

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
Regular Meeting August 29, 2011

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. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags. (Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible).

Judge Bonn led the pledge to both the U .S Flag and the Texas Flag.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (August 22, 2011).

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the minutes from August 22, 2011. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

3. 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.

The following citizens have signed up to speak, Rick Johnson, Jack Fairchild, Susan Modrall and Kathy Sellers. Susan Modrall spoke about her concerns with certain items on the budget and the economy being unstable. Commissioner Buchholtz spoke about last weeks vote concerning approval of the variance with the new proposed subdivision Bridgestone Ranches/Bridgestone Ranchette. He is concerned with the proposed width of the road. Kathy Sellers feels that no new employee positions should be approved in 2011-2012. She also is concerned with merit raises. Rick Johnson is also concerned that the plans for Bridgestone Subdivision do not follow the guidelines of the new ordinance. Commissioner Madrigal asks for a moment of silence for the loss of Claude Hinkle.

4. Motion to approve receipt of Order from District Court Judge concerning Court Reporter and Auditor salaries and placement in minutes of the Court-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Cyrier to approve receipt of Order from District Court Judge concerning Court Reporter and Auditor salaries, and placement in minutes of the Court. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

5. Discussion/Action concerning motion to approve group insurance carrier for the 2011-2012 budget year-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve TAC (Texas Association of Counties) as the group insurance carrier for the 2011-2012 budget year. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

6. Discussion/Action concerning motion to approve life insurance carrier for the 2011-2012 budget year-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Roland to approve TAC to be life insurance carrier, this includes Accidental Death and Dismemberment for 2011-2012 budget year. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

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7. Discussion/Action concerning whether to keep voluntary dental program or to approve County paid dental policy for the 2011-2012 budget year-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Roland to keep the Dental Insurance with Dental Select being an optional coverage, as it is at present time. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

8. Discussion/Action concerning employee's dependant Health Care Supplement-Judge Bonn/Ron Heggemeier.

Motion made by Judge Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve the County to pay \$44.00 toward coverage for spouse, \$44.00 toward coverage for child, and \$65.00 toward coverage for family on dependant coverage for all county employees, pre-existing and those hired in the 2011-2012 budge year. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

9. Discussion/Action concerning the nominations (up to five) for directors of the Caldwell County Appraisal District for the 2012-2013 term-Judge Bonn.

Motion made by Judge Bonn, seconded by Commissioner Cyrier to table this item. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

10. Budget Workshop

(A) Discussion concerning proposed increase for District Attorney Budget for 2011-2012 due to loss of grant funding for Victim's Assistant Coordinator position.

Caldwell County District Attorney Trey Hicks explained the reason for proposed increase and explained the loss of the grant for the Victim's Assistant Coordinator position. Due to a mandate by the State of Texas, Caldwell County is required to have a Victims Assistant Coordinator. Mr. Hicks answered questions from the Commissioners and Judge Bonn concerning duties performed in this position. Jay Monkerud spoke about the importance of the Victim's Assistant Coordinator position.

(B) Discussion concerning a request for local funding from Juvenile Probation Department for FY 2011-2012 in the amount of \$339,000-Judge Bonn/Jay Monkerud

Jay Monkerud gives overview of a request for local funding from Juvenile Probation Department for FY 2011-2012 in the amount of \$339,000. He explains the grants and the funding that has been cut from his budget over the last few years and the increase of costs within his department. Commissioner Roland commends Jay for the work that he and his staff have done.

11. Budget Amendment # 26: concerning one month's salary, social security, and retirement for the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the month of September, 2011 due to lapse of grant funding-Judge Bonn/District Attorney Trey Hicks.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve one month's salary, social security, and retirement for the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the month of September, 2011 due to lapse of grant funding. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

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12. Discussion on proposal for a river safety ordinance for a segment of the San Marcos River-Judge Bonn/J. Fairchild.

Jack Fairchild presented the background information and submitted a proposal for a river safety ordinance for a segment of the San Marcos River. Concerns that water conditions may be affected by motorboat or personal watercraft. Safety of rafters and residents along this area is also a concern. Other citizens voiced concerns for river safety as well.

13. Discussion/Action concerning taking a record vote on the proposed tax rate and setting public hearing on the tax rate for September 12th, 2011 and September 19th, 2011-Judge Bonn/Ron Heggemeier.

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the proposed tax rate and setting public hearing on the tax rate for September 12th, 2011 and September 19th, 2011. Commissioner Cyrier, "Aye", Commissioner Buchholtz, "Aye", Judge Bonn, "Aye", Commissioner Madrigal "Aye", Commissioner Roland, "Aye". Motion passed.

14. Announcement that formal adoption of the tax rate will occur by a vote of the Commissioners Court on September 26th, 2011-Judge Bonn

15. Discussion/Action to approve a hands-on Wood Window Workshop September 16-17 being offered by the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation at a charge of \$395-Commissioner Buchholtz.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Roland to send James Turner to a hands-on Wood Window Workshop September 16-17 being offered by the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation at a charge of \$395 depending on legality of county to pay. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz not to exceed the amount of \$495.00 including travel expense. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

16. Executive Session: an executive session will be held pursuant to Section 551.071 concerning Sub Chapter (B) of Chapter 152 of the Texas Government Code and Sub Chapter (C) Chapter 262 of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Session beginning at 12:21 p.m. and ended at 1:40 p.m. No action taken.

17. Discussion/Action concerning motion to adopt Order pursuant to § 152.013 of the Local Government Code setting the salary, expenses and other allowances of elected county and precinct officials-Judge Bonn.

Ron Heggemeier explained the procedure and actions concerning the posting and grievance process. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Judge Bonn to adopt Order pursuant to § 152.013 of the Local Government Code setting the salary, expenses and other allowances of elected county and precinct officials. Commissioner Cyrier, Commissioner Buchholtz, Judge Bonn, Commissioner Madrigal voting "Aye". Commissioner Roland voting "No". Motion Passed.

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18. Discussion/Action concerning the purchase of Genie S- 85 Telescopic Lift in the amount of \$68,000 to be used for the Courthouse Restoration Project to be paid out of General Funds Reserve-Commissioner Buchholtz.

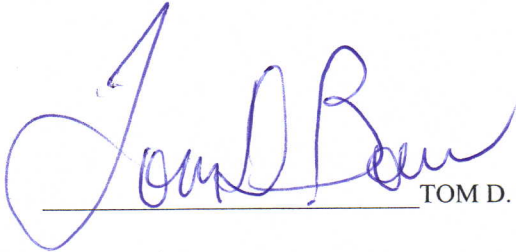
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Roland to move forward to bid process for the purchase of Genie S- 85 Telescopic Lift in the amount of \$68,000 to be used for the Courthouse Restoration Project. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

19. Pay Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Cyrier to pay the bills in the amount of \$16,696.94. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to Adjourn. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED



TOM D. BONN, County Judge