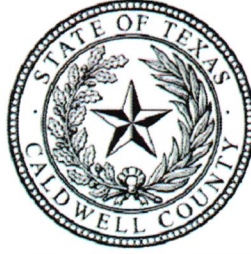


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court August 13, 2026, 9:00 AM



Hoppy Haden	County Judge	B.J. Westmoreland	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Teresa Rodriguez	County Clerk	Rusty Horne	Commissioner, Pct. 2
		Ed Theriot	Commissioner, Pct. 3
		Dyral Thomas	Commissioner, Pct. 4

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Haden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. INVOCATION - Pastor Jared Fischer, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

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

Judge Haden lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flag.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Westmoreland wishes everyone in Lockhart ISD a great first day of school. He reminds everyone to please be patient and use caution on the roadways.

E. 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: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/CommissionersCourtForm>

Caldwell County citizens spoke in opposition to the closure of polling locations, with particular concern regarding the Precinct 4 polling location at St. Mark's. Citizens also expressed opposition to proposed data centers and raised concerns regarding communication, transparency, ethics, morals and accountability within county leadership.

Those who spoke included Jodie Fisher, Raquel Gonzalez, Esther Dussetschleger, Kathy Haigler, Barbara Sanchez, Olga Hernandez, Bonita Heinzen, John Castillo, Bonnie Marshall, Diego Molina, Michael Diatalevi, Chris Puguetti, Gayle Warren, Suzanne Rivas, Elizabeth Klenz, Mary Eisenberg, Kelsey Lang, Claudia Hollern.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

F.1.To approve County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,923,139.36.

- F.2.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$543,319.88 (06/28/2026 through 07/11/2026).**
- F.3.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$161,463.53 (06/28/2026 through 07/11/2026).**
- F.4.To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$528,425.90 (07/12/2026 through 07/25/2026).**
- F.5.To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$157,466.87 (07/12/2026 through 07/25/2026).**
- F.6.To accept the June 2026 Young Farmers Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$185.00.**
- F.7.To accept June 2026 DMV payment to Caldwell County in the amount of \$60,041.95.**
- F.8.To accept June 2026 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$321,111.84.**
- F.9.To accept June 2026 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$300,362.55.**
- F.10To. ratify immediate check request to TX Core Roofing & Construction for \$11,500.00.**
- F.11To. ratify immediate check request to Texas Commission of Law Enforcement for training in the amount of \$450.00.**
- F.12To. accept the July 2026 Indigent Burial Report.**
- F.13To. accept and acknowledge the completion of Caldwell County Justice of Peace PCT. 1 Department Audit.**
- F.14To. accept the new 2026 IRS mileage reimbursement rate and updated county form.**
- F.15To. ratify Addendum #1 to RFP26CCP01P Medical Services for Inmates.**
- F.16To. ratify Addendum #2 to RFP26CCP01P Medical Services for Inmates.**
- F.17To. ratify Addendum #3 to RFP26CCP01P Medical Services for Inmates.**
- F.18To. approve bond for Devante Coe, Elections Administrator.**
- F.19To. approve bond for Laura Murray, Justice of the Peace PCT. 2 Chief Clerk.**
- F.20To. accept the Caldwell County Constable PCT. 1 July 2026 Report.**
- F.21To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 June 2026 Report.**
- F.22To. accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 July 2026 Report.**

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

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8 13 2026 AP Payment Register.pdf
8 13 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Payroll 06282026 thru 07112026.pdf
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Young Farmers June 2026.pdf
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DMV County June 2026.pdf

