MINUTES

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY – APRL 7, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 7th day of April 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 9:00 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 Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk Absent: Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3

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 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Jones – Absent Commissioner Smith – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

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 March 31, 2021 Regular Session
- 3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
- 4. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,177.50 for Invoice dated March 26, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
- 5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

- 6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - a) \$1,029,914.21 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg Purch. Const. or Improv.Jail-Judicial].
 - b) \$47,203.60 from line item 125-600-587526 [Library].
 - c) \$7,929.75 from line item 125-600-581610 [Pct. 4 Building].

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote. Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Duhon – Yes	Commissioner Amsler	-Yes	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
	Commissioner Jones	- Absent	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

PROCLAMATION

7. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.Motion carried by 4-0 vote.Judge Trey Duhon - YesCommissioner Amsler - YesCommissioner Smith

Commissioner Amsler – YesCommissioner Smith– YesCommissioner Jones– AbsentCommissioner Beckendorff– Yes

8. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff. **Motion carried** by 4-0 vote. Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Amsler – YesCommissioner Smith– YesCommissioner Jones – AbsentCommissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY JUDGE

9. **Presentation** of report on delinquent tax and fine and fee collection by Otilia Gonzales of Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP. *No action required.*

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

 Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign one resale deed for the private resale of property 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 4-0 vote. Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Jones – Absent Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

 Discuss and take action to approve the acceptance of Twinwood Parkway from Woods Rd to FM 359 into the County Maintained Road Log. Item WITHDRAWN.

SHERIFF

12. **Spread** upon the minutes the Waller County Sheriff's Office 2020 Racial Profiling Report as presented to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. *No action required.*

MISCELLANEOUS

- 13. Discuss and take action to decommission jail at 701 Calvit Street.
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
 Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
 Judge Trey Duhon Yes
 Commissioner Amsler Yes
 Commissioner Smith Yes
 Commissioner Jones Absent
- 14. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19. *No action taken.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. (Court attended Child Welfare Board event on the front lawn of Courthouse before going into Executive Session) **Court reconvened from Executive Session 10:35 a.m.**

16. 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 Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff. **Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - YesCommissioner Amsler - YesCommissioner Smith- YesCommissioner Jones- AbsentCommissioner Beckendorff- Yes

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:35 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



Bv: Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the 14th of April 2021.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III County Judge