

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court June 25, 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. and announced that Commissioner Westmoreland would be arriving late.

B. INVOCATION - Pastor Fritz Williams, First Baptist Church

Pastor Fritz Williams of First Baptist Church delivered the invocation

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 Flag.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Horne announces that the 73rd Annual Watermelon Thump would take place this weekend.

Joann Garza-Mayberry, Deputy Chief EMC, reported that the Caldwell County Emergency webpage had been updated to provide quicker and easier access to available links and resources.

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 thanked the Court for placing the discussion regarding the all-way stop signs on the agenda and stated that the traffic study should be reviewed by an engineer. Jennifer Verdin and Edward Olvera expressed their agreement with Mr. McClish's recommendation.

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 \$1,939,445.30.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$560,520.05 (05/17/2026 through 05/30/2026).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$164,111.54 (05/17/2026 through 05/30/2026).

F.4.To accept Treasurer's Office Cash Handling Audit.

F.5.To accept and acknowledge the completion of Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 Department Audit.

F.6.To pay employee bond for Miranda Garcia, Deputy Treasurer.

F.7.To accept May 2026 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.

F.8.To accept The Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 May 2026 Report.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

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6 25 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf

6 25 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf

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Payroll 05172026 thru 05302026.pdf

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Payroll Tax 05172026 thru 05302026.pdf

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CC Treasurer Audit Letter May 2026 - SIGNED.pdf

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Constable PCT. 2 Letter - SIGNED.pdf

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M. Garcia Bond_Redacted.pdf

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Constable PCT. 1 May 2026 Report.pdf

G. PRESENTATION:

G.1 Caldwell County Capital Improvements Plan & Program: American Structurepoint, Inc. - Steve Widacki, Senior Project Manager

Steve Widacki, Senior Project Manager with American Structurepoint, Inc. provided an overview of the preparation of bond program documents and discussed the Capital Improvement Program Plan (CIPP), which evaluates transportation needs throughout Caldwell County and includes a 20-year project priority assessment.

CIPP Presentation_Outline - CALDWELL COUNTY.pdf

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2026, regular meeting and budget workshop meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez;
Backup: 14; Cost: \$0.00
6.11.26 Amended Agenda.pdf
6.11.26 Minutes.pdf
6.11.26 Budget Workshop Agenda.pdf
6.11.26 Budget Workshop Minutes.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.2 To discuss and take possible action on the Development and Assignment Agreement for Continental Homes of Texas, LP and AustinMax Ventures, LLC, concerning 77.863 acres located off Farmer's Road in Caldwell County, Texas. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles;
Backup: 17; Cost: \$0.00
Development and Assignment Agreement - CHTX and AustinMax

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding Prairie Lea stop signs. Speaker: Commissioner Horne;
Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Commissioner Westmoreland arrived at the meeting at 9:30 am

Commissioner Horne stated that the item was brought back before the Court to clarify the all-way stop sign issue in Prairie Lea. He provided background information regarding the installation of the stop signs and stated that the findings supported maintaining the signs, indicating they were appropriate and would not negatively impact traffic flow. Commissioner Horne further stated that he did not support removing the stop signs under the applicable transportation code and added that he had spoken with law enforcement regarding maintaining a presence in the area.

Commissioner Theriot stated that he supported Commissioner Horne's position.
Transportation Code - Stop Signs.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding a proposal from Davis Kaufman, PLLC to represent Caldwell County on matters relating to monitoring legislative and regulatory activities during the 89th and 90th sessions of the Texas Legislature. Speaker: Judge Haden;
Backup: 2; Cost: \$42,000.00
Davis Kaufman Contract 2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.5 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 off.

Burn Ban Order 6.25.26.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding the 2026-2027 Granicus Peak agenda software management agreement. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 6; Cost: \$14,394.50
2025 -2026 Peak Proposal.pdf
TX_Caldwell County TX_Q-541598_2026MAY11.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 09-2026 moving \$669.00 from Postage and \$500.00 from Machinery & Equipment to Office Supplies to cover expenses. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$1,169.00
BT 09-2026.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 regarding Budget Transfer 10-2026 moving \$10,000.00 from JP1/DRC Building-Lockhart to Judicial Center-Lockhart to cover multiple invoices. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$10,000.00
BT 10-2026.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 11-2026 moving \$120,000.00 from Machinery & Equipment and \$20,000.00 from Inmate Medication, totaling \$140,000.00, with \$60,000.00 allocated to Food Supplies and \$80,000.00 allocated to Professional Services to address increased operational food costs and unanticipated inmate medical care. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$140,000.00
BT 11-2026 JAIL 6.16.26.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 on acceptance of an award from the Capital Area Council of Governments for the Home and Community-Based Services for Counties Affected by July 4, 2025, Disaster Declaration in the amount of \$32,500.00, and approval of the associated contract documents. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 34; Cost: \$0.00

Amber Quinley Grants Administrator, announced that Caldwell County had been awarded \$32,000.00 grant through the July 4, 2025, Disaster Declaration. The grant will provide 625 emergency kits for elderly and disabled residents. She stated that storage space will be needed until a distribution event can be held before the end of July.

CAPCOG Home & Community-Based Services for Counties Affected by 7-4-25 Disaster Declaration Contract, Final.pdf
CAPCOG-HCBS Attachment C- Certifications.pdf
CAPCOG-HCBS Attachment D- Affirmations.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opened at 9:33 a.m. and closed at 9:54 a.m.

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

No Action taken in open court.

H.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Apex Graphite 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 Item.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

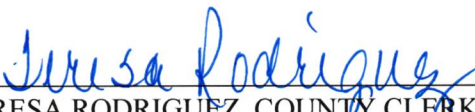
Court adjourns at 9:55 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, 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 June 25, 2026.




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