

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court May 28, 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

Jourdan Moulton Local Government Ministry Leader for Capital Ministries 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 lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

There are 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 by using the form found at: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/CommissionersCourtForm>

Andrew McClish, a Prairie Lea resident, inquired when the stop sign issue would be placed on the agenda after several requests and asked that a qualified engineer be present to explain the traffic study for open discussion.

Cameron Price and Jennifer Verdin, Prairie Lea residents, expressed support regarding the unwanted all-way stop signs in their neighborhood.

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 \$2,069,798.17.**
- F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$552,930.42 (04/19/2026 through 05/02/2026).**
- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$160,809.95 (04/19/2026 through 05/02/2026).**
- F.4.To ratify immediate payment made to Dustin Duron for Veterans Housing Projects in the amount of \$13,937.00.**
- F.5.To ratify immediate check request to Century Construction Group, LLC for \$1,841,591.55.**
- F.6.To accept March 2026 Comptroller Commission paid to County in the amount of \$249,197.76.**
- F.7.To accept March 2026 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.8.To pay employee bond for Dominique Esquivel, Purchasing Administrative Assistant.**
- F.9.To pay employee bond for Dulce Arellano, Assistant Auditor.**
- F.10To. pay employee bond for Ismael Ramirez, Chief Deputy Treasurer.**
- F.11To. accept the completion of six hours of Public Investment Act Training for Fiscal Year 2026 for Ismael Ramirez, Chief Deputy Treasurer.**
- F.12To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 April 2026 Report.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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5 28 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
5 28 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf
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Payroll 04192026 thru 05022026.pdf
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5 14 2026 DUSDUR Immediate Check Backup.pdf
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D. Esquivel Bond_redacted.pdf
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D. Arrellano Bond_redacted.pdf
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I. Ramirez Bond_redacted.pdf

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I. Ramirez Completion Certificates.pdf

F.12 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 April 2026 Report.
Constable PCT. 1 April 2026 Report.pdf

G. PRESENTATION:

G.1 Help for Homeowners Impacted by the 2024 Disasters - Homeowner Assistance Program and Homeowner Reimbursement Program: Texas General Land Office - Marisa Mason and Denise Joseph, Program Representatives

Marisa Mason, Program Representative with the Texas General Land Office, presented a slideshow regarding Homeowner Assistance and long-term housing recovery programs available to eligible applicants for home repair and reconstruction through Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funding.

24D_Presentation_Zone4.pdf

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the May 14, 2026, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 17; Cost: \$0.00

5.14.26 Agenda.pdf
5.14.26 Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.2 To discuss and take possible action regarding a variance request to allow a 10.001 -acre flag-lot as one of the lots in a proposed Replat of Karstetter Estates. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Variance Request - Karstetter Estates.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.3 To consider public streets and drainage in Sunset Oaks VII Subdivision as complete and ready to begin the two-year performance period as evidenced by a maintenance bond in the amount of \$96,824.33 for maintenance security and release the performance bond in the amount of \$2,096,845.00 back to the developer. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Theriot/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Bond 022242929.pdf
Bond 800075614.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.4 To discuss and take possible action to approve the execution of a Consent to Contract Assignment between Inland Geodetics, LLC, as Assignor, and Surveying and Mapping, LLC, as Assignee, pertaining to the Old Lytton Springs Rd (CR 183) at Dry Creek Low Water Crossing project near Precincts 3 and 4, and to authorize the County Judge to execute all associated documents. Speaker: Judge Haden/Maria Castanon; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Consent to Contract Assignment_Inland-SAM 3.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.5 To discuss and take possible action to approve granting the Caldwell County Judge limited, standing authority to execute certain routine Road Bond related documents on behalf of the County without the requirement of separate Commissioners Court approval for each individual execution. The delegated authority applies to the listed documents but not limited to: Center for Archeological Research Transfer from Governmental Agency, Center for Archaeological Studies Governmental Agency Letter of Transfer/Ownership LT2023, Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Curation Form 7, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality-0599, Texas Historical Commission Antiquities Permit Application Form Archeology, Supplemental Work Authorization where no modifications to scope or monetary value are involved. Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Maria Castanon; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

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 Caldwell County Community Services Foundation 2025 quarterly and annual reports. Speaker: Judge Haden/Sally Daniel; Backup: 11; Cost: \$0.00 Judge Haden requested that quarterly reports be provided.

