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Notice of Meeting
Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court will be held on the 11th day of August 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom located at 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to wit:

Note: Commissioners Court Meeting packets are prepared several days prior to each meeting. This information is reviewed and studied by the Court members, eliminating lengthy discussions to gain a basic understanding. Timely action and short discussion on agenda items does not reflect lack of thought or analysis on the part of the Court.

Start times for regular agenda items are tentative; some items may be held earlier or later than the scheduled time.

For the convenience and comfort of members of the public and Caldwell County officials and employees, the Commissioners Court may take a recess from 10:30-10:45 a.m. and from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Amended Agenda

8:30 A.M. **WORKSHOP (No Action):** Report from program manager on remodeling of the new Caldwell County Judicial and Service Center. No action will be taken at this time.

9:00 A.M. **REGULAR MEETING**

Call Meeting to order.

2014.08.11.01 **Invocation.** Lockhart Ministry Alliance.

2014.08.11.02 **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).

2014.08.11.03 **Announcements:** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.

2014.08.11.04 **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).

2014.08.11.05 Consent Agenda. (Any member of the Court may request that an item within the Consent Agenda to be moved to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and action).

- A. Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,157,726.33 for August 11th, 2014.
- B. To approve Commissioners Court Minutes for July 28th, 2014.
- C. To accept Judge Tom D. Bonn's, County Judge, Certificate of Participation from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government for completing 13.0 hours of educational training during the 80th Annual South Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association Conference.
- D. To accept Alfredo R. Muñoz's, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, Certificate of Participation from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government for completing 13.0 hours of educational training during the 80th Annual South Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association Conference.
- E. To approve the Rider to changing principal's name from "Tina Morgan" to "Tina Morgan Freeman", District Clerk for Caldwell County.
- F. To approve renewal of Continuation Certificate Bond No. 15663555 for Arthur Villarreal, Constable Precinct #4 for Caldwell County in the amount of \$1,000 beginning September 28, 2014 and ending September 28, 2015. **Cost: \$50.**
- G. To approve Invoice #209 for July 2014 timesheet for Les Reddin, LongLife Projects in the amount of \$7,200 for the Judicial Service Center project management work.

2014.08.11.06 Reports.

Elections Department Report – Pamela Ohlendorf
Septic and Subdivision Report – Kasi Miles
Treasurer's Report – Lori Rangel

2014.08.11.07 Special Presentations. None.

(ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS)

2014.08.11.08 Discussion/Action regarding extending or removing the Burn Ban for Caldwell County. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Martin Ritchey; **Backup:** None.

2014.08.11.09 Discussion/Action to approve a resolution calling for redemption and/or defeasance of certain currently outstanding obligations; directing that the county clerk, or her designee, to effectuate the redemption of these obligations; and other matters in connection therewith. **Cost:** \$10,250; Net Savings \$153,321.26; **Speaker:** Larry Roberson/Jeffrey Kuhn; **Backup:** 1.

