

# COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Regular Meeting on March 21, 2011

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TOM D. BONN County Judge  
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

JOHN P. CYRIER Commissioner Pct 1  
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct 2  
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct 3  
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct 4

**Call Meeting to order.**

**1 Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

Commissioners address a few changes to the Minutes of meeting dated March 14, 2011. Item number 12, sentence will read, Commissioner Cyrier motioned to allow TXDOT to close the 3 State Maintained Roadside Parks. Also Judge Bonn let her know, (remove the "s" on lets). Item number 23. Commissioner Cyrier seconds. Commissioner Cyrier motioned to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2011 with these changes. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries

**2. Citizen's comments: at this time any person with business before the Commissioners Court, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the Commissioners Court. Comments will be limited to three (3) to (5) minutes per person.**

1. Eddie Moses voices his concerns about leaving the air conditioning equipment on the roof of the Judicial Center while the new roof and other construction is being taken care of, also concerns about the type of roof being applied and the number of bids taken. Also asks when the position in the Caldwell County Tax office will be filled so that the office in Luling will be open normal hours again.

2. Mary Vicky Gonzales, Caldwell County Tax Assessor speaks to let Court know the status on hiring, training and reopening the tax office in Luling to regular hours.

3. Clare Brice, member of the Caldwell County Historical Commission reserved the right to ask questions for clarification on Agenda item #8.

4. Peter Reinecke spoke about the Veterans Service Officer position, concerns about the position still being vacant and that Anna Wagner has served the County well during this time.

5. Kathy Sellers reserves the right to comment or ask questions on any of the agenda items.

**3. Approve the Caldwell County Reports for the month:**

**A. Environmental Investigator Report for the month of February 2011-Mike Bittner**

Mike Bittner, Caldwell County Environmental Investigator gives report for February 2011. He reports to Court that he has had success speaking with the public about the tires that are dumped on the county roads. Commissioner Madrigal motioned to approve the Environmental Investigator Report for the month of February 2011. Commissioner Cyrier seconds. Motion carries.

**B. Tax Collection Report for the month of February 2011-Judge Bonn.**

Judge Bonn reads Caldwell County Tax Collection Report for the month of February 2011, submitted by Carlton R. Pape, Chief Appraiser, Caldwell County Appraisal District. Commissioner Madrigal motioned to approve the Caldwell County Tax Report for the month of February 2011. Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. Motion carries.

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4. **Discussion/Action to consider Outdoor Burning Ban for Caldwell County-Judge Bonn.**

Commissioner Roland motioned to leave the present Burning Ban for Caldwell County in place. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.

5. **Discussion/Action regarding proposal from Floor & Plus to finish installing the floor tile and carpet for the Department of Health Services at the Scott Annex Building-Judge Bonn/Curtis Webber.**

Clarification on this agenda item that it is "TILE" only. Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to table this decision for one week until all information was clear for discussion. Commissioner Cyrier seconds. Vote was carried with the 4 Commissioners. Judge Bonn opposed.

6. **Discussion/Action to approve Resolution No. 06-2011 to apply to the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victim Service for the Victim Assistance Grant, Application Number V004-12-1039-Judge Bonn.**

Judge Bonn reads No. 06-2011 to apply to the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victim Service for the Victim Assistance Grant. Judge Bonn motioned to table this item until he is able to discuss with Sheriff Law. Commissioner Roland seconds. Motion carries.

7. **Discussion/Action on BUDGET AMENDMENT NO 1:  
Adoption of Order to amend the current 2010-2011, budget by transferring the legal secretary position from the County Court at Law budget to the Criminal District Attorney budget. The amounts to be transferred are \$10, 897.50 from County Court at Law (line item 0109) to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0104); \$2,750.00 from County Court at Law (line item 0202) to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0202); \$675.65 from County Court at Law (line item 0201 to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0201);\$544.88 from County Court at Law (line item 0203) to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0203).**

Commissioner Madrigal motioned to approve Budget Amendment No 1, the Adoption of Order to amend the current 2010-2011, budget by transferring the legal secretary position from the County Court at Law budget to the Criminal District Attorney budget. The amounts to be transferred are \$10, 897.50 from County Court at Law (line item 0109) to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0104); \$2,750.00 from County Court at Law (line item 0202) to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0202); \$675.65 from County Court at Law (line item 0201 to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0201);\$544.88 from County Court at Law (line item 0203) to Criminal District Attorney (line item 0203).Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. Motion carries.

