

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court April 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m.



Amended 4/06/2023.

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 Theriot states he will be a panelist at a regional mobility conference in Austin tomorrow.

Jan Bower First Assistant Auditor introduces Merari Gonzales the new Accounts Payable Clerk.

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>

No Citizens' Comments.

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

1. **Approve payment of County invoices and County Purchase Orders: \$577,162.48**
2. **Ratify re-occurring County Payments:**
 - A. \$384,143.58 Payroll (3/12/2023 – 3/25/2023)
 - B. \$113,508.41 Payroll Tax (3/12/2023 – 3/25/2023)
 - C. \$336,836.65 DMV Remittance
 - D. \$2,376.68 TPWD Comptroller
 - E. \$563,108.67 DMV Comptroller
3. **To approve the March 2023 Indigent Burial Report.**
4. **To approve an amended interlocal agreement between the County and other participating entities for the implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.**
5. **To ratify the ACA Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) 2023 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement.**

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

MOTION APPROVED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- The purpose and accomplishments of the Caldwell County Veterans Service Office to inform the commissioners and general public attending.

Dr. Al Dos Santos with Veteran's Service Office provides a presentation on services and events the program provides. On May 28th, a luncheon will be held at the American Legion #177.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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

Hector Rangel, Chief EMC provided fire update and recommends keeping Burn Ban Off.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

7. **Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of Proclamation for Caldwell-Travis Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Stewardship Week. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Marla Heger; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Marla Heger speaks on behalf of the S.W.C.D Board providing Plum Creek updates and states appreciation for county's continued support also introduces Board Chair Donnie Graham and Director Kathy Hutto. A workshop on conserving natural resources will be held at the Luling Foundation Farm on April 26th.

Proclamation is read by Judge Haden.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve Proclamation for Caldwell-Travis Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Stewardship Week. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- 8. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval to appoint Jon Mitchell to the Plum Creek Conservation District. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 2; Cost: None**

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve Jon Mitchell to the Plum Creek Conservation District. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- 9. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of Budget Amendment #28 to transfer money for the Auditors Office to pay for W2 and 1099 IRS E-File. **Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 3; Cost: \$1,300.00**

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve Budget Amendment 28 to transfer money for the Auditors Office to pay for W2 and 1099 IRS E-File. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- 10. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of a change order to add \$200,000.00 to AT&T Fiber Line blanket PO #01944. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Carolyn Caro; Backup: 3; Cost: \$200,000.00**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to approve a change order to add \$200,000.00 to AT&T Fiber Line blanket PO #01944. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- 11. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of final draft and solicitation of qualifications for RFQ 22CCP01Q for Engineering Services Pool. **Speaker: Judge Haden/ Carolyn Caro; Backup: 56; Cost: None**

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve final draft and solicitation of qualifications for RFQ 22CCP01Q for Engineering Services Pool. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval of the Preliminary Plat for Dewberry Point subdivision consisting of 74 residential lots on approximately 96.798 acres located on FM 1854 and Southeast of Highland Rach Way. **Speaker: Commissioner Thomas; Backup: 56; Cost: None**

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to approve Preliminary Plat for Dewberry Point subdivision consisting of 74 residential lots on approximately 96.798 acres located on FM 1854 and Southeast of Highland Rach Way. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- 13. Discussion/Action** to consider the approval to ratify a contract with RingCentral for the implementation of a new cloud-based telephone system. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 4; Cost: \$19,400.00**

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve ratifying a contract with RingCentral for the implementation of a new cloud-based telephone system. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

14. Discussion/Action to ratify a donation agreement between the County and Gloria Matejowsky, for the donation of an easement along Holtz Rd/ CR224. **Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 11; Cost: None**

Motion to table Item 14 made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. All voting "Aye".

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 14 APPROVED.

15. Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.089: the deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; and the deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of critical infrastructure. Possible action may follow in open court. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: None**

Judge Haden will provide maps and cost analysis for all Commissioner's and will recuse himself from the session. Request for a special session next Tuesday.

16. Discussion/Action to take possible action on Executive Session. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: None**

Motion to table Executive Session made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne. until next Tuesday. All voting "Aye".

MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED.

PUBLIC HEARING @ 9:30


Re-plat of Longhorn Ranch & Cattle Company Subdivision, Lot #8 & Lot #9, Property ID 29420 located on Primrose Lane (CR 214).

Public Hearing opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 9:32 a.m. There are no speakers.

17. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn. All voting "Aye".
The court adjourns at 9:32 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 April 11, 2023.


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