CCCSF Reports - Email.pdf
CCCSF 2025 Quarterly Reports.pdf
CCCSF 2025 in Review.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 Fiscal Year 2027 donation request from Combined Community Action for Meals on Wheels program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Kelly Franke; Backup: 1; Cost: \$8,000.00

Kelly Franke, Executive Director with Combined Community Action, requested that the "Meals on Wheels" program be included in the FY 2026–2027 Caldwell County Budget in the amount of \$8,000.00.

CCAction Funding request 2026-2027.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.8 To discuss and take possible action on Resolution 31 -2026 approving the Caldwell County Community and Evacuation Center License and Use Agreement and exhibits; authorizing the Event and Facility Manager to execute individual agreements and maintain the Optional Services and Equipment List; and acknowledging prior events held at the Center.

Speaker: Judge Haden/Richard Sitton/Phyllis Hillhouse; Backup: 20; Cost: \$0.00

Resolution 31-2026 Caldwell County Community and Evacuation Center.pdf
Final - CC Community and Evacuation Center Agreement with Exhibits.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.9 To discuss and take possible action on Resolution 32-2026 regarding the revised 2026 Caldwell County Investment Policy and Investment Committee. Speaker: Judge Haden/Gloria Garcia; Backup: 17; Cost: \$0.00

Gloria Garcia, County Treasurer, stated that the Texas Public Funds Investment Act continues to meet county requirements currently.

Resolution 32-2026 Investment Policy.pdf
Investment Policy Updated 5-2026.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

Judge Haden, on behalf of Hector Rangel, Chief EMC, recommended that the burn ban remains off.

Burn Ban Order 5.28.26.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding Order 07-2026 authorizing the sale of fireworks for the Fourth of July. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Order 07-2026 was read aloud.

2026-web-fourth-of-july-fireworks.pdf
Order 07-2026 Fourth of July Fireworks.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval and adoption of the Caldwell County Accounts Payable Policy. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow/Cheryl Mendoza; Backup: 24; Cost: \$0.00

Caldwell County Accounts Payable Policy 2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.13 To discuss and take possible action to approve Budget Transfer 07-2026 moving \$35,000.00 from Line-Item Bridge Repair/Replacement to Line-Item Repairs & Maintenance to allow Vehicle Maintenance to continue to perform and maintain daily duties and functions. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$35,000.00

BT 07-2026 Unit Road.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.14 To discuss and take possible action on Budget Transfer 08-2026 for County Court at Law to increase Juror Expense \$10,000.00 from Guardianship Investigation Expense G/L. Speaker: Danie Teltow; Backup: 2; Cost: \$10,000.00

BT 08-2026 Juror Expense Increase.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.15 To discuss and take possible action on an agreement between Caldwell County and Quiddity Engineering, LLC for engineering services to include planning, implementation and grant-related support on the Texas Water Development Board Outdoor Warning Siren Grant. Speaker: Judge Haden/Dominique Esquivel/Amber Quinley; Backup: 31; Cost: \$1,000,000.00

TWDB - Quiddity Agreement.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.16 To ratify Resolution 28-2026 Authorizing Caldwell County to apply for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority FY 2027 Taskforce Grant. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Paul Easterling; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00

Constable Easterling request to ratify Resolution 28-2026, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority FY 2027 Taskforce Grant for 2 positions and LPR's.

Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve and ratify Resolution 28-2026, limiting the request to LPRs only.

FY2027 RFA Taskforce Grant.pdf
5.6.26 Signed Resolution 28-2026.pdf
MVCPA Grant Constable PCT 2 FY2027 BACKUP.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I. DISCUSSION ONLY:

I.1 Discussion and clarification of platting language contained in Order 13-2024 (Prohibiting Discharge of Firearms in Subdivisions). Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden discussed Order 13-2024 prohibiting the discharge of firearms in subdivisions and stated that properties of 10 acres or less that are platted or filed remain subject to the county's gunfire ordinance.

8.27.24 Signed Order 13-2024 Amended & Restated Order Prohibiting Discharge Firearms in Subdivisions.pdf

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 9:56 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot 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 May 28, 2026.

Teresa Rodriguez

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

