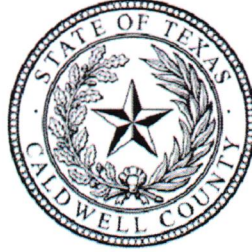


**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**  
**110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas**  
**Commissioners Court March 12, 2026, 9:00 AM**



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<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 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**B. INVOCATION**

Timothy Parker opened 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 Horne announced that the Rajun Cajun Festival will be held in Luling on Saturday the 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, provided the monthly Cyber Security Training report, noting a 70% completion rate.

Nicole Stephens, Caldwell County Planner for Subdivision, Development, and Code Enforcement, announced that the first Community Clean-Up Event of 2026 will be held on March 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Precinct 3 Constable location.

**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>

No Citizens' Comments.

**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 \$554,923.33.**

- F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$531,664.76 (02/08/2026 through 02/21/2026).**
- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$156,896.23 (02/08/2026 through 02/21/2026).**
- F.4.To accept January 2026 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$749,253.76.**
- F.5.To ratify immediate check request to Century Construction Group, LLC for \$442,507.19.**
- F.6.To ratify AT&T Master Agreement and AT&T Business Wi-Fi with Cisco Meraki contract for Caldwell County Evacuation Shelter.**
- F.7.To accept the February 2026 Indigent Burial Report.**
- F.8.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 February 2026 Report.**
- F.9.To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 February 2026 Report.**
- F.10To. accept the continuing education credit hours for County Judge, Hoppy Haden.**

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

- F.1 To approve County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$554,923.33.  
3 12 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf  
3 12 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf
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Payroll 02082026 thru 02212026.pdf
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Payroll Tax 02082026 thru 02212026.pdf
- F.4 To accept January 2026 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$749,253.76.  
Jan 2026 Comptroller.pdf
- F.5 To ratify immediate check request to Century Construction Group, LLC for \$442,507.19. POPKT21997 Century Const Immediate Check Request Pay App 15.pdf
- F.6 To ratify AT&T Master Agreement and AT&T Business Wi-Fi with Cisco Meraki contract for Caldwell County Evacuation Shelter.  
ABW\_with\_Cisco\_Meraki\_CONTRACT\_ID\_5423725\_signed.pdf  
Unified\_Agreement\_III\_Contract\_ID\_5423724\_signed.pdf
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Feb 2026 Indigent Burial Rep.pdf
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Constable PCT. 1 February 2026 Report.pdf
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Constable PCT. 4 February 2026 Report.pdf
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Continuing Ed Credits - H. Haden.pdf

**G. DISCUSSION ONLY**

- G.1 To discuss the implementation of Countywide Fire Marshal Services. Speaker: Judge Haden/David Rodriguez; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

David Rodriguez with Watson Group Consultants provided information regarding Countywide Fire

Marshal Services, highlighting improved code compliance, support, and fire prevention efforts throughout the county. Handouts were provided to the Court. agenda item request\_countywide fire marshall service.pdf  
Leave Behind\_WGC.pdf

**H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the February 26, 2026, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00  
2.26.26 Agenda.pdf  
2.26.26 Commissioner Court Minutes.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Windmill Hollow Subdivision - Replat of Lot 6, consisting of two lots on approximately 8.2645 acres located at Taylorsville Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00  
2.5.26 PH Notice - Replat Windmill Hollow.jpg  
2.5.26 PH Notice Luling - Windmill Hollow.pdf  
2.12.26 PH Notice Lockhart - Replat Windmill Hollow.jpg  
2.12.26 PH Notice Luling - Windmill Hollow.pdf  
2.19.26 PH Notice Lockhart - Replat Windmill Hollow.jpg  
02.19.26 PH Notice Luling - Replat Windmill Hollow.pdf Final  
Plat-002-2026-35787-Windmill Hollow-Re-plat\_Lot 6.pdf  
Approval Final Letter-002-2026-35787- Windmill Hollow-Re-plat\_Lot 6.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Caracara Subdivision, Section 1 consisting of three lots on approximately 13.652 acres located at Tumbleweed Trail. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00  
Final Short Form Plat-001-2026-14365-Caracara Subdivision-Sec.1.pdf  
Approval Final SFP Letter-001-2026-14365- Caracara Subdivision- Sec.1.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Caracara Subdivision, Section 2 consisting of four lots on approximately 12.308 acres located at Tumbleweed Trail. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00  
Final Short Form Plat-002-2026-14368-Caracara Subdivision-Sec.2.pdf  
Approval Final SFP Letter-002-2026-14368- Caracara Subdivision- Sec.2.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Caracara Subdivision, Section 3 consisting of two lots on approximately 15.157 acres located at Tumbleweed Trail. Speaker:

