

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 11, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 11th 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 9:04 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 – *Arrived at 9:08 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

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made to approve agenda with grammatical corrections to items #6 and #8 by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

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. David Allen
3. Larry Parr *via teleconference*

Commissioner Jones arrived to meeting at 9:08 a.m.

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** – January 4, 2023 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$2,271.76 for Invoice # 2023-12 to H-GAC from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues] for Membership Dues.
 - (b) \$4,183.00 for Invoice # 10977 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
 - (c) \$1,050.00 and \$1,100.00 for invoices dated December 2, 2022 for a total of \$2,150.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Request by Grant Manager for approval to accept a \$6,000.00 grant award provided by to the County's Juvenile Probation Department by the Houston-Galveston Area Council for Regional Juvenile Mental Health Services.
7. **Spread** upon the minutes the submittal of a STEP Comprehensive FY24 Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$21,359.40.
8. **Spread** upon the minutes the submittal of a STEP CMV FY24 Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$36,721.25.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

9. **Presentation** by Hawes Hill and Associates on County Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones.
No action required.

Commissioner Smith stepped away from meeting at 10:15 a.m.

SHERIFF

10. Discuss and take action to approve renewal of Motorola contract and annual renewal payment of \$25,238.91 to be paid from line item 125-517-545515 [Equipment Rental/Repairs].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

Commissioner Smith returned to meeting at 10:19 a.m.

GRANT MANAGER

11. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to execute two contracts relative to grant administration services associated with projects funded by the County's CDBG-MIT State MID and CDBG-MIT HUD MID funds.