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WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4th day of November 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 9:10 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 – arrived to court at 9:16 a.m.
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

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 Smith

- Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Absent

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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live.

- 1. Colt Haack commented on plat procedures and guidelines with the County.
- 2. Commissioner Barnett thanked everyone for those who supported him in the election.

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 October 28, 2020 Regular Session
- 3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
- 4. Item 4 removed from Consent Agenda, Court to vote on separately (page 2 of 3).

- 5. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$7,500.00 for invoice # 07108 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG] for quarterly payment as allocated in the 2020 Budget.
- 6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve without #4 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

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Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Elections Payroll.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion to amend to approve at a rate pay of \$15.00 per the final audit by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler - Yes

Commissioner Smith

- Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

Amended Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith

- Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

- 7. Award Bid for "Type A, Grade 2, Flex Base". Item TABLED
- 8. **Open** Bids for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services related to the Texas General Land Office (CBDG-MIT) funding program.
 - 1. Received October 26, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. from Halff & Associates
 - 2. Received October 27, 2020 at 12:11 p.m. from Amani Engineering
 - 3. Received October 27, 2020 at 1:12 p.m. from LJA Engineering
 - 4. Received October 26, 2020 at 11:51 a.m. from A&S Engineers
 - 5. Received October 26, 2020 at 11:51 a.m. from TLC Engineering
 - 6. Received October 27, 2020 at 1:19 p.m. from Terracon Consultants
 - 7. Received October 23, 2020 at 9:52 a.m. from Jones Carter

AUDITOR

9. Discuss and take action to approve Extension Office line item budget transfer, WC #2020-46.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith

- Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

 Discuss and take action to approve Sheriff Department line item budget transfer, WC 2020-48.

Judge Duhon made motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith

- Yes

Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

11. Discuss and take action to approve Community Supervision line item transfer WC 2020-49. Item WITHDRAWN.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discuss and take action to approve Resolution on the Indigent Defense Grant Program.
 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 Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 14. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 15. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Barnett. **Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes

Commissioner Amsler - Yes

Commissioner Smith

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Commissioner Barnett - Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:37 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 10th day of November 2020.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III

County Judge