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June 2026 Comptroller.pdf
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DMV Remittance June 2026.pdf
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Emergency_Packet_for_TX_Core_Roofing___Construction_7.21.26_REQ04632.pdf
- F.11 To ratify immediate check request to Texas Commission of Law Enforcement for training in the amount of \$450.00.
7 29 2026 TEXLAW Immediate Check Backup.pdf
- F.12 To accept the July 2026 Indigent Burial Report.
July 2026 Indigent Burial report.pdf
- F.13 To accept and acknowledge the completion of Caldwell County Justice of Peace PCT.
1 Department Audit.
JP 1 Letter -Signed.pdf
- F.14 To accept the new 2026 IRS mileage reimbursement rate and updated county form.
2026 Employee Travel Expense form - Fillable.pdf
2026 Mileage Reimbursement Form.pdf
- F.15 To ratify Addendum #1 to RFP26CCP01P Medical Services for Inmates.
Addendum #1 RFP 26CCP01P.pdf
- F.16 To ratify Addendum #2 to RFP26CCP01P Medical Services for Inmates.
Addendum #2 RFP26CCP01P.pdf
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Constable PCT. 4 June 2026 Report.pdf
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Constable PCT. 4 July 2026 Report.pdf

G. DISCUSSION ONLY:

- G.1 Discussion requested by County Judge regarding his plans to remain in office. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: \$0.00

Judge Haden read a statement expressing his appreciation to those who encouraged him not to resign and to remain on the ballot. He stated that he has worked diligently to fulfill his duties and serve in the best interest of the citizens. Judge Haden acknowledged that he entered into a pre-sale agreement but

stated that he has since been released from the agreement. He further stated that he will allow the voters to make the decision on Election day regarding whether he remains in office and that he will not resign or remove his name from the ballot.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- H.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the July 23, 2026, regular meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00
7.23.26 Agenda.pdf
7.23.26 Minutes.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.2 To consider public streets and drainage in Esperanza Ranch TX, LLC as complete and ready to begin the two-year performance period as evidenced by a maintenance bond in the amount of \$101,807.00 for maintenance security. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Horne/Donald Leclerc; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Bond No. 101924719.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding a variance request concerning the road frontage requirements for a proposed three-lot replat in Windmill Hollow, Lot #1A, on approximately 4.146 acres located off FM 20 and Taylorsville Road. Speaker: Commissioner Horne/Kasi Miles/Linda Hinkle; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00
Variance Request - 8927 FM 20.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding a variance request to allow the four existing tracts to change lot lines and apply for a Short Form Plat on approximately 38.789 acres located off Political Road on Aubrey Lane. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles/Linda Hinkle; Backup: 22; Cost: \$0.00
Variance Request - Pegg on Aubrey Lane.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve.

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Order to adopt portions of the 2024 International Fire Code. Speaker: Judge Haden/Fred Weber/Alex Hellerstedt/Tracy Bratton; Backup: TBD; Cost: \$0.00

Tracy Bratton, Land Development Vice President at Doucett & Associates provides the details added and adopted to the Fire Code.

Commissioner Theriot asks if there was a plan for a Fire Marshall, Judge Haden made recommendation to contact outside firm for proposals.

Linda Hinkle, Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Westmoreland propose to first review the order.

Fred Weber Criminal /District Attorney points out typographical errors and correction to be made to section 1.8 exhibit A.

Commissioner Theriot modifies motion for language be amended as mentioned by our engineer.

Caldwell County Fire Code Order August 2026.pdf
Caldwell County Fire Code.20260813.pdf
REVISED - CaldwellCountyFireCode_20260809.Clean.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve . 1 "Ayes", 2 "Oppose"

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 34-2026 suspending economic incentive and tax abatement agreements related to large-scale data centers pending adjournment of the 90th Legislative Session. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Theriot recommends considering the Resolution and pause the consideration of tax abatement agreements and add the battery storage facilities to the Resolution.

Resolution 34-2026 is read.

Commissioner Theriot makes motion to recommend approval of Resolution with the working, The Caldwell County Commissioners Court will not enter into economic incentives agreements, including but not limited to tax abatement agreements related to large scale data centers and battery storage facilities, adding that pending the adjournment of the 90th Texas legislative session.

