorum to allow citizens to speak on any item.

Commissioner Westmoreland makes motion with changes as given in the handout.
9.23.25 Proposed Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum at Meetings of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.12 To approve Order 12-2025, permitting the sale of certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Caldwell County during Diwali holiday period. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Order 12-2025 Authorizing Diwali Fireworks Sales - Caldwell County.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Caldwell County Burn Ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden recommends keeping the burn ban on.
Burn Ban Order 9.23.25.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.14 To discuss and take possible action regarding authorization for the Caldwell County Judge to terminate the Contract for Fines and Fees Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00
9.23.25 Contract for Fines and Fees Collection Services.pdf
9.23.25 Letter - Contract for Fines and Fees Collection .pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.15 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 18- 2025 moving \$5,000 from 001-4310 -4510 Repairs & Maintenance, \$15,000 from 001-4310-3130 Operating Supplies, and \$3,000 from 001-4310-5310 Machinery & Equipment to 001-4310-3100 Food Supplies.
Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
9.23.2025 BT 18-2025 Food Supplies.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.16 To discuss and take possible action to approve the payment request by way of wire transfer for Texas Department of Transportation per the AFA on SH 183 Turn Lane entering Caldwell County, Tx Evacuation Shelter (scheduled to wire on October 1, 2025). CCSJ#0152-03-065
Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 16; Cost: \$1,976,522.00
0152-03-065_Payment Request.pdf
0152-03-065 Executed AFA_Z8868_County_of_Caldwell.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.17 To discuss and take possible action to execute HNTB Work Authorization Agreement No. 2 commencing on October 1, 2025. This agreement is to provide engineering management services required to initiate and monitor production of contract documents and required to initiate and monitor constructions of projects in the Caldwell County related to the 2024 Road Bond. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Richard Sitton/Maria Castanon; Backup: 14; Cost: Approximately \$5,576,633.00
81109_Caldwell_WA2_Package_Contract Review.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.18 To discuss and take possible action on a contract between Caldwell County and Brandon Gray for clock tower maintenance commencing October 1, 2025. Speaker: Judge Haden/Brandon Gray; Backup: 6; Cost: \$4,600.00
Clock tower maintenance contract 2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.19 To discuss and take possible action for a request to extend the submission date for RFP25CCP01
Caldwell County Bank Depository Services until October 7th, 2025, at 3:00 PM (CST). Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Addendum 1 RFP Bank Depository.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- I.20 To discuss and take possible action on the request to re-solicit RFB 25CCP01B Unit Road Materials which will now be identified as RFB25CCP01B-1. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 39; Cost: 0.00
RFB 25CCP01B-1 Unit Road Re-Bid.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.21 To discuss and take possible action on the proposed settlement of opioid litigation with respect to the Purdue Pharma L.P. & Sackler Family Settlement and to vote on the Purdue Pharma L.P. Bankruptcy Plan. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: TBD; Cost: \$0.00 Resolution 25-2025 Authorizing Execution of Opioid Settlement and Release.pdf Participation Form-Alvogen et al.pdf Participation Form-Purdue.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I.22 To discuss and take possible action on accepting an award for the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 3 Traffic Safety 2026 STEP Comprehensive Grant through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/David Saenz; Backup: 45; Cost: \$1,743.00 TxDot STEP Comprehensive Grant Award Docs, summary.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:55 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne 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 September 23, 2025.





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