

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court January 10th, 2023, 9:00 a.m.



HOPPY HADEN County Judge
TERESA RODRIGUEZ County Clerk

B.J. WESTMORELAND Commissioner Pct. 1
RUSTY HORNE Commissioner Pct. 2
ED THERIOT Commissioner Pct. 3
DYRAL THOMAS Commissioner Pct. 4

Call Meeting to Order

Judge Haden calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation.

Commissioner Thomas opens the meeting in prayer.

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 Haden leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

Announcements. Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Westmoreland and Commissioner Theriot welcome newly appointed Commissioners Horne and Thomas.

Pastor Williams with First Baptist Church will have a Community MLK day celebration at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Dennis Engelke introduces Christina Arias as the new Grant Department Administrator Assistant.

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:
<http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtForm>

Gilson Westbrook spoke on environmental issues in Dale.

J.J. Wells Attorney with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson welcomes new Commissioners and talks about a Grant for Delinquent Property Taxes & Late Mortgage Payments program.

Linda Hinkle with Hinkle Surveyors and Mathew Allen with Caldwell County Appraisal District will address Items 12 & 13 when they come up on the Agenda.

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CONSENT AGENDA (The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion).

1. **Approve payment of County invoices and County Purchase Orders: \$261,115.89**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County Payments:**
 - A. **\$385,768.58 Payroll (12/18/2022 – 12/31/2022)**
 - B. **\$116,753.54 Payroll Tax (12/18/2022 – 12/31/2022)**
 - C. **\$168,721.74 DMV Remittance**
3. **To approve the Indigent Burial Report for December 2022.**
4. **To approve the Constable Pct. 3 Racial Profiling Report.**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve Consent Agenda. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

5. **Discussion/Action** regarding the burn ban. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: None.**

Hector Rangel Chief EMC recommends keeping Burn Ban Off.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

6. **Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of a Proclamation recognizing Judge Raymond De Leon's years of service to Caldwell County. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Proclamation is read.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

7. **Discussion/Action** to consider taking action on the appointment of a Caldwell County Animal Control Advisory Committee. **Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 7; Cost: None**

Commissioner Theriot updates the court on the proposed Caldwell County Animal Control Advisory Committee consisting of Carol Jones, Jan Brown, Al Dos Santos, Christina Arias, and Corpl. Carl Townsend.

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve Committee recommended. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

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- 8. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of pay rate changes in Caldwell County District Clerk Office.
Speaker: Commissioner Horne/ Juanita Allen; Backup: 2; Cost: TBD

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to deny salary adjustments. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

- 9. Discussion/Action** to consider the appointment of Judge Pro Tem of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for the Calendar year 2023, per section 2.04 of the Caldwell County Commissioner Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: None**

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to appoint Commissioner Westmoreland Judge Pro Tem of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court for the year 2023. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

- 10. Discussion/Action** to consider designating a new Commissioner Court site at which terms are to be held during the 2023 calendar year, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.005(d). **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: None**

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to designate Commissioners Court to preside in the Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month during the 2023 calendar year. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

- 11. Discussion/Action** to consider increasing the number of Precinct 4 part-time reserve deputy constables from 10 to 14 to assist Lockhart ISD student resource officers. **Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland; Art Villarreal; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve increasing the number of Precinct 4 part-time reserve deputy constables from 10 to 14 to assist Lockhart ISD student resource officers. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12. Discussion/Action** to consider a plat extension request for the Loopsy subdivision, a 4-lot subdivision of 44.73 acres located on Pebblestone Rd. **Speaker: Kasi Miles/ Commissioner Horne; Backup: 8; Cost: None**

Linda Hinkle with Hinkle Surveyors and Matthew Allen of Caldwell County Appraisal District express their concerns.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve extension requested for Loopsy subdivision, a 4-lot subdivision of 44.73 acres located on Pebblestone Rd. All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

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- 13. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of the preliminary plat for Lively Stone Addition consisting of 171 residential lots on approximately 259.98 acres located on Barth Road (CR 179) and Lively Stone Rd (CR 181).
Speaker: Kasi Miles/ Commissioner Thomas; Backup: 25; Cost: None

Linda Hinkle with Hinkle Surveyors and Matthew Allen of Caldwell County Appraisal District express concerns.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve the preliminary plat for Lively Stone Addition consisting of 171 residential lots on approximately 259.98 acres located on Barth Road (CR 179) and Lively Stone Rd (CR 181). All voting "Aye".

MOTION APPROVED.

- 14. Discussion only** of the GLO infrastructure grant roads. **Speaker: Commissioner Westmoreland; Backup: 1; Cost: None**

Dennis Engelke Grants Administrator announces the paper audit went well.


David Clark updates the court on completed road projects and progress on Briggs Road.

15. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to adjourn. All voting "Aye". The court adjourns at 10:03 a.m.

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 had by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on January 10, 2023.




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