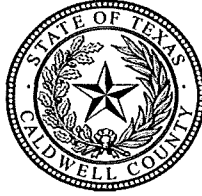


**Agenda for
September 06, 2016**

**Special Meeting of
Commissioners
Court**



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas

Notice is hereby given that an open meeting of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court will be held on the 6th day of September, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the 2nd Floor Courtroom, Caldwell County Courthouse located at 110 S. Main Street, Lockhart, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to wit:

AGENDA: Call Meeting to Order.

- 2016.09.06.01** Invocation. Lockhart Ministerial Alliance.
- 2016.09.06.02** **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).
- 2016.09.06.03** **Announcements.** Items or comments from Court Members or Staff.
- 2016.09.06.04** **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).
- 2016.09.06.05** **CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING at 9:30am:** regarding the proposed tax rate pursuant to Section 111.007 of the Local Government Code. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.
- 2016.09.06.06** **Discussion/Action** to approve the request by Ragnar Relay of Texas to plan a section of its 40-mile relay course through Caldwell County during the Texas Relay scheduled for March 31 - April 1, 2017. Relay teams will run between 9:00am-10:00pm on March 31st with a total of approximately 200 runners spread out over 40 miles with four to five runners per mile. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.
- 2016.09.06.07** **Discussion/Action** to receive the order relating to the official court reporter of the 22nd Judicial District Court. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 2.
- 2016.09.06.08** **Discussion/Action** to receive an order relating to the auditor of Caldwell County. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** 2.

FILED this 15th day of Sept 20 16
2:30 P M
CAROL HOLCOMB
COUNTY CLERK, CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS
By Jane Page Deputy

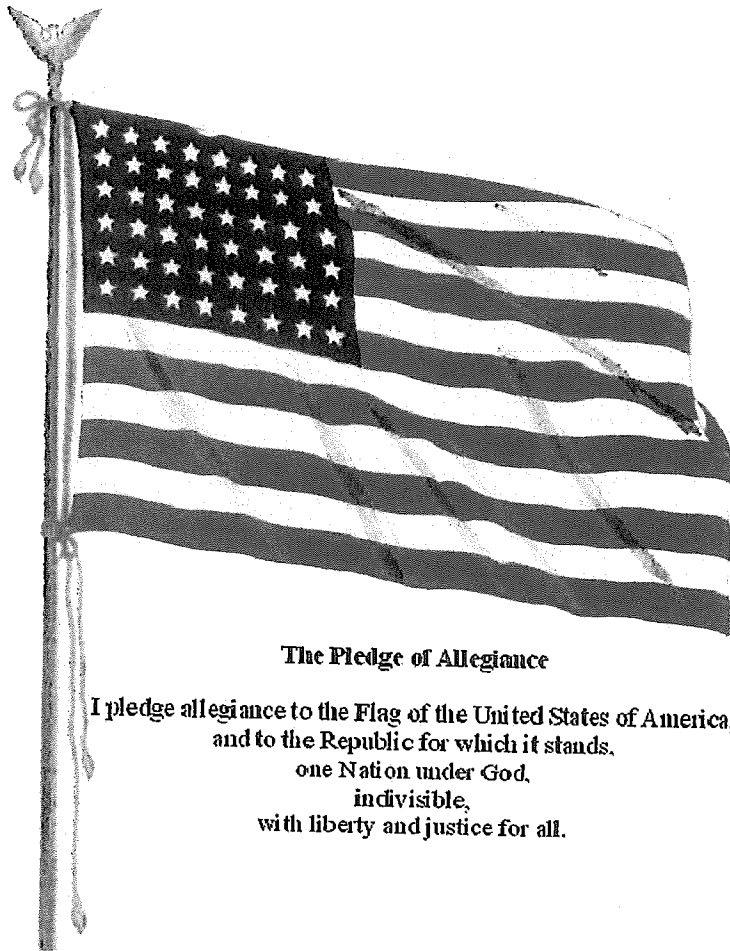
- 2016.09.06.09** **Discussion/Action** to enter into a contract with an outside firm to manage the FEMA reimbursement program. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** TBD; **Backup:** None.
- 2016.09.06.10** **Discussion/Action** to adopt the 2016-2017 budget. **Speaker:** Judge Schawe; **Cost:** None; **Backup:** None.
- 2016.09.06.11** **Adjournment.**