- 2014.08.11.10 Discussion/Action** to approve moving the remaining funds of the site work line item in the contractors GMP to the Owners Contingency line item in the contractors GMP in the amount of \$17,467. **Cost:** \$17,467; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn/Les Reddin; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.11 Discussion/Action** to approve the design and proposal for scope of work from the engineer for the fire lane, road access, and parking lot of the new Caldwell County Justice Center. **Cost:** TBD; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn/Les Reddin; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.12 Discussion/Action** to approve Application and Certificate for Payment #7 for Braun and Butler Construction in the amount of \$899,186.40 for the Caldwell County Judicial Center. **Cost:** \$899,186.40; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.13 Discussion/Action** to approve Arias & Associates Invoice #20141271 in the amount of \$1,464.70 and Invoice #20141445 in the amount of \$910 for pavement design, field investigation, and lab testing at the Caldwell County Justice Center. **Cost:** \$2,374.70; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.14 Discussion/Action** to approve Invoice #6 from Aulick & Associates in the amount of \$5,000 (40 hours at \$125/hour) for consultant services for the period of July 1st – 31st, 2014, regarding transportation projects for Caldwell County. **Cost:** \$5,000; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.15 PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:30 AM** regarding the Petition for Creation of Emergency Services District #3 for the City of Martindale. Any interested person may appear in person or by attorney to support or oppose the creation of the district and may offer pertinent testimony. No action to be taken.
- 2014.08.11.16 Discussion/Action** to approve the service contract for maintenance of the Seth Thomas tower clock in the courthouse of Caldwell County for one year in the amount of \$1,750. **Cost:** \$1,750; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.17 Discussion/Action** to approve Caldwell County's amended Subdivision and Development Fee Schedule effective August 11, 2014. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Commissioner Roland; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.18 Discussion/Action** to execute order relating to the official court reporters of the 421st, 22nd and 207th Judicial District Court and Auditor of the County of Caldwell salaries. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.19 Discussion/Action** to approve the Order and voter workers for the Republican Party and Democratic Party for the November 4, 2014 general election in Caldwell County. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.20 Discussion/Action** to increase monthly stipend to all volunteer fire departments in Caldwell County to \$800 and offer a monthly \$200 credit to be used for labor at the Fleet Maintenance Department for light vehicles. **Cost:** TBD; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn; **Backup:** None.

- 2014.08.11.21 Discussion/Action** to approve the transfer of funds from the Caldwell County Medical Assist Team ("CCMAT") to the Emergency Management Department for swift water related equipment or support items. **Cost:** TBD; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn/Martin Ritchey; **Backup:** None.
- 2014.08.11.22 Discussion/Action** to place on the agenda in January 2015 a review of our current salary plan. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Commissioners Buchholtz and Muñoz; **Backup:** None.
- 2014.08.11.23 Discussion/Action** concerning proposed tax rate of \$0.6906 per \$100 of assessed valuation for fiscal year 2014-2015. Following the discussion on a roll call vote must be taken on a proposed tax rate of \$0.6906 per \$100 of assessed valuation. **NOTE:** This vote is not actual adoption of the tax rate but merely an indication by the Court of the rate it supports.

Immediately following the roll call vote the Commissioners Court **should move** that two (2) public hearings will be held on the proposed tax rate.

Recommended Motion: Move that two (2) public hearings be held on the proposed tax rate and that the hearings are held as follows:

First public hearing: 9:45 a.m. on August 25, 2014 at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas.

Second public hearing: 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2014 (Special Meeting) at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas.

The Court should also announce that on September 8, 2014 a **regular meeting will be held** starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas to consider adoption of an **Order** setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2014-2015.

- 2014.08.11.24 Discussion/Action** to approve the public hearing and adoption of the proposed Caldwell County Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Recommended Motion: Move that a public hearing be held on the proposed Caldwell County Budget and that the hearing is held as follows:

Public hearing: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2014 (Special Meeting) at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas.

The Court should also announce that on September 4, 2014 at the **Special Meeting held** starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Scott Annex, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas that it will consider the adoption of the Caldwell County Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

- 2014.08.11.25 Discussion/Action** to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Caldwell County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA regarding Interoperable System(s) and Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Open Platform for Emergency Networks. **Cost:** TBD; **Speaker:** Judge Bonn/Martin Ritchey; **Backup:** 1.
- 2014.08.11.26 Discussion/Action** to approve changing the Health Insurance waiting period to 60 days – 1st of the month following date of hire. **Cost:** None; **Speaker:** Commissioner Muñoz/Deborah Kortan; **Backup:** None.
- 2014.08.11.27 Adjournment**

As authorized by 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 as they 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, unless otherwise specified on the agenda, the Court will announce any other parties who are authorized to be present during the deliberations in Executive Session and will announce under what section of the Texas Government Code the Commissioners Court is using as it's 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.

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