Commissioner Thomas/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00  
Final Short Form Plat-003-2026-14366-Caracara Subdivision-Sec.3.pdf  
Approval Final SFP Letter-003-2026-14366- Caracara Subdivision- Sec.3.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding the waiver request for Order 13-2024 submitted by Breazy Properties, LLC. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Richard Sitton; Backup: 5; Cost: \$0.00  
8.27.24\_Signed\_Order\_13-2024\_Amended\_\_Restated\_Order\_Prohibiting\_Discharge\_Firearms\_in\_Subdivisions.pdf  
Request for Waiver\_02.12.26.pdf  
Breazy Properties, LLC - Private Shooting Range Waiver - Firearm Discharge.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding a License Agreement between the Caldwell County Tax Assessor-Collector and HEB Grocery Company, LP as a Limited-Service Deputy. Speaker: Judge Haden/Debbie Sanders; Backup: 13; Cost: \$0.00

Debbie Sanders, Tax Assessor-Collector, requested a License Agreement with Lockhart H.E.B. to have a Limited-Service Deputy in the store, allowing citizens the convenience of purchasing vehicle registration after hours.

HEB\_Contract\_2.24.26.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.8 To discuss and take possible action on renewing the JP3 Building Lease and issuing backpay on rental increase and water utility services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 12; Cost: \$4,486.37  
JP3 Rental Renewal & Water Invoices.pdf  
3.12.26 JP 3 Maxwell Building Lease.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding Order 04- 2026 authorizing the sale of fireworks for San Jacinto Day. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00  
Judge Haden read Order 04-2026.  
2026-web-san-jacinto-day-fireworks.pdf  
Order 04-2026 San Jacinto Day Fireworks.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.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, recommended lifting the burn ban until Thursday the 19th at 9:00 p.m., at which time it will be reinstated.

Burn Ban Order 3.12.26.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 04-2026 moving \$1,000.00 from Office Supplies (001- 4324-3110) into Uniforms/Expenses (001-4324-3140). Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$1,000.00  
Con 4 office supplies to uniforms \$1000.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 05 -2026 moving \$15,007.54 from Contingency (001-6510-4860) to Luling EMS (001-7620-4340) to cover invoice from City of Luling Fire Services. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$15,007.54  
BA 05-2026 Luling EMS.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.13 To discuss and take possible action on payment to City of Luling Fire Service with the approval of Budget Transfer 05-2026 in the amount of \$15,007.54. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 0; Cost: \$15,007.54

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.14 To discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution 22-2026 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO) for the FY 2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 23; Cost: \$0.00

Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator, informed the Court that, due to support from the 2022 & 2024 disaster declarations, the county is eligible for the FY 2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program with no match required and meeting all program requirements. She requested approval to purchase five traffic trailers with digital radars and five LPR cameras.

Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS), FY2027 \_ eGrants.pdf  
Resolution 22-2026.pdf  
OOG PSO-CEO-Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form.pdf  
OLS Prosecutorial Participation Support Letter.pdf All Traffic Solutions  
Quote.pdf  
Flock Safety Quote.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.15 To discuss and take possible action on approval to submit project(s) to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Local Communities Program (LCP) call for projects. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator, provided handouts outlining road projects to be submitted to the Texas General Land Office Local Communities Program. While no match is required, it is suggested. Recommended projects include Wattsville Road at Copper Creek and Seawillow at 6-Mile Branch. Program Overview.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.16 To discuss and take possible action on approval of recommended reimbursement to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA) Residency and Associated Cost Determination claimants. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Amber Quinley; Backup: 0; Cost: \$59,962.50

Amber Quinley, Grants Administrator, reported that there are five claimants under the Uniform Relocation Assistance program. The amount of \$11,992,50 will be paid to each claimant.  
DETERMINATION CALCULATION.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.17 To discuss and take possible action on payment to URA Residency and Associated Cost claimants with the approval of item H.16 in the amount of \$59,962.50 out of Caldwell County fund balance. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Amber Quinley; Backup: 0; Cost: \$59,962.50

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

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Executive Session began at 9:36 a.m. and concluded at 9:59 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 court.

I.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Power. Possible action may follow in open court.  
No action will follow in court.

I.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Jelly Belly. Possible action may follow in open court.  
No action will follow in court.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.18 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.

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.19 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Power 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.

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

H.20 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Jelly Belly 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.

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**


Court adjourns at 10:00 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, 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 March 12, 2026.



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