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

Invocation – Lockhart Ministry Alliance

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

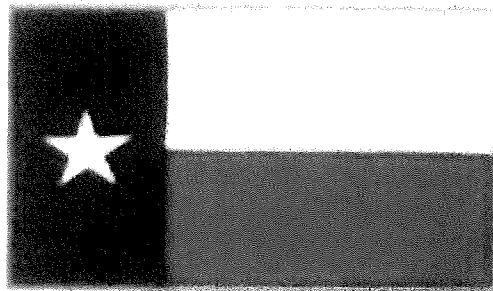


The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

**(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and
indivisible).**

Pledge to the Texas Flag



**Honor the Texas
Flag; I pledge
allegiance to thee,
Texas, one state
under God, one and
indivisible**

Announcements:

**Items or comments from Court
Members or Staff**

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AGENDA

2016.09.06.05 CALL FOR
PUBLIC HEARING at 9:30am:
regarding the proposed tax rate
pursuant to Section 111.007 of the Local
Government Code. **Speaker: Judge**
Schawe; Cost: None; Backup: None.

NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR Caldwell County

A tax rate of \$0.775300 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Caldwell County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Caldwell County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of ambulances, increased law enforcement, river enforcement and additional legal fees.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.775300 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$0.717500 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE | \$0.711500 per \$100 |
| ROLLBACK TAX RATE | \$0.776700 per \$100 |

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Caldwell County from the same properties in both the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Caldwell County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Mary LaPoint
Caldwell County Tax Assessor/Collector Tax Assessor-Collector
211 Bufkin Ln
512-398-5550
maryl@caldwellcad.org
www.caldwellcad.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: 09/06/2016 9:00 AM at 110 S. Main St., 2nd Floor, Lockhart, TX

Second Hearing: 09/12/2016 9:30 AM at 110 S. Main St., 2nd Floor, Lockhart, TX

2016.09.06.06 Discussion/Action to approve the request by Ragnar Relay of Texas to plan a section of its 40-mile relay course through Caldwell County during the Texas Relay scheduled for March 31 - April 1, 2017. Relay teams will run between 9:00am-10:00pm on March 31st with a total of approximately 200 runners spread out over 40 miles with four to five runners per mile. **Speaker: Judge Schawe; Cost: None; Backup: None.**

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IN THE MATTER OF AN

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IN THE 22ND JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT OF

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER APPOINTING OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
AND FIXING COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, there being a need for an Official Court Reporter for the 22nd Judicial District Court; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Court that GRACE C. DUNCAN is the holder of a certificate in full force and effect issued by the Supreme Court of Texas pursuant to TEX.GOVERNMENT CODE 52.021, authorizing and qualifying the said GRACE C. DUNCAN for appointment as Official Court Reporter for such District Court; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Court that all requirements of TEX.LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 152.905, and other applicable laws, have been satisfied;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that the said GRACE C. DUNCAN be and is hereby appointed as Official Court Reporter for the 22nd Judicial District Court of Caldwell, Comal and Hays County, Texas, and salary is fixed at \$18,003.12 per year, which sum, along with travel expenses and other actual expenses incurred, shall be paid by Caldwell County.

This salary shall be increased in the event County Commissioners Courts of the counties grant a cost of living increase or merit increase to their employees. The Court Reporter shall receive the same increase in salary as other county employees.

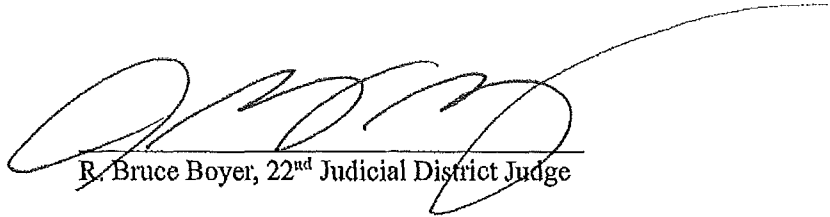
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GRACE C. DUNCAN must designate one of the counties as her home county for purposes of participating in the employee benefits of said county, including, but not limited to, medical and/or dental insurance plans.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for purposes of participating in said home county benefit plans that said GRACE C. DUNCAN shall be treated as a full-time employee of that designated home county for all purposes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designated home county may recover from the other counties in the District their pro rata share, consistent with the 2010 U.S. Census figures, of the costs for participation in the employee benefits of the home county.

