

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 13, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 13th day of January 2021 at its meeting place in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Waller County Judge Trey Duhon at 9:02 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i>	<i>- Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i>	<i>- Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
		<i>Commissioner Jones</i>	<i>- Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i>	<i>- Yes</i>

PUBLIC COMMENT – *None*

To slow the spread of COVID-19, the public may make public comment at the beginning of the meeting by teleconference. **Local callers should call 979-921-6212.** Non-local callers should call 800-576-1131. The user code for both numbers is **14329937**. Callers will be asked if they would like to make public comment. After public comment, the teleconference line will be closed. The public may continue to watch the meeting streamed online at <http://wallercountytexas.swagit.com/live>.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items identified within the consent agenda are of a routine nature, and will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately. If a member of the court or public requests that a particular item be discussed, that agenda item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

2. **Approval of the minutes** – January 6, 2021 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**
5. **Request by County Engineer to approve the final plat of Kingsland Heights, Section 4 which consist of 27.013 acres which will include 97 Lots, 6 Blocks, and 9 Reserves, in Precinct 4.**

6. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for San Bernard Electric Coop. Inc., to place a power pole in the right-of-way of Joseph Rd.
7. Request by 506th District Judge to approve Fixed Asset Transfers to County Court at Law.

Motion made to approve Consent Agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

8. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign one resale deed for the private tax resale of properties currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

SHERIFF

9. Discuss and take action to approve additional staffing for the Courthouse.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion to table agenda item made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Court revisits agenda item #9 (after item #10, page 2)

10. Discuss and take action to approve additional copy machines for the new Sheriff's Office and Jail.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Returned to Agenda Item #9

9. Discuss and take action to approve additional staffing for the Courthouse.

Motion to revisit agenda item #9 made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion to table agenda item made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Waller County Sheriff's Office and Texana Center for mental health services for the Waller County Jail.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

10:02 a.m. Commissioner Amsler briefly dismissed from meeting.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 12. Discuss and take action to approve Amendment for Incode Public Safety Subscription in the amount of \$7,543.00 to be funded from line item 125-515-545515 [Equipment Rental/Repairs].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

10:05 a.m. Commissioner Amsler returned to meeting.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes	Commissioner Amsler – Yes	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

- 13. Discuss and take action to set up an account with Best Buy through the Harris County Department of Education Choice Partners Cooperative Buying Program.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes	Commissioner Amsler – Yes	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

- 14. **Discussion** of possible revisions to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in light of ATLAS 14 and past rain events.

No action required.

- 15. **Discussion** of a plan to revise the Subdivision and Development Regulations to adopt ATLAS 14.

No action required.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 16. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Texana and approve payment of \$35,933.00 as allocated in the 2021 Budget. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-542254 [Texana Center Behavioral Healthcare].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes	Commissioner Amsler – Yes	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 17. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 18. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

19. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:32 a.m.

I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.



Debbie Hollan
Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk

APPROVED this the 20th day of January 2021.

Trey Duhon, III
Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge