

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 7, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 7th day of January 2015 at its meeting place in 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
Russell Klecka, 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** by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Klecka.

Motion carried.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

2. **Approval of the minutes – 2 Sets**

Motion to **approve** two sets of minutes by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

Minutes approved: December 17, 2014 Regular Session, December 23, 2014 Regular Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mike McCall congratulated the newly constituted Commissioners Court.
2. Billy Frazier offered comments to each of the members of court.

TREASURER

3. ~~Request by County Treasurer for approval and/or release of securities pledged by First National Bank of Bellville / Waller Branch.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

4. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of payroll.**

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

Motion carried.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

5. Request approval from the County Treasurer, Joan Sargent, to pay accrued benefits through December 31, 2014 to Joan Sargent, employed as Deputy Treasurer.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

6. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Treasurer to receive funds from the District Attorney for the purpose of processing and paying salary supplements to employees of the District Attorney's office for fiscal year 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

DISTRICT CLERK

7. Request for the County Treasurer to pay benefits accrued through December 31, 2014 to Liz Pirkle, employed as Chief Deputy Clerk in the District Clerk's Office.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY JUDGE

8. Discuss and take action to appoint representative for Waller County to Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission for 2015.

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

Motion to **appoint** Judge Trey Duhon as representative for Waller County by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to execute conflict of interest waiver for District Attorney and his employees on matters related to Pintail Landfill including matters related to the "Host Agreement" with Pintail and litigation involving the landfill.

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

Court **convened** to **Executive Session** pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 at 9:23 a.m.

Court **reconvened** from **Executive Session** at 10:06 a.m.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. ~~Discussion with District Attorney regarding current litigation involving Pintail Landfill and City of Hempstead.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

COUNTY ENGINEER

11. Recommend that the Court approve advertising the establishment of speed limits and the installation of speed limit signs on the following roads:

- Schlipf Road: from Morton Road to Stockdick Road of 35 mph, and
- Stockdick Road: from Schlipf Road to FM 2855 of 35 mph

Advertising to be posted in the following newspapers of general circulation: Times Tribune and News Citizen, and payment for advertising to be funded from Line Item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing], followed by a public hearing during the regular session of Commissioners Court on January 28, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

12. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$1,728.20 for Invoice #14027 to H-GAC from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues] for Membership Dues.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ~~Consultation with District Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding case entitled *City of Hempstead and Citizens Against the Landfill in Hempstead v. Waller County, Texas, et al.*; Cause No. 13-03-21872; In the 506th Judicial District Court of Waller County, Texas; Waller County Ordinance No. 2013-001 and the Host Agreement between Waller County, Texas and Pintail Landfill, L.L.C. [Executive Session as requested [pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D. Section 551.071 9 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Court **convened** to **Executive Session** pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 at 10:10 a.m.

Court **reconvened** from **Executive Session** at 11:43 a.m.

No action taken.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

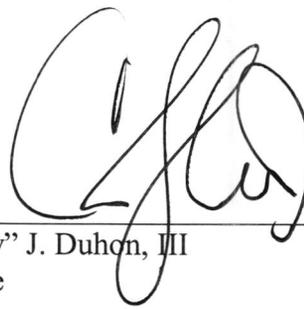
Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:46 a.m.

APPROVED this the 12th day of January 2015.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

ATTEST:



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

