

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting September 26, 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

**Commissioner Madrigal is not present for Pledge.**

**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.

**Commissioner Madrigal arrives. 9:02**

**2. 9:00 A.M. Public Hearing concerning the proposed budget for 2011-2012 fiscal year.**

Public Hearing opened at 9:03 a.m. Judge Bonn reviewed the changes on the amended Agenda and announced that the increase for the County Employees would be raised to \$1600.00. There were also changes for other departments on the amended budget. Some citizen's spoke against the new positions that were being created and the worry of a budget showing increased revenue but yet the economy did not show an increase. Caldwell County Treasurer, Lori Rangel-Pompa does not feel that a Human Resource Department is necessary. District Clerk, Tina Morgan recommends that no new positions be created.

**3. Recess Public Hearing to go to item No. 5 (pg 2)**

No Action Taken

**4. Reconvene Public Hearing**

No Action Taken

**6. Close Public Hearing**

10:03 a. m.

There was a break from 10:03 a.m-10:15 a.m.

**7. Reconvene Commissioners Court Meeting.**

10:15 a.m.

**8. Discussion/Action concerning adoption of the proposed 2011/2012 budget of Caldwell as amended County-Judge Bonn.**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Cyrier to adopt the 2011/2012 amended budget of Caldwell County. Commissioner Madrigal would like to be able to increase the raise amount for the employees. He also questions creating new positions at this time. Commissioner Roland questions the posting of the position of a Human Resource position without the budget being approved. He would like to see the County Treasurer Office continue to handle these issues and put more funds to the pay raises for the County Employees. Commissioner Cyrier was pleased that it was possible to make adjustments and to add another \$600.00 to the original \$1000.00 originally proposed for raises. He feels that the counties greatest assets are its people, roads and the Historical buildings. Commissioner Cyrier-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-No, Commissioner Roland-No. Motion Passes

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**9. Discussion/Action concerning adoption of the tax rate of .6909 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation- Judge Bonn.**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Cyrier to approve adoption of the tax rate of .6909 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Commissioner Cyrier- Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal,-Yes, Commissioner Roland-No. Motion passes.

**10. Discussion/Action concerning ratification of the budget that reflects the tax rate of .6909 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation- Judge Bonn.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve ratification of the budget that reflects the tax rate of .6909 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Commissioner Cyrier-Yes, Commissioner Buchholtz-Yes, Judge Bonn-Yes, Commissioner Madrigal-No, Commissioner Roland-No. Motion Passes

**Commissioner Roland left the meeting at 10:50 for a funeral. Commissioners Court returns to Agenda Item #5, 11-18. Those present are Judge Bonn, Commissioner Cyrier, Commissioner Buchholtz and Commissioner Madrigal.**

**5. Discussion/Action concerning approval of Interlocal Agreement concerning Animal Control Services and Shelter and lease with the City of Lockhart-Judge Bonn/Vance Rodger.**

This agenda item was after the close of the Public Hearing. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Caldwell County & City of Lockhart for the purpose of providing Animal Services for the County with changing of paragraph 3d on page 2 to read the payment was due in 30 days, not 10 days. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

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

Susan Stewart asked about the ordinance changes and feels that she is getting no responses from the Commissioners. She will e-mail Commissioner Cyrier her requests. Kathy Sellers discusses the speed limit on CR 215 to be lowered to 30mph. She would like to know how this can be done. Susan Modrall would like to see the Citizens Comments put to the beginning of the agenda. Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffrey explains the process of lowering a speed limit and explains that the Sheriff's Office has offered their assistance in the matter. Barbara Decker expresses that she would love to have a road that would allow you to drive 30mph. She is concerned with the condition of the roads.

**12. Discussion/Action to approve the preliminary plat for the proposed Highland Ranch Subdivision (FM 1854 & Seminole Trail)-Commissioner Madrigal/Kasi Miles**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to table this item until the information concerning the road width of Seminole Trail and correct dedication language is on the preliminary plat. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED.

**13. Discussion/Action to approve the preliminary plat for the proposed Tierra Verde Subdivision (CR 17A-Lytton Lane) Commissioner Madrigal/Kasi Miles.**

Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to table this item until the information concerning the road width of Lytton Lane and correct dedication language is on the preliminary plat. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED.

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**14. Discussion/Action concerning approval of a motion to approve a Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property located on FM 672. (A portion of the Dorothy Benton Survey A-40, Applicant: Scott & Tanya Lloyd)-Commissioner Roland/Kasi Miles**

In the absence of Commissioner Roland, Kasi Miles presents the court with the information for this item. Motion made by Commissioner Madrigal, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz to approve a Family Land Grant exception to platting concerning property located on FM 672. (A portion of the Dorothy Benton Survey A-40, Applicant: Scott & Tanya Lloyd. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

**15. Discussion/Action to award the bids for the Caldwell County Unit Road System on Flexible Base, Aggregate, Asphalt Materials, Fuel (Regular, Unleaded /No. 2 Diesel), Oil and Lubricants for the Budget Year 2011-2012-Judge Bonn/Dwight Jeffrey**

County Auditor Larry Roberson and Unit Road Supervisor Dwight Jeffrey read the list of the bids that were acceptable to Unit Road. Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to award the bids for the Caldwell County Unit Road System on Flexible Base, Aggregate, Asphalt Materials, Fuel (Regular, Unleaded /No. 2 Diesel), Oil and Lubricants for the Budget Year 2011-2012. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

**16. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011).**

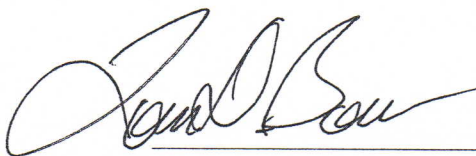
Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to approve minutes of the Previous Meeting (September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011), with 2 changes. Item #9 to include description of package purchased and #27 needs a \$ sign put instead of a 9 making the amount \$34000.00. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

**17. Pay Bills**

Motion made by Commissioner Cyrier, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,742.09. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

**18. Adjourn**

Motion made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Madrigal to adjourn. All present voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED



TOM D. BONN, County Judge