

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 15, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 15th day of January 2020 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 9:00 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
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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #18

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:04 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

No action taken from Executive Session.

Proceeded to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacie Villareal reminded everyone of the Open House at the Extension Office today from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.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 8, 2020 Regular Session**

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's monthly report.
5. Request by County Treasurer for approval to amend the 2020 Salary Order to accommodate position changes.
6. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
7. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$80.00 for invoice #20547401 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 20112401 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1,075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].
 - (b) \$15,000 for invoice #54661802980 to OnSolve from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts] for CodeRED Standard.
 - (c) \$32,500.00 for invoice #1935 to Waller County Economic Development as allocated in the 2020 Budget from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].
 - (d) \$5,589.90 for invoice #1219WCA1801 and \$28.71 for invoice #E1219WCA1801 for a total of \$5,618.61 to Turner Duran Architects from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4].
8. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion to **approve** consent agenda by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ELECTIONS

9. Discuss and take action to approve Early Voting Locations for the 2020 Primary Election.

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

Motion WITHDRAWN.

Advanced to Agenda Item # 11

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

11. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Subdivision Development Regulations, Engineering Design Standards, Section 2-Lot size, regarding the minimum lot size per dwelling, by Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Yates.

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

Motion carried by 4-0-1 Abstained vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Abstained

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ELECTIONS

- 9. Discuss and take action to approve Early Voting Locations for the 2020 Primary Election.

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

Election Administrator Christy Eason presented information regarding HB 1888 and options for Early Voting Locations for the 2020 Primary Election.

The following public members spoke regarding Agenda Item #9:

- 1. Rosa Harris 4. Dr. Denise Mattox 7. Mayor David Allen
2. Veda Brown 5. Ms. Reed
3. Ms. Miller 6. Ms. Marie Herndon

Court recessed at a 10:37 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

- 8. Kendrick Jones 10. David Luther
9. Irene Mattox 11. Sylvia Cedillo

Motion to **amend** by Commissioner Beckendorff to adopt Plan 2, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Plan 2 would be 4 early locations, 1 at the Road & Bridge Annex in Hempstead, the Waller County Community Center in Prairie View, the Waller ISD Admin Building, and then the Brookshire Convention Center,

Amendment carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes Commissioner Amsler - Yes Commissioner Smith - Yes
Commissioner Barnett - Yes Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

Amended Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes Commissioner Amsler - Yes Commissioner Smith - Yes
Commissioner Barnett - Yes Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

- 10. Discuss and take action to authorize the Sheriff’s Office continuation of 2 TXDOT-approved grants within the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Commercial Vehicle & Comprehensive Traffic Safety). STEP funding addresses driving safety in Waller County at several high injury/fatality locations and documented high-incident traffic areas.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes Commissioner Amsler - Yes Commissioner Smith - Yes
Commissioner Barnett - Yes Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

- 12. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Texana and approve payment of \$35,933.00 as allocated in the 2020 Budget. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-542254 [Texana Center Behavioral Healthcare].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes Commissioner Amsler - Yes Commissioner Smith - Yes
Commissioner Barnett - Yes Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes

13. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$688.50 to Kim Tindall & Associates from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

14. ~~Update on Jail Center Project.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

15. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$1,513,707.50 for invoice #11131 to Sedalco, Inc. from line item 601-601-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Cons., or Improv].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

16. ~~Update on Precinct 4 Building Project.~~ *No action required.*

17. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$475,482.85 to Collier Construction, LLC from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. ~~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 Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:37 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
Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk

APPROVED this the 22nd day of January 2020.

Trey Duhon
Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge