



RESOLUTION 33-2020
AMENDED RESOLUTION AND ORDER REGARDING REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF
CALDWELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Courthouse is a timeless symbol of justice, freedom and equality for all; and
WHEREAS, the Courthouse and its surroundings have been recognized as historically significant by the National Register of Historic Places and by the State of Texas; and
WHEREAS, on the Courthouse grounds stands a granite obelisk dedicated to soldiers of the Confederacy and erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1923; and
WHEREAS, while the stated purpose of the monument's location, context and content was to memorialize Caldwell County residents who fought in the Civil War, it is recognized that the words, symbols, and images contained on the monument go beyond honoring veterans by subtly glorifying the Confederacy and social injustices no longer accepted by today's society; and
WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court has accepted the recommendation of the citizen's panel to remove and relocate the monument from the Courthouse grounds and to move forward to seek approval from the Texas Historical Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. The Confederate monument on the northwest corner of the Caldwell County Courthouse square should be removed from the grounds of the Courthouse upon receiving approval of the Texas Historical Commission, as soon as possible.
2. The monument should be relocated to the Caldwell County Museum, located at 315 E. Market Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644, the location to be determined by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court and the Caldwell County Historical Commission.
3. Private funding will be utilized to cover all cost associated with moving the monument from the northwest corner of the Caldwell County Courthouse square and the installation of the monument at the Caldwell County Museum, located at 315 E. Market Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644.
4. The County Judge is here by authorized to execute agreements, contracts and any other necessary documents to implement this Resolution and Order.

Considered and approved this 11th day of August, 2020, by a vote of the Court with 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Hoppy Haden, County Judge

B. J. Westmoreland, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Barbara Shelton, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Edward "Ed" Theriot, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Joe Ivan Roland, Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez, County Clerk

