

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court July 9, 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 - Deacon George Ellison, Mason Lone Oak Baptist Church

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.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, reports that Cybersecurity Training has been completed with 100% staff participation. She also states that an email will be sent to schedule the upcoming AI Training.

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 Citizen 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 \$1,213,715.90.

F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$532,064.03 (05/31/2026 through 06/13/2026).

F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$157,328.10 (05/31/2026 through 06/13/2026).

F.4.To accept the May 2026 Young Farmers Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$275.00.

F.5.To accept May 2026 DMV payment to Caldwell County in the amount of \$65,639.20.

F.6.To accept May 2026 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$349,094.82.

F.7.To accept May 2026 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$349,094.82.

F.8.To ratify immediate draft payment to Toshiba for \$19,066.94.

- F.9.To ratify immediate ACH to U.S. Bank National Association in the amount of \$17,089.18 for County Expenses.**
- F.10To. ratify immediate check payment to the City of Lockhart in the amount of \$1,606.82 for Veterans Assistance.**
- F.11To. approve the opening of a non-interest bearing account for the Caldwell County Community & Evacuation Center at First-Lockhart National Bank.**
- F.12To. accept and acknowledge the completion of Caldwell County Justice of Peace PCT. 2 Department Audit.**
- F.13To. accept the June 2026 Indigent Burial Report.**
- F.14To. approve the Blanket Bond for the Caldwell County Elections Department.**
- F.15To. accept the completion of eight hours of Public Investment Act Training for FY 2025-2026 for Gloria Garcia, Caldwell County Treasurer.**
- F.16To. accept the required 15 hours of County Investment Academy Member Training for FY 2025-2026 for Gloria Garcia, Caldwell County Treasurer.**
- F.17To. accept the Certificates of Course Completion on the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act for Ismael Ramirez, Chief Deputy Treasurer.**
- F.18To. accept the Certificates of Course Completion on the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act for Miranda Garcia, Deputy Treasurer.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- F.1 To approve County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,213,715.90.
7 9 2026 AP TECOBUD Draft Payable Register.pdf
7 9 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf
7 9 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Payroll 05312026 thru 06132026.pdf
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Young Farmers May 2026.pdf
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County May 2026.pdf
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Comptroller May 2026.pdf
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Immediate draft payment.pdf
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6 25 2026 USBANK Immediate Check Backup and Payment Register.pdf

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6 25 2026 LOCCIT Immediate Check Backup.pdf
- F.11 To approve the opening of a non-interest bearing account for the Caldwell County Community & Evacuation Center at First-Lockhart National Bank.
New Acct. CC Community and Evac Center Account.pdf
- F.12 To accept and acknowledge the completion of Caldwell County Justice of Peace PCT.
2 Department Audit.
JP PCT. 2 Audit Letter Final - Signed.pdf
- F.13 To accept the June 2026 Indigent Burial Report.
June 2026 Indigent Burial Rep..pdf
- F.14 To approve the Blanket Bond for the Caldwell County Elections Department.
CNA Surety_Redacted.pdf
- F.15 To accept the completion of eight hours of Public Investment Act Training for FY 2025-2026 for Gloria Garcia, Caldwell County Treasurer.
G. Garcia Certificate Economics.pdf
G. Garcia Information Technology Cybercriminals Certificate.pdf
G. Garcia Finance 90th Texas Legislature Certificate.pdf
G. Garcia Information Technology Cyber Risk is Fiduciary Certificate.pdf
G. Garcia Finance GASB UPDATE Certificate.pdf
G. Garcia Finance Introduction to Credit Analysis Certificate.pdf
G. Garcia Finance Ethics and Fraud Certificate.pdf
G. Garcia Information Technology Stopping Check Fraud Certificate.pdf
- F.16 To accept the required 15 hours of County Investment Academy Member Training for FY 2025-2026 for Gloria Garcia, Caldwell County Treasurer.
Gloria Garcia TAC Investment Academy 15 Hours FY 25-26.pdf
- F.17 To accept the Certificates of Course Completion on the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act for Ismael Ramirez, Chief Deputy Treasurer.
Ismael Ramirez - Open Meetings Act Certificate.pdf
Ismael Ramirez - Public Information act Certificate.pdf
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M. Garcia Open Meeting Act Certificate.pdf
M. Garcia Public Information Act Certificate.pdf

G. DISCUSSION ONLY:

- G.1 To discuss the Development Agreement for a proposed subdivision development, tentatively named Trailview Heights. The proposed development will consist of 1,326 lots on approximately 365.8 acres located along State Park Road, near the intersection with Westwood Road and Black Ankle Road in Caldwell County. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Matt Kruegar of Maple Development Group presents a slideshow regarding the proposed subdivision development, tentatively named Trailview Heights. He provides the Court with an overview of the project, including the proposed development plans, land use summary, and roadway access.

