

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 21st day of September 2022 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 9:05 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 Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.com/live>.

1. Bill Parks 2. Leshia Roberts 3. Alan Younts 4. David Sanders

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** – September 14, 2022 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 9850 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXTENSION SERVICES

6. Presentation and approval of the National 4-H Week Proclamation by the Waller County 4-H Ambassadors declaring October 2-9, 2022 as “National 4-H Week in Waller County.”

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

7. **Introduction** of Waller County’s Cooperative Extension Program, Community and Economic Development Agent, Kay Coffield, with Prairie View A & M University.

No action required.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

8. Discuss and take action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Prairie View, Prairie View A&M University, and the County of Waller for repairs on Old F.M. 1098.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion FAILED by 2-3 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – No

Commissioner Smith – No

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – No

SHERIFF

9. Discuss and take action to approve out of state travel and lodging for one Detective to attend the Southeastern Homicide Investigators Association Conference for training in Gulf Shores, Alabama. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, 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

10. Discuss and take action to approve Request for Proposals for body cameras and publication of RFP notice. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT.

11. ~~Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Subdivision Development Regulations, Engineering Design Standards, Section 2—Lot size, regarding the minimum lot size per dwelling, by Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Hooper.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

IT DEPT.

12. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of alarm control panels for \$6,218.00 replacing the existing panels at the Waller County Community Center.

Judge Duhon made motion to discuss and take action to approve the purchase of alarm control panels for \$6,218.00 replacing the existing panels at the Waller County Community Center to be paid from line item 125-441-581700 [Equipment], seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

COUNTY CLERK

13. Discuss and take action to approve the 2023 Sheriff’s and Constables’ Fees as recommended by the County Sheriff.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, 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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

14. Discuss and take action to approve payment of Invoice # 3 for \$260,916.81 to Sedalco from line item 603-603-545405 [Professional Services].

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

15. **Update** on the design phase of the Waller County Courthouse Replacement ~~and Annex Project #4.~~

No action required.

MISCELLANEOUS

16. Discuss and take action to approve Designation of Representatives for Houston-Galveston Area Council 2023 General Assembly and Board of Directors.

Judge Duhon announced the current positions: Representative General Assembly and Delegate Board of Directors Judge Duhon; Representative General Assembly and Alternate Board of Directors Commissioner Beckendorff; Alternate General Assembly #1 Commissioner Amsler; and then Alternate General Assembly Commissioner Smith.

Judge Duhon moved we discuss and take action to approve Designation of Representatives for Houston-Galveston Area Council 2023 General Assembly and Board of Directors and keep the same delegates as we had last year, put Kendrick Jones on the 2nd Alternate General Assembly (replacing Commissioner Smith), seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 17. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 18. ~~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 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:07 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 28th day of September 2022.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge