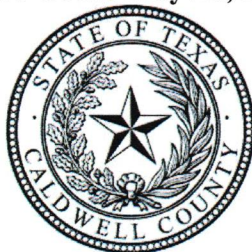


**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**  
**110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas**  
**Commissioners Court May 28, 2026, 9:30 AM**



\* Meeting will begin at 9:30 A.M. or immediately following the regular meeting.

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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 opened the Budget Workshop at 10:01 a.m.

**B. INVOCATION**

Judge Haden requested a motion to skip the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**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.)

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

No Announcements

**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 at:

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

No Citizen Comments.

**F. WORKSHOP:**

F.1 To discuss current and future Caldwell County budgetary needs in anticipation of the upcoming

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budgeting process.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, informed the Court that several departments are already scheduled for budget discussions and have uploaded year -end projections. She noted that Commissioners who wish to attend may contact the office for dates and times.

Judge Haden stated that a priority request he would like to include is the installation of metal detectors in courtrooms and Justice of the Peace offices, along with the hiring of additional deputies.

Commissioner Westmoreland expressed agreement with the proposed security enhancements and inquired about available office space.

Judge Haden stated that he has spoken with Americus General Consulting Company regarding providing assistance with the procurement process. He also noted the need for a county strategic plan as well as the hiring of a County Administrator.

Donald LeClerc, Unit Road Administrator, announced that 18 county roads remain to be paved in Caldwell County, with completion anticipated by the end of summer.

Commissioner Theriot inquired about 312 agreements and grant matching requirements.

**G. ADJOURNMENT:**

Court adjourns at 10:28 a.m.

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

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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 May 28, 2026.



*Teresa Rodriguez*

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