Commissioner Westmoreland, Commissioner Theriot, and Judge Haden ask questions regarding roadway access, proposed frontage road extensions, anticipated home values, and wastewater standards for the development.

Proposed DA - Trailview Heights_reduced.pdf

- G.2 To discuss the Development Agreement for a proposed subdivision development, tentatively named Orinda. The proposed development will consist of 273 lots on approximately 111 acres located on Young Lane in Caldwell County. Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland/Kasi Miles; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Scott Miller of Ranch Road Development presents a slideshow regarding the proposed residential development, Orinda on Young Lane. He provides an overview of the project and explains the proposed development agreement.

Commissioner Westmoreland and Commissioner Theriot ask questions regarding drainage concerns and wastewater infrastructure.

Proposed DA for Orinda

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the June 25, 2026, regular meeting and budget workshop meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00

6.25.26 Agenda.pdf

06.25.2026 Minutes.pdf

6.25.26 Budget Workshop Agenda.pdf

06.25.2026 Budget Workshop.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 regarding a variance request for 2.4 acres of land to be exempted from platting located at 10545 S. Highway 183, Lockhart, Texas, Property ID 130562 owned by HR 183, LLC. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00
Variance Request for Huckabee Property

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding public improvements in Sagada Dos Subdivision for permanent County maintenance and begin the 10-year donation period as evidenced by the Donation Agreement. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Thomas/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00

1.23.24 Signed Sagado Dos - Donation Agreement_Redacted.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 appointment of Troy Swift to the South-Central Texas Water Advisory Committee to succeed Tom Goynes, Caldwell County's representative,

who is retiring. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

Email Notification - Appointment to South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee.pdf

Edwards Aquifer Authority ACT - South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the County enrolling in the free Artificial Intelligence training course provided by the Texas Association of Counties County Information Resources Agency pursuant to Texas Government Code 2054.519. Speaker: Judge Haden/Chris Cunningham; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00

County enrolling in the free Artificial Intelligence training course provided by the Texas Association of Counties County Information Resources Agency due August 31, 2026.

TX Gov Code 2054.519.pdf
AI Training.pdf

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 the Adopted 2027 Caldwell County Appraisal District Budget. Speaker: Judge Haden/Shanna Ramzinski; Backup: 8; Cost: \$0.00
Adopted 2027 CCAD Budget.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot 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 keeping the burn ban off.

Burn Ban Order 7.9.26.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.8 To discuss and take possible action on setting the Caldwell County Elected Officials salaries, expenses, and allowances for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden suggest Caldwell County Elected Officials salaries, expenses, and allowances for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be a 3% raise.

Elected Officials Salaries - PH Notice Info FY26-27.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding donation request for \$3,000.00 from Capital Area Rural Transportation System for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$3,000.00
CARTS Donation Request FY 26-27.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 12-2026 moving \$12,000.00 from multiple line items to Delivery Fee to cover some expense invoices. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Danie Teltow, County Auditor, states this budget transfer is for the Election department to cover delivery fee.
BT 12-2026 Elections 6550.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.11 To approve Budget Transfer 13-2026 moving \$5,007.00 to Constable PCT. 4 Transportation Fund from multiple line items. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$5,007.00
BT 13-2026 Const PCT 4.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.12 To discuss and take possible action of Budget Transfer 14-2026 moving \$18,900.00 for the Sheriff's Department, from Transportation to Repairs and Maintenance to cover Motorola and OnSite Decal invoices. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$18,900.00
BT 14-2026 Sheriff Dept.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.13 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Amendment 13-2026 moving \$35,000.00 from Contingency into Rentals to cover expenses. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$35,000.00
BA 13-2026 Contingency to Rentals.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.14 To discuss and take possible action to approve Budget Amendment 14-2026 repayment to Texas State Comptroller in the amount of \$77,239.35. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$77,239.35
BA 14-2026 SB 22 DA Payback.pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 9:34 a.m. and closes at 9:50 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 Court.

H.15 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

Judge Haden asks for a motion to table Item H.15.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

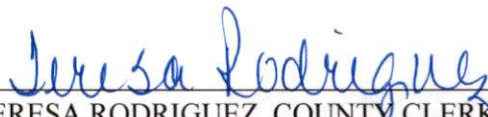
J. ADJOURNMENT:

Court Adjourns at 9:51 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 July 9, 2026.


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

