

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 7, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 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 8:30 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  
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 made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – 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.swagit.com/live>.

The following public member(s) made public comment via teleconference:  
Denise Mattox spoke to the court regarding elections and polling locations.

**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 30, 2020 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request by County Treasurer to approve Fixed Asset Transfers.
5. Request by County Engineer for the approval of an Access Easement from Carolyn Gray for the purpose of cleaning an outfall ditch on Buller Road.

6. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$1,720.00 for Invoice dated September 28, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial].
  - (b) \$675.00 for Invoice to Lewis Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
  - (c) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 1926 and \$1,476.00 for Invoice # 1933 for a total of \$4,363.00 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
7. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
8. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9. **Presentation** by Lisa Murphy with AP Solar on a proposed solar farm in partnership with Rice University. *No action required.*
10. ~~Discuss and take action to approve variance from the Waller County Tax Abatement and Incentives Policy as requested from Lisa Murphy with AP Solar.~~  
Item **WITHDRAWN.**

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

11. **Open** Competitive Bids for “Kelley Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Clear Creek.”  
The following bids were submitted and opened by the Court:
  1. Earth Builders received on October 6, 2020 at 1:25 p.m.
  2. WadeCon, LLC received October 6, 2020 1:41 p.m.
  3. Harper Brothers Construction received October 6, 2020 1:38 p.m.
12. **Open** Competitive Bids for “McAllister Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.”  
The following bids were submitted and opened by the Court:
  1. WadeCon, LLC received October 6, 2020 1:41 p.m.
  2. Earth Builders received October 6, 2020 1:25 p.m.
  3. John Reed & Co. received October 6, 2020 1:28 p.m.
  4. Harper Brothers Construction received October 6, 2020 1:38 p.m.
13. **Open** Competitive Bids for “Robin Hood Ln. Bridge Replacement Over Brushy Creek.”  
The following bids were submitted and opened by the Court:
  1. TLC Construction Contract Services received October 6, 2020 1:13 p.m.
  2. Harper Brothers Construction received October 6, 2020 1:38 p.m.
  3. WadeCon, LLC received October 6, 2020 1:41 p.m.

## AUDITOR

14. Discuss and take action to approve Community Supervision Department line item budget transfer, WC 2020-41.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

15. **Spread** upon the minutes the certification of the Juvenile Probation Department, TJJD Regional Diversion Alternative Grant R, in the amount of \$18,187.48 and amend the 2020 budget # WC 2020-42. *No action required.*

16. Discuss and take action to approve quarterly reimbursement of Juror Payments.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve the following private tax resale bids:
- Lot 4, Block 22, College Addition, Town of Waller, Waller County, Texas, tax account R29163, in the amount of \$9,980.00 by RPDC, Inc.;
  - Lot 5, Block 41, College Addition, Town of Waller, Waller County, Texas, tax account R29258, in the amount of \$9,980.00 by RPDC, Inc.;
  - Lot 6, Block 41, College Addition, Town of Waller, Waller County Texas, tax account R29259, in the amount of \$9,980.00 by RPDC, Inc.;
  - Lot 7, Block 41, College Addition, Town of Waller, Waller County, Texas, tax account R29260, in the amount of \$9,980.00 by RPDC, Inc.;
  - Lot 8, Block 41, College Addition, Town of Waller, Waller County, Texas, tax account R29261, in the amount of \$11,400.00 by RPDC, Inc.;

and authorize the County Judge to execute deeds for the sale of said properties to RPDC, Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

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

*No action taken.*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
20. ~~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 Amsler.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:44 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

*Trey Duhon*

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge