

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 12, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 12th day of January 2022 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 9:03 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Smith

Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

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>.

The following Public Members made Public Comment:

1. Tracy Sebesta
2. Constable Smith introduced his new Chief.
3. Larry Parr
4. Dr. Denise Mattox
5. Judge JR Woolley

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 5, 2022 Regular Session**
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,115.00 for Invoice dated December 20, 2021 and \$1,065.00 for Invoice dated January 3, 2022 for a total of \$2,180.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (b) \$1,080.00 for Invoice dated December 27, 2021 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (c) \$6,935.00 for Invoice # 7083 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
 - (d) \$37,500.00 for Invoice # 2139 to Waller County Economic Development for the 1st quarterly payment as allocated in the 2022 Budget from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Request by County Clerk for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.
7. Request by County Engineer to accept existing Right-of-Way on Bell Rd., Schmidt Rd., and Morgan Rd. by Mr. Timothy J. Phelan.
8. Request by County Engineer to approve a utility permit for Center Point Energy to place a gas pipeline in the right-of-way of Clay Rd.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

9. Discuss and take action on Road and Bridge culvert permit fees. *(no backup submitted)*
 Commissioner Beckendorff moved to establish an agricultural culvert permit fee at \$125.00, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
 Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to table agenda item, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

10. **Public Hearing:** On the installation of “No Thru Trucks” signs on Rothen Road (between FM 362 and Mathis Rd.).
Public Hearing began at 9:42 a.m.
 Comments were received from various public members in favor of the installation of “No Thru Trucks”.
Public Hearing ended at 9:55 a.m.
11. Discuss and take action to approve installation of “No Thru Trucks” signs on Rothen Rd. (between FM 362 and Mathis Rd.). *(no backup submitted)*
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.