8.13.26 Resolution 34-2026 Data Center Development.pdf
8.13.26 REVISED Resolution 34-2026 Data Center Development.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding an Air Methods Community Partnership Agreement between Caldwell County and Air Methods, LLC. Speaker: Judge Haden/Spencer Gunn/Ann Rolfe; Backup: 11; Cost: TBD

Spencer Gunn, representing Air Methods Corporation, provided a slideshow presentation to the court regarding the details and services of the program.

Judge Haden requested that Item H.7 be tabled to allow for further review of the program and bought back for consideration at the September agenda.

Commissioner Westmoreland moved to table Item H.7 and requested that it be bought back at first meeting in September.

Air Methods Community Partnerships Slide Deck.pdf
Air Methods Community Partnership Agreement.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- H.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation for National Emergency Management Awareness Month. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel/Joann Garza-Mayberry; Backup: 1; Cost:

\$0.00

Proclamation is read.

Judge Haden welcomed Joann Garza-Mayberry, Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), to the team and expressed appreciation to Phyllis Hillhouse, Event and Facility Manager, for her continued work and contributions.

8.13.26 Proclamation - National Emergency Management Awareness Month (August 2026).pdf

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

MOTION APPROVED.

H.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Caldwell County Burn Ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Hector Rangel, EMC, recommends to put the burn ban on.
Burn Ban Order 8.13.26.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.10 To approve Order 08-2026 for an Election to be held in Caldwell County as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution. Speaker: Judge Haden/Devante Coe; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Order 08-2026 is read.

Devonte Coe, Elections Administrator, states correction to show for special forms, emergency and limited ballots will be conducted at the main early voting location, Scott Annex Building.

Commissioner Thomas stated that he would like to discuss early voting locations at the meeting on the 27th and brought to the Court's attention that some things have been overlooked in Precinct 4 during this election cycle.

Commissioner Westmoreland made a motion to approve order 08-2026 as is including the amendment that was read with the correction.

Order 08-2026 - November General Election Order 2026.pdf
Order 08-2026 - REVISED November General Election Order 2026.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.11 To discuss and take possible action on Budget Transfer 17-2026 for Elections Department moving from Repairs & Maintenance to multiple line items in the amount of \$17,200.00.
Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
BT 17-2026 Elections.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding Budget Transfer 18-2026 for Jail moving from

Training, Repairs & Maintenance, Machinery & Equipment to Food Supplies in the amount of \$30,000.00. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00 BT 18-2026 Jail.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.13 To discuss and take possible action on Budget Amendment 15-2026 moving from Contingency to Justice of the Peace PCT. 1-4 Software Maintenance in the amount of \$26,240.00. Speaker: Judge Haden/Danie Teltow; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
BA 15-2026 JPs.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.14 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the award for RFP26CCP01P Caldwell County Medical Service for Inmates. Speaker: Judge Haden/Dominique Esquivel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Dominique Esquivel, Purchasing Administrative Assistant, recommended awarding the contract for Caldwell County medical services for inmates to Southern Health Partners.
Award Recommendation RFP 26CCP01P.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.15 To discuss and approve final draft and solicitation of RFB 26CCP02B Unit Road Materials, Fuel, Oil and Lubricants. Speaker: Judge Haden/Stephanie Pleitez; Backup: 39; Cost: \$0.00

Stephanie Pleitez, Purchasing Assistant, requested approval to solicit public bids for unit road materials, fuel, oil and lubricants.
RFB- 26CCP02B - Unit Road Materials.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opens at 10:57 a.m. and closed at 11:16 a.m.

I.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Hercules. Possible action may follow in open court.

No action taken will follow in open court.

I.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Roller Coaster. Possible action may follow in open court.

No action will follow in open court.

H.16 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Hercules economic development negotiations. Commissioners Court may provide further instruction or take necessary action as appropriate. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: TBD

Motion to table.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Postpone. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

H.17 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Project Roller Coaster economic development negotiations. Commissioners Court may provide further instruction or take necessary action as appropriate. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: TBD

Motion to table.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Postpone. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 11:22 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Adjourn. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

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 held by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on August 13, 2026.




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