

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 19, 2021

*Due to the catastrophe created by the snow and ice storm, Commissioners Court was postponed from
Wednesday – February 17, 2021 to Friday – February 19, 2021,
Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.0411*

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Friday, the 19th day of February 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 10:05 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

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

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

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Absent</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – 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://wallercountytx.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 – February 10, 2021 Regular Session
3. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,161.00 for invoice # 3848 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(b) \$6,000.00 for invoice dated December 9, 2020 to Southwest Realty Consultants from line item 125-401-540900 [Prof Consultant Services]

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request by County Court at Law Judge for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.
6. Request by District Clerk for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.
7. Request by Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 of the Texas Tax Code.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

COUNTY JUDGE

8. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates.~~
Item WITHDRAWN. *Court revisits agenda item #8 further in the meeting. (page 3)*
9. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Resolution in Opposition to SB234/HB749 Efforts to Silence County Officials.~~
Item WITHDRAWN. *Court revisits agenda item #9 further in the meeting. (page 3)*

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

10. ~~Discuss and take action on Precinct 3 & the Prairie View A&M University Community Development Program Partnership.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**
11. **Spread** upon the minutes a Certificate of Completion for the required hours of Continuing Education for 2021 as prescribed in Section 81.0025 of the Texas Government Code.
No action required.

DISTRICT CLERK

12. **Spread** upon the minutes Certification of Completion award to Liz Pirkle, Waller County District Clerk for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2020 as prescribed by Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code.
No action required.

SHERIFF

13. Discuss and take action to accept donations in the amount of \$1,150.00 and post to revenue budget line 125-000-470200 (Donations/Animal Control). The proceeds will be expended from budget line 125-515-536700 (Donation/Animal Control).

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

FIRE MARSHAL

14. Discuss and take action to approve the application of the 2021 State Homeland Security Program for the purchase of hand held radios in the amount of \$57,347.28 and assign the County Judge as the Authorized Official.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

15. ~~Discuss and take action to approve additional furniture for Precinct 4.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.
16. ~~Discuss and take action to approve additional fencing options for Precinct 4.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.
17. ~~Discuss and take action to approve roll down shades for Teller Windows at the following three buildings: Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Annex, and Precinct 4 Courthouse Annex.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

MISCELLANEOUS

18. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$5,689.00 for Invoice # 113695 and \$7023.40 for Invoice # 113907 for a total of \$12,712.40 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

19. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

Returned to Agenda Items #8 & #9

8. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates.
Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent | <i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes |
9. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution in Opposition to SB234/HB749 Efforts to Silence County Officials.
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
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| | <i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes |

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 20. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 21. ~~Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

ADJOURN MEETING

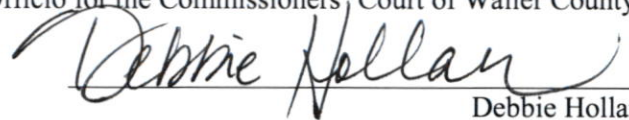
Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:28 a.m.

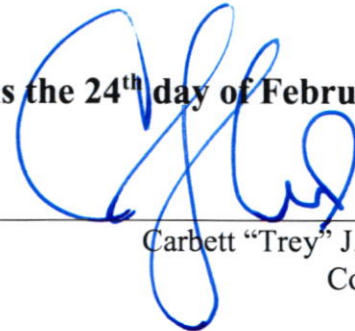
I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as
Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.



Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk



APPROVED this the 24th day of February 2021.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge