

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF EMERGENCY ADDITION TO AGENDA  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS**



**Whereas**, the County Engineer has identified County infrastructure that has rapidly deteriorated and is at risk of imminent failure or collapse, specifically, the stream crossing on Political Road located approximately 1,100 feet south of Highway 80;

**Whereas**, the condition of this crossing poses an imminent threat to public health and safety and therefore constitutes an urgent public necessity that requires immediate action; and


**Whereas**, the matters identified on this First Supplemental Notice of Emergency Addition to Agenda are directly related to responding to the emergency or urgent public necessity identified herein;

***NOW THEREFORE***, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.045, notice is hereby given that the following item(s) are emergency additions to the Agenda for the Caldwell County Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom, Caldwell County Courthouse located at 110 S. Main Street, Lockhart, Texas

**1. Discussion/Action** regarding emergency Political Road Bridge repair. **Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Dennis Engelke; Donald LeClerc; Tracy Bratton. Backup: 5; Cost: TBD.**

Pursuant to Executive Order GA08, relating to Covid-19 preparedness and mitigation, access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom will be limited to the County Judge, Commissioners, essential staff, and one (1) other person at a time. These measures are necessary to abide by the Governor's Executive Order and are intended to facilitate communication between members of the public and public officials. Participants and speakers will be allowed to enter the courtroom when the Court takes up their respective item on the agenda. The meeting will be broadcast over the internet and may be viewed at <http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.CommissionersCourtLive-OnDemand>

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above. The Court may adjourn for matters that may relate to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (Consultation with Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers); Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney when the attorney's obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code); Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Texas Government Code Section 551.0745 (Deliberations about a County Advisory Body); Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices); and Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations). In the event that the Court adjourns into Executive Session, the Court will announce under what section of the Texas Government Code the Commissioners Court is using as its authority to enter into an Executive Session. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the County Judge's office at 512-398-1808 for further information. [www.co.caldwell.tx.us](http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us)

  
3/20/2020 3:35pm

## Caldwell County Agenda Item Request Form

**To: All Elected Officials and Department Heads** – Hand deliver or scan & email to [hopy.haden@co.caldwell.tx.us](mailto:hopy.haden@co.caldwell.tx.us) and [ezzy.chan@co.caldwell.tx.us](mailto:ezzy.chan@co.caldwell.tx.us) . Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday before the Regular meetings, however, please submit this completed form ASAP. "Anything missing will cause the Agenda Item to be held over to the next Regular meeting," according to our Rules & Procedures.

**AGENDA DATE:** 03/24/2020

### Type of Agenda Item

- Consent     Discussion/Action     Executive Session     Workshop  
 Public Hearing

What will be discussed? What is the proposed motion?  
regarding Political Road Bridge Repair

**1. Costs:**

Actual Cost or     Estimated Cost    \$ TBD

Is this cost included in the County Budget? \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Budget Amendment being proposed? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Agenda Speakers:**

	Name	Representing	Title
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(1) Ed Theriot

(2) Dennis Engelke

(3) Donald LeClerc

**3. Backup Materials:**     None     To Be Distributed    1 total # of backup pages  
(including this page)

4. Per Ed Theriot  
Signature of Court Member

3/20/2020  
Date



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March 20, 2020

Judge Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County  
110 South Main  
Lockhart, TX 78644

RE: Political Road (Culvert Crossing south of Highway 80)

Judge Haden,

Doucet & Associates is designing improvements to four stream crossings that are part of a Community Development Block Grant. One of the four stream crossings is on Political Road approximately 1,100 feet south of Highway 80. During the process of making initial field observations of this site, we observed the condition of the existing culverts. Our engineer for the grant funded stream project, Colin Slagle, brought photos of the Political Road culverts to me expressing his concern over the condition and safety of the roadway. Upon reviewing the photographs and discussing with Mr. Slagle his observations from the site, we believe that the current situation poses a threat to public health and safety.

From observations upstream and downstream of the culverts, it is apparent that much, if not all, of the backfill has been washed away from around the culverts. As a result, the concrete – intended only as a wearing surface – is acting as a “bridge” supported by the two, highly corroded, culverts. This concrete is not designed to bear loads without continuous soil underneath. As a result, it is possible for the concrete to suddenly give way under the load of a vehicle with the potential of overturning that vehicle in to the substantial, water-filled hole in the stream bed downstream of the culverts.

To protect the safety of the public, we believe it is an urgent public necessity that immediate action be taken to remove the current crossing and replace it with a temporary low-water crossing or reinforce the driving surface so that loads are distributed over large area until the grant funded project can make a permanent repair.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tracy A. Bratton, P.E.'.

Tracy A. Bratton, P.E.  
Division Manager, Land Development  
Doucet & Associates, Inc.

TBPE Firm # 3937  
State of Texas Surveying Firm Certification # 10105800

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cc: Commissioner Ed Theriot  
Judy Langford, Langford Community Services  
Colin Slagle, Doucet & Associates  
Donald Leclerc, Unit Road Director

Looking Downstream (note hole in concrete driving surface)



View from Upstream



View from Downstream (note apparent hollow areas behind concrete and around pipes)

