#### **MINUTES**

# WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 6, 2016

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016 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 9:01 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 Russell Klecka, Commissioner Precinct 2 Jeron Barnett, 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 Barnett

1. Approval of Agenda.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett. **Motion carried**.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Klecka – Ye

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1. Bob Gage expressed his appreciation to the court for appointing him to the BlueBonnet Groundwater Conservation District.
- 2. Dr. Denise Mattox commented on the research and work David Fisher has done regarding the Sandra Bland incident.

# **CONSENT AGENDA (2-5 Items)**

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 December 23, 2015 Regular Session, December 29, 2015 Special Session
- 3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of payroll.
- 4. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - a.) \$2,437.55 for Invoice #01-729160 to REDICARPET from line item 600-600-587518 [JP2].
  - b.) \$4,812.70 for Invoice #0003265 to Johnston, LLC from line item 600-600-587522 [JAIL].

Motion to **approve** consent agenda items #2-5 by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

### TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

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

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett. **Motion carried**.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

# **AUDITOR**

6. Discuss and take action on request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett. **Motion carried**.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 7. Consultation with District Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation.
- 8. Consultation with District Attorney regarding courthouse security [Executive Session as requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits)].
- 9. Consultation with Attorney JD Head of Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC, via telephone conference call, regarding contested case hearing in SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3597, and 2011 Landfill Ordinance [Executive Session as requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].
- 10. Consultation with Attorney JD Head of Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC, via telephone conference call, regarding pending or contemplated litigation with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC [Executive Session as requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Court **convened** to Executive Session at 9:08 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 9:48 a.m.

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

No action taken from Executive Session.

# **ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Klecka, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff. **Motion carried**.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

 $Commissioner\ Amsler\ -\ Yes$ 

Commissioner Klecka

– Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED this the 13th day of January 2016.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III

County Judge

ATTEST:

Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners'

Court of Waller County, Texas