

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 6, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 6th day of January 2021 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
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Absent: Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2

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 Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – 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. Dr. Denise Mattox commented on agenda item #5 via teleconference.

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 23, 2020 Regular Session

3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$1,195.00 for Invoice dated December 9, 2020 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$100.00 for Invoice # 229000 to Texas Association of Counties from line item 125-440-563000 [Training & Conference Expense].

(c) \$200.00 for Invoice # 239595 to Texas Association of Counties from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

(d) \$150.00 to CIRA for Invoice # SOP013565 from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5. **Public Hearing:** Designating the following property as a reinvestment zone under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Interested persons may speak or present evidence for or against the designation.

Houston Executive Airport
1900 Cardiff Road
Brookshire, Texas 77423

Public Hearing began at 9:05 a.m.

No public comments received. Vince Yokom-WCEDP Director spoke.

Public Hearing ended at 9:21 a.m.

6. Discuss and take action to approve Reinvestment Zone Order for Waller County HEA Reinvestment Zone 9.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

7. **Award Competitive Bids on:**

ALL SEASON PRE-COATED PATCHING MIXTURE (ASPPM) GRADATION IV
COLD MIX ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT
CRUSHED LIMESTONE
EMULSIFIED ASPHALT & HAULING
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUELS
HAULING SERVICES FOR GRAVEL & AGGREGATE MATERIAL
HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) PIPE
HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT & HAULING FOR Pct. 1 and Pct. 2
HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT & HAULING FOR Pct. 3 and Pct. 4
HYDRATED LIME
MOWING CONTRACT
PRE-COATED AGGREGATE
RECLAIMED ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT
REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE
ROADSIDE VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT
STABILIZED SAND

TYPE A BLACK BASE
USED TANK CARS
PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKERS
BRIDGE GUARDRAIL REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS

Judge Duhon made motion that we award the bids in accordance with the recommendations of the County Engineer based on the handout he's provided to us, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

8. Discuss and take action to authorize County Treasurer to accept discretionary funds from the District Attorney for the purpose of paying salary supplements and attendant benefits to employees of the District Attorney's Office for county fiscal year 2021, and authorize the County Treasurer to pay the same.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Court reconsiders and takes additional action on Agenda Item #8 further in the meeting. (pages 3-4)

MISCELLANEOUS

9. Discuss and take action to approve Court Order setting the pay for Jurors in 2021 and providing food and lodging for Jurors in certain cases and instances.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

10. Discuss and take action to approve Court Order setting allowances for travel outside the County in 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Judge Duhon made motion to amend to approve the Court Order as we have in front of us with the exception of the mileage reimbursement will be in accordance with IRS Guidelines which will be \$0.56 cents per mile, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

Returned to Agenda Item #8

8. Discuss and take action to authorize County Treasurer to accept discretionary funds from the District Attorney for the purpose of paying salary supplements and attendant benefits

to employees of the District Attorney's Office for county fiscal year 2021, and authorize the County Treasurer to pay the same.

Motion to reconsider Agenda Item #8 made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Judge Duhon made motion to add Bennett Dodson at \$3,000.00 and Melissa Hudspeth at \$3,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. **Item WITHDRAWN**
13. 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 Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:23 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



By: *Stephanie Tompkins*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the 13th day of January 2021.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge