

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**  
**110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas Commissioners**  
**Court February 13, 2024, 9:00 AM**



<b>Hoppy Haden</b>	<b>County Judge</b>	<b>B.J. Westmoreland</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 1</b>
<b>Teresa Rodriguez</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>	<b>Rusty Horne</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 2</b>
		<b>Ed Theriot</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 3</b>
		<b>Dyral Thomas</b>	<b>Commissioner, Pct. 4</b>

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Thomas opens the meeting in prayer.

**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 leads all present in the pledge to both flags.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Thomas announces the Progressive Club will host the Annual Banquet at the Connection Center at 6:00 p.m.

Hector Rangel Chief EMC introduces his new Deputy Chief Josh Flores.

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

Linda Hinkle to speak on Item H.1.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- F.1.To approve payments of County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$845,729.90.**
- F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$420,164.89 (12/31/2023 - 1/13/2024).**
- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$121,623.62 (12/31/2023 - 1/13/2024).**
- F.4.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$429,937.22 (1/14/2024 - 1/27/2024).**
- F.5.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$125,953.22 (1/14/2024 - 1/27/2024).**
- F.6.To accept partial January 2024 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$26,981.75.**

- F.7.To accept January 2024 DMV Comptroller payment in the amount of \$307,637.84.**
- F.8.To approve the bond for Cheryl Mendoza, Accounts Payable Clerk.**
- F.9.To approve the bond for Melissa Montana, Assistant Auditor.**
- F.10To. approve the bond for Gabrielle Saldana, 1st Assistant Auditor.**
- F.11To. accept the January 2024 Indigent Burial Report.**
- F.12To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 2 December 2023 Report.**
- F.13To. accept the December 2023 Tax Collection Report from the Caldwell County Appraisal District.**
- F.14To. accept Disclosure Report/Financial Accounts reconciliation regarding Hot Check, Escrow, Discretionary Fund, Asset Forfeiture, and Asset Forfeited for November and December 2023.**
- F.15To. accept the new 2024 IRS mileage reimbursement rate and updated county form.**

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

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January 2024 DMV Comptroller\_Redacted.pdf
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Constable PCT. 2 Dec 2023 Report.docx
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- F.14 To accept Disclosure Report/Financial Accounts reconciliation regarding Hot Check, Escrow,

Discretionary Fund, Asset Forfeiture, and Asset Forfeited for November and December 2023.  
Disclosure Report\_Financial Accounts\_Nov\_Dec\_2023.pdf

F.15 To accept the new 2024 IRS mileage reimbursement rate and updated county form.  
01.01.2024 Mileage Only Expense Form\_FY23\_Fillable.pdf

**G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

G.1 Regarding the 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 2.13.24.docx

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.2 To approve Order 05-2024 authorizing the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day. Speaker:  
Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00  
Hector Rangel Chief EMC recommends prohibiting the sale of fireworks with fin or sticks for  
Texas Independence Day .

Order 05-2024 is read.

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2024\_Order\_Texas\_Independence\_Day\_Fireworks\_-\_DRAFT v2.docx

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.3 To approve a Proclamation designating February 2024 as Black History Month. Speaker:  
Commissioner Thomas; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Proclamation is read.  
2.13.24 Proclamation - Black History Month (FEB 2024).docx

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.4 To approve a Proclamation designating February 2024 as Dating Violence Awareness  
Month. Speaker: Judge Haden/Ashley Rios/Brianna Buenrostro; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00  
Brianna Buenrostro, Dating Violence Counselor with Hays-Caldwell County thanks the Court  
for acknowledging February as Dating Violence Awareness Month. .

Proclamation is read.

2.13.24 Proclamation - Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention.docx  
Proclamation Request - February 2024 Dating Violence Awareness Month.pdf

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

**MOTION APPROVED.**

G.5 To approve Resolution 10-2024, authorizing Caldwell County to apply for the Rural Sheriff's Office  
Salary Assistance Grant Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 1; Cost: