

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 2, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January 2019 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 10:00 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
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** agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #16

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. David Luther commented about elections.
2. J Sawyer discussed vehicles traveling too fast on Green Prairie Drive at Willow Creek Farms, asked Commissioners to consider speed bump(s) on Green Prairie Drive.
3. Art Hernandez advised court he has signatures from residents on Green Prairie Drive in support of suggested speed bumps.

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 – December 19, 2018 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.
5. Request to approve payment on the following:
(a) \$44.97 for invoice # E1118WCA1801 to TurnerDuran Architects from item line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Bldg.].
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts.

Motion to **approve** consent agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TREASURER

7. Discuss and take action to approve inventory transfer to storage.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

8. Discuss and take action to increase the Extension Office part time hourly rate to \$15.00 and amend the 2019 Salary Order.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

9. Discuss and take action to authorize County Treasurer to receive additional funds from the District Attorney for the purpose of paying salary supplements and increases in benefits to employees of the District Attorney's office for 2019.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

10. Discuss and take action to approve contract with Alpha Testing for the Precinct 4 Annex Building project.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #12

11. ~~Discuss and take action to approve add alternates for the Justice Center project.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

MISCELLANEOUS

12. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Walter E. Smith as the Second Alternate to the General Assembly on the Houston-Galveston Area Council for 2019.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

13. Discuss and take action to approve Court Order setting the pay for Jurors in 2019 and providing food and lodging for Jurors in certain cases and instances.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes *Commissioner Amsler – Yes* *Commissioner Smith – Yes*
Commissioner Barnett – Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

14. Discuss and take action to approve Court Order setting allowances for travel outside the County in 2019.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes *Commissioner Amsler – Yes* *Commissioner Smith – Yes*
Commissioner Barnett – Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

15. Discuss and take action to deliberate business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney’s Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to contract negotiations for the Justice Center Project would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes *Commissioner Amsler – Yes* *Commissioner Smith – Yes*
Commissioner Barnett – Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Proceeded to Agenda Item #17

16. Discuss and take action to approve Bonds for Elected Officials.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes *Commissioner Amsler – Yes* *Commissioner Smith – Yes*
Commissioner Barnett – Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Returned to Public Comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:21 a.m.

17. Deliberate business and financial issues related to contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code 551.0725.
18. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
19. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.

Agenda Item #11 WITHDRAWN.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett to **approve** the settlement of \$10,000.00 in the matter of Christian Harlow vs The City of Prairie View, Waller County, and the State of Texas, Cause Number 17-09-24504, in the 506th District Court of Waller County.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett to **approve** the settlement and release with the Willow Creek Farms Municipal Utility District in the amount of \$500,000.00 concerning the Transportation Development Agreement and Amendment.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:18 a.m.

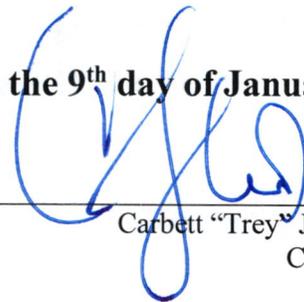
I ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OF THE FORGOING MINUTES:



Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners’
Court of Waller County, Texas



APPROVED this the 9th day of January 2019.



Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III
County Judge