

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 4, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4th day of January 2023 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 9:02 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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – 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>.

1. Bill Parks
2. Commissioner Kendric Jones

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 21, 2022 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of one-time COLA Stipend.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$37,500.00 for invoice No. 2259 to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development] as allocated in the 2023 Budget.

(b) \$1,295.00 for invoice dated December 13, 2022 to Magnolia Funeral Homes, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$6,224.00 for invoice # 11035 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Authorize Grant Manager to submit an application to the H-GAC relative to the FY2023 State Homeland Security Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
7. Request by Grant Manager to accept a \$50,000 grant award provided to the County by the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation.
8. **Spread** upon the minutes the submittal of a Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Public Assistance application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for eligible expenses the County incurred related to COVID-19.

Motion made to approve Consent Agenda 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

PROCLAMATION

9. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation in recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #14

14. Discuss and take action to approve request by the 4-H Horse Club to use the Community Center on a continued basis for the 2nd Tuesday each month for 2023 beginning January 10, 2023.

Motion made 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

Proceeded with Agenda Item #10

EXTENSION OFFICE

10. ~~**Presentation** by Texas A&M AgriLife District Extension Administrator, Eric Zimmerman, of final candidate for court approval to fill vacant County Extension Agent Position for 4-H and Youth Development. Item WITHDRAWN.~~