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8. **Discussion/Action on BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2:**  
**Adoption of Order to amend the current 2010-2011, budget by transferring the sum of \$350.00 from the donation to the Caldwell County Historical Society of \$2,000.00 (line item 320) of the Non-Departmental budget to line item 485 of the Non-Departmental budget. This amendment is in order to reimburse the County Agent's travel expenses pursuant to §152.901 of the Local Government Code for training that was authorized at the Commissioners Court meeting on March 14, 2011.**
- Commissioner Roland motioned to approve BUDGET AMENDMENT NO 2, the Adoption of Order to amend the current 2010-2011, budget by transferring the sum of \$350.00 from the donation to the Caldwell County Historical Society of \$2,000.00 (line item 320) of the Non-Departmental budget to line item 485 of the Non-Departmental budget. This amendment is in order to reimburse the County Agent's travel expenses pursuant to §152.901 of the Local Government Code for training that was authorized at the Commissioners Court meeting on March 14, 2011. Commissioner Buchholtz seconds. After the donation allocation is decided Commissioner Cyrier recommends that the \$350.00 is given back to the Historical Commission. Motion carries.
9. **Discussion/Action on BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3:**  
**Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budget by transferring the sum of \$3,970.51 from line items 0201 (\$675.64), 0202 (\$2,750.00), and 0203 (\$544.87) from the County Court at Law budget to line item 0426 of the Commissioners Court budget; and transferring the sum of \$10,897.50 from line item 0109 of the County Court at Law budget to line item 0485 (\$8,000) of the Commissioners Court budget and \$2,297.50 to line item 0531 of the Criminal District Attorney's budget and \$600.00 to line item 0461 of the Criminal District Attorney's budget.**
- Civil District Attorney Ron Heggemeier explains the breakdown of transfer of sums from County Court at Law Budget to Commissioner Court Budget and the Criminal District Attorney's Budget is pertaining to the finger-printing machine and the wages that would be used for a position for an employee to perform duties. This position has not yet been filled. These transfers are budget neutral; no additional funds are being requested. Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to approve BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3. Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budget by transferring the sum of \$3,970.51 from line items 0201 (\$675.64), 0202 (\$2,750.00), and 0203 (\$544.87) from the County Court at Law budget to line item 0426 of the Commissioners Court budget; and transferring the sum of \$10,897.50 from line item 0109 of the County Court at Law budget to line item 0485 (\$8,000) of the Commissioners Court budget and \$2,297.50 to line item 0531 of the Criminal District Attorney's budget and \$600.00 to line item 0461 of the Criminal District Attorney's budget. Commissioner Roland seconds. Motion carries.
10. **Discussion/Action on BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4:**  
**Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budgets, by transferring \$1,200.00 from line item 0461 to line item 0451, in the budget for Constable- Precinct 4 budget.**
- Moving unused funds from line item 0461 to line 0451 will pay for auto repairs for constable vehicle. No additional funds requested. Commissioner Roland motioned to approve BUDGET AMENDMENT NO 4. Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budgets, by transferring \$1,200.00 from line item 0461 to line item 0451, in the budget for Constable- Precinct 4 budget. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.

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11. **Discussion/Action on BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5:**  
**Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budget, by transferring a total of \$23,700 from line items 0105 (\$18,750.00); line item 0201(\$1,162.50); line item 0202 (\$2,850.00); line item 0203 (\$937.50) from the County Auditor's budget to line item 0485 of the Commissioners Court budget.**  
Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to approve BUDGET AMENDMENT NO 5, Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budget by transferring a total of \$23,700 from line items 0105 (\$18,750.00); line item 0201 (\$1,162.50); line item 0202 (\$2,850.00); line item 0203 (\$937.50) from the County Auditor's budget to line item 0485 of the Commissioners Court budget. Commissioner Cyrier seconds. Motion carries.
12. **Discussion/Action on BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6:**  
**Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budget by transferring a total of \$7,233.81 for line item 0104 (\$5,223.75); line item 0201 (\$323.87); line item 0202 (\$1,425.00); line item 0203 (\$261.19) from the County Tax Assessor/Collector's budget to line item 0485 of the Commissioners Court budget.**  
Commissioner Roland motioned to approve BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6, Adoption of Order to amend the 2010-2011 budget by transferring a total of \$7,233.81 for line item 0104 (\$5,223.75); line item 0201 (\$323.87); line item 0202 (\$1,425.00); line item 0203 (\$261.19) from the County Tax Assessor/Collector's budget to line item 0485 of the Commissioners Court budget. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.
13. **Discussion/Action to approve the Caldwell County residents for appointment to the Caldwell County Historical Commission: Molly Brown, George Duran, Yvonne Duran- Judge Bonn.**  
Judge Bonn motioned to approve the Caldwell County residents for appointment to the Caldwell County Historical Commission: Molly Brown, George Duran, Yvonne Duran. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.
14. **Discussion on Caldwell County Road Study Committee-Commissioner Buchholtz.**  
Commissioner Buchholtz has County Road Study Committee Volunteer Forms from citizens in the County. One from Precinct 1, three from Precinct 2, three from Precinct 3 and three from Precinct 4. Commissioner Cyrier has one to give from Precinct 1. Plan to do appointments to Caldwell County Road Study Committee next week.

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**15. Discussion/Action to designate the Commissioners Court second meeting of the month to approve all department reports-Judge Bonn.**

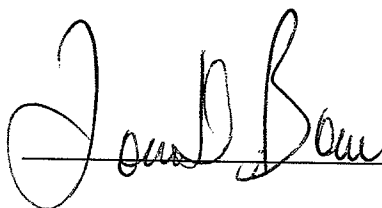
Commissioner Buchholtz approves the motion to designate the Commissioners Court second meeting of the month to approve all department reports. Commissioner Roland seconds. Commissioner Cyrier has concerns that this will be too much for one meeting. Judge Bonn says the agendas will have to be adjusted accordingly. Later it may have to be modified. Motion carries.

**16. Pay Bills.**

Commissioner Roland motioned to pay the bills. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Buchholtz motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Madrigal seconds. Motion carries.

 TOM D. BONN, County Judge