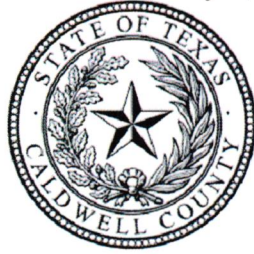


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court January 8, 2026, 9:00 AM



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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.

There is a brief moment of silence for Deputy Constable Aaron Armstrong.

B. INVOCATION

Timothy Parker 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.

Judge Haden extends his condolences to Deputy Armstrong's family.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, reported that all employees were successfully enrolled in the Cybersecurity Training. Any questions or concerns should be directed to her office.

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: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/CommissionersCourtForm>

Andrew McClish, Prairie Lea resident, continued the all-way stop sign discussion, citing concerns related to traffic volume and data interpretation. Mr. McClish submitted a statement requesting correction of the date

associated with the audio and discussion from the December 11, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting stating the audio and discussion are from the January 11, 2022 Commissioners Court meeting.

- H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for December 23, 2025, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00
December 23_2025 Agenda.pdf
December 23_2025 Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- F.1.To approve County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$267,148.95.**
F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$527,261.84 (11/30/2025 through 12/13/2025).
F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$157,324.50 (11/30/2025 through 12/13/2025).
F.4.To ratify immediate check request to ECM Today for \$11,520.00.
F.5.To approve updated county mileage reimbursement rate to the IRS standard rate of \$0.725 cents per mile effective FY 2026.
F.6.To approve the December 2025 Indigent Burial Report.
F.7.To receive the results of the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors election from chief appraiser.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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1 8 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf
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Payroll 11302025 thru 12132025.pdf
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Payroll Tax 11302025 thru 12132025.pdf
- F.4 To ratify immediate check request to ECM Today for \$11,520.00.
Emergency Check packet.pdf
- F.5 To approve updated county mileage reimbursement rate to the IRS standard rate of \$0.725 cents per mile effective FY 2026.
2026 business standard mileage rate.pdf
- F.6 To approve the December 2025 Indigent Burial Report.
December 2025 Indigent Burial Report.pdf
- F.7 To receive the results of the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors election from chief appraiser.
Results - Election of CCAD BoD.pdf

H.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Lockhart regarding Texas Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 10; Cost: \$0.00
CALDWELL COUNTY_LOCKHART TIRZ_INTERLOCAL AG(300291925.2)_City
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Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the appointment of a Judge Pro Tem of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for the 2026 Calendar Year, pursuant to Section VI of the Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 10; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Westmoreland moved to appoint Commissioner Theriot as Judge Pro Tem for the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for the 2026 calendar year.

Rules for Commissioners Court - Section VI.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding the designation of the Commissioners Court site at which terms of the court are to be held during the 2026 Calendar Year, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.005(d). Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioners court will continue to be held at the courthouse.

Local Govt Code - Ch 81 - Sec 81.005.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.7 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 on.

Burn Ban Order 1.8.26.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.8 To discuss and take possible action on approval of the Outdoor Warning Sirens Grant Agreement associated with SB 3 and SB 5 between Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and Caldwell County in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 20; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Theriot inquired about any restrictions, and Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator, stated that there are currently no restrictions.

TWDB_Commitment_No_2691103017_â€“_Signature_Ne.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.9 To discuss and take possible action on submitting a grant application for Caldwell County Constable PCT. 3 to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Texas Traffic Safety FY 2027 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 18; Cost: \$0.00
STEPRFP2027.pdf
FY27-RFP-FAQ-STEP.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.10 To discuss and take possible action on submitting a grant application for Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Texas Traffic Safety FY 2027 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 18; Cost: \$0.00
STEPRFP2027.pdf
FY27-RFP-FAQ-STEP.docx

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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

Public Hearing opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 9:32 a.m.

- G.1 Regarding consideration for Tower Meadows Subdivision, Amended Replat of Lot 18 consisting of two residential lots on approximately 2.00 acres located on Tower Road and Black Ankle Road.

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m. and closed at 9:32 a.m., with no speakers present.

12.11.25 PH Notice - Tower Meadows Subdivision.jpg

12.18.25 PH Notice.jpg

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Amended Re-plat of Tower Meadows, Lot #18

- G.2 Regarding consideration for the Cancellation of the Final Plat for Calvis Estates Subdivision on approximately 20.92 acres located on Taylorville Road.

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:32 a.m. and closed at 9:33 a.m., with no speakers present.

12.11.25 PH Notice - Calvis Estates.jpg

Plat Vacation Request letter

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- H.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Amended Replat of Lot 18 consisting of two residential lots on approximately 2.00 acres located on Tower Road and Black Ankle Road. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

Recommend approving with the condition of a signature block to be added.

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12.18.25 PH Notice.jpg

12.25.25 PH Notice.jpg

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Cancellation of the Final Plat for Calvis Estates Subdivision approximately 20.92 acres located on Taylorsville Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
12.11.25 PH Notice - Calvis Estates.jpg
Plat Vacation Request letter

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

MOTION APPROVED.


I. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:35 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, 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 January 8, 2026.



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

