

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 110 S Main St. 2nd Floor,
Lockhart, Texas Commissioners Court February 26, 2026, 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.

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Mae E. Fletcher 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 lead those present in the pledge to both flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Danie Teltow, County Auditor, introduced Stephanie Pleitez as the new Purchasing Assistant.

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>

Several residents of Lockhart and Caldwell County voiced their concerns regarding the water usage, power demands, and environmental impact requirements associated with the proposed Data Centers. The citizens requested that a public town hall meeting be held to provide clarification and address questions about the Data Centers.

Andrew McClish, a Prairie Lea resident, continued the discussion regarding the proposed all-way stop sign in his neighborhood and stated that the traffic study reports have been withheld, delayed, and are now overdue.

Judge Haden stated that he did not instruct Structure Point to delay the traffic study report. He also noted that a workshop can be scheduled to discuss the matter further concerning the Data Centers.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- F.1.To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$851,947.06. F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$520,311.95 (01/25/2026 through 02/07/2026). F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$153,013.30 (01/25/2026 through 02/07/2026). F.4.To accept the January 2026 Young Farmers Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$355.00.**
- F.5.To accept January 2026 DMV payment to Caldwell County in the amount of \$278,793.12.**
- F.6.To accept January 2026 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$60,189.21.**
- F.7.To discuss and take possible action regarding a change order to Blanket PO #04189 for Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion, Inc. in the amounts of \$22,125.36 from 002-1101-3106 and \$435,875.06 from 002-1101-4630 to cover the current and future invoices for the remainder of FY 2025-2026.**
- F.8.To discuss and take possible action regarding a change order to Blanket PO #04190 for Colorado Materials, LTD in the amounts of \$344,387.04 from 002-1101 -3153 and \$305,081.62 from 002-1101-3143 to cover current and future invoices for the remainder of FY 2025-2026.**
- F.9.To discuss and take possible action regarding a change order to Blanket PO #04191 for Schmidt & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$141,254.65 from 002-1101-3163 to cover current and future invoices for the remainder of FY 2025-2026.**
- F.10To. ratify Immediate Check for Century Construction Group, LLC in the amount \$896,004.00.**
- F.11To. ratify Immediate Check for West Texas Gas Utility, LLC in the amount of \$1,104.43.**
- F.12To. accept Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Caldwell County 1st Quarter Investment Report ending December 31, 2025.**
- F.13To. accept the Semi-annual Long-term Debt Report for Caldwell County (February 2026).**
- F.14To. accept the January 2026 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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2 26 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
2 26 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf
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Payroll 01252026 thru 02072026.pdf
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Caldwell County Investment Report Qtr 1 Oct.1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025.pdf
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02-2026 County's Long Term Debt Report-Semi-Annual.pdf
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CCAD January 2026 Report.pdf

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

The public hearing was opened at 9:31 a.m. and closed at 9:33 a.m.

There are no speakers.

- G.1 Regarding consideration for the Replat of Windmill Hollow, Lot 6 on Taylorsville Road in Caldwell County
 - 2.5.26 PH Notice Lockhart - Replat Windmill Hollow.jpg
 - 2.5.26 PH Notice Luling - Windmill Hollow.pdf
 - 2.12.26 PH Notice Lockhart - Replat Windmill Hollow.jpg
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 - 2.19.26 PH Notice Lockhart - Replat Windmill Hollow.jpg
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 - Replat of Windmill Hollow #6

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the February 12, 2026, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00 02_12_2026 Agenda.pdf
02_12_2026 Commissioner Court Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.2 To consider public streets and drainage in Sunset Oaks 6A as complete and ready to begin the two-year performance period as evidenced by a maintenance bond in the amount of \$309,860.59 for

maintenance security and release the performance bond in the amount of \$3,786,666.00 back to the developer. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 6; Cost: \$0.00 Bond #LICX1223599.pdf
Bond #024289550.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the appointment of Richard Sitton and Danie Teltow to the board of directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Lockhart, Texas. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 10; Cost: \$0.00
CALDWELL COUNTY_LOCKHART TIRZ_INTERLOCAL AG(300291925.2)_02.18.26 redline to 01.23.26 clean.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Amended Interlocal Agreement between Caldwell County and other participating entities for the implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton; Backup: 16; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Westmoreland clarified the termination clause of the Interlocal Agreement, noting that any backfill will come from state funds rather than federal funds.

2026 PLUM CREEK INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT.pdf Plum Creek ILA Amendment email.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the reappointment of Danney Rodgers to the ESD #5 Board of Directors for a two-year term, commencing January 1, 2026. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Order 04-2024 appointing Board of Commissioners.pdf
ESD 5 Reappointment.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation recognizing February 22, 2026, as President George Washington Day in Caldwell County. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Randy Till from the Sons of the American Revolution Chapter, William Hightower Chapter in New Braunfels, is present to accept the Proclamation recognizing February 22, 2026 as President George Washington Day in Caldwell County.

2.26.26 Proclamation - President George Washington Day (Feb. 22).pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne 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 extending the burn ban for another 2 weeks.

Burn Ban Order 2.26.26.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.8 To discuss and take possible action on request from Constable PCT. 1 to reclass a vacant part-time position to a part-time administrative clerk. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sanders/Danie Teltow; Cost: \$0.00

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.9 To discuss and take possible action to accept a donated ballistic shield from the United States Deputy Sheriffs Association for use by the Caldwell County Constable's Office, PCT. 2. Speaker: Judge Haden/Paul Easterling; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Horne, speaking on behalf of Constable Easterling of Precinct 2, requested approval to accept a donation of a ballistic shield from the United States Deputy Sheriffs Association. Ballistic Shield Donation PCT 2 Constable Easterling.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 03-2026, moving \$2,000.00 from Dues & Subscriptions (001-4321-3050) into Machinery & Equipment (001-4321-5310) to cover handheld radios for communication with other agencies and dispatch services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$2,000.00
BT 03-2026 2.12.26.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:46 a.m. and closes at 11:19 a.m.

I.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Bumble Bee. Possible action may follow in open court.

No Action will follow in open court.

I.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Blue Sky. Possible action may follow in open court.

No Action will follow in open court.

I.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Prime Data Center. Possible action may follow in open court.

No Action will follow in open court.

H 11 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Bumble Bee economic development negotiations. Commissioners' Court may provide further instruction or take necessary action as appropriate. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: TBD

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Blue Sky economic development negotiations. Commissioners Court may provide further instruction or take necessary action as appropriate. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: TBD

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Prime Data Center economic development negotiations. Commissioners Court may provide further instruction or take necessary action as appropriate. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: TBD

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

MOTION APPROVED.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 11:20 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland 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 February 26, 2026.




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