FILED this 30th day of Aug, 2016
10:45 AM
TINA MORGAN FREEMAN
CLERK, DISTRICT COURT, CALDWELL CO., TX
By Tina M. Freeman

The appointment shall be effective on the 1st day of August, 2016, and the salary fixed herein shall be effective on the 1st day of October, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bruce Boyer', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

R. Bruce Boyer, 22nd Judicial District Judge

2016.09.06.08 Discussion/Action to receive an order relating to the auditor of Caldwell County. **Speaker: Judge Schawe; Cost: None; Backup: 2.**

IN THE MATTER

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IN THE 421st JUDICIAL

OF

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DISTRICT COURT OF *

THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR *

CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER RELATING TO THE AUDITOR OF THE COUNTY OF CALDWELL


WHEREAS pursuant to TEX. GOV. CODE Section 152.031 hearing was lawfully held regarding the compensation for County Auditor;

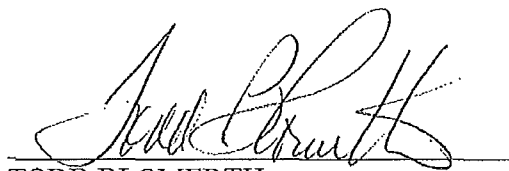
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND DECREED THAT:

Compensation for County Auditor Debra French shall be set at \$75,000 per annum, subject to approval of the Caldwell County Commissioners Court, effective the commencement of the 2017 budget year for the County of Caldwell.

Compensation for County Auditor staff is hereby set pursuant to Exhibit A, attached and incorporated by reference, effective the commencement of the 2017 budget year for the County of Caldwell.

Signed this the 1st day of August, 2016.


BRUCE BOYER
22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE


TODD BLOMERTH
421ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

FILED this 3RD day of Aug 2016
2:30 P M
TINA MORGAN FREEMAN
CLERK, DISTRICT COURT, CALDWELL CO., TX.
By Tina M. Freeman

EXHIBIT A

Caldwell County
Auditor's Office
FY 2016-2017 Budget

| | <u>2013-2014</u> <u>Total Activity</u> | <u>2014-2015</u> <u>Total Activity</u> | <u>2015-2016</u> <u>Total Budget</u> | <u>2015-2016</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>Total Activity</u> | <u>2016-2017</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <u>001-2130-1020</u> APPOINTED OFFICIAL (1) | \$ 63,146 | \$ 64,166 | \$ 64,146 | \$ 64,146 | \$ 75,000 |
| <u>001-2130-1040</u> CLERICAL AND ASSISTANTS (1) | 35,940 | 36,941 | 36,941 | 36,941 | 38,683 * |
| <u>001-2130-1042</u> INTERNAL AUDITOR (1) | 43,531 | 44,531 | 44,531 | 44,531 | 46,273 * |
| <u>001-2130-1092</u> ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK (1) | 27,978 | 29,478 | 31,978 | 31,978 | 33,720 * |
| <u>001-2130-1105</u> MERIT AWARDS | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-1110</u> LONGEVITY | 125 | 200 | 275 | 250 | 700 * |
| <u>001-2130-1115</u> PHONE STIPEND | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-2010</u> SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE TAX | 11,908 | 12,476 | 13,692 | 13,013 | 14,967 |
| <u>001-2130-2020</u> GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE | 27,040 | 29,189 | 31,869 | 31,692 | 29,992 |
| <u>001-2130-2030</u> RETIREMENT | 7,115 | 6,942 | 7,115 | 7,115 | 7,775 |
| <u>001-2130-2070</u> EMPLOYEE BONDING | 450 | 450 | 500 | 450 | 525 |
| <u>001-2130-3050</u> DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS | 750 | 295 | 700 | 525 | 735 |
| <u>001-2130-3110</u> OFFICE SUPPLIES | 2,636 | 2,798 | 2,000 | 1,972 | 2,100 |
| <u>001-2130-3120</u> POSTAGE | 1,846 | 2,197 | 2,000 | 1,968 | 2,100 |
| <u>001-2130-4110</u> PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 2,650 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-4260</u> TRANSPORTATION | 403 | 130 | 500 | 250 | 525 |
| <u>001-2130-4420</u> TELEPHONE | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-4510</u> REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-4610</u> RENTALS | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-4810</u> TRAINING | 1,719 | 1,412 | 1,200 | 1,195 | 1,400 |
| <u>001-2130-4815</u> TYLER TECHNOLOGY TRAINING | - | - | - | - | 8,000 |
| <u>001-2130-4850</u> MISCELLANEOUS | 63 | 24 | - | - | - |
| <u>001-2130-5310</u> MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT | - | - | - | - | - |
| Department : 2130 - COUNTY AUDITOR Total: | <u>\$ 227,300</u> | <u>\$ 231,227</u> | <u>\$ 237,447</u> | <u>\$ 236,027</u> | <u>\$ 262,496</u> |

* reflects the proposed increase given by the County to all employees.

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