

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 20, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 9:00 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  
Kendric D. Jones, 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 Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *None*

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>.

**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 13, 2020 Regular Session

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

- (a) \$15,750.00 for Invoice # 54661833744 to Onsolve from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts] for Code RED.
- (b) \$5,000.00 for Invoice to Gulf Coast Rail District from line item 125-401-540900 [Professional Consultant Services].
- (c) \$1,728.20 for Invoice # 2021-12 to H-GAC from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

- (d) \$1,195.00 for Invoice dated January 2, 2021 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
- (e) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 5 and \$12,088.00 for Invoice # 3088 to Harris County for a total of \$14,975.00 from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
- (f) \$37,500.00 for invoice # 2031 to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development] for 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly payment as allocated in the 2021 Budget.
- (g) \$6,627.09 for invoice # 252575 to ICS from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].
- (h) \$85.00 for invoice # 21547401 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 21112401 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total \$1,080.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

- 4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
- 5. Request by County Clerk for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda 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

***Advanced to Agenda Item #7***

**WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD**

- 7. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.  
*No action required.*

***Proceeded with Agenda Item #6***

- 6. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment and reappointments of Waller County Child Welfare Board members for 2021.

Judge Duhon made motion to approve the appointment of Chris Whetzel and Deborah Roesler and the re-appointment of Scott Green and Andrea Miller to the Child Welfare Board for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**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

Judge Duhon made motion to amend to appoint Chris to a 1 year term and then Deborah will be a 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Amendment 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

(Judge Duhon swore in new and re-appointed members)

- 7. *Court addressed Agenda Item #7 earlier in meeting. (page 2)*

***Advanced to Agenda Items #12 & 13***

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 12. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. and approve payment of \$5,000.00 as allocated in the 2021 Budget. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-547320 [Colorado Valley Transit].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

- 13. Discuss and take action to approve the following private tax resale bid: Lots 1 through 10, Block 568, City of Hempstead, Waller County, Texas, tax account R21510, in the amount of \$10,000.00 by Mr. Robinson Garces-Granja, and authorize the County Judge to sign a deed for said properties to Mr. Robinson Garces-Granja.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

***Proceeded with Agenda Item #8***

**SHERIFF**

- 8. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Amendment to Global Tel Link Phone Agreement.~~  
**Item WITHDRAWN.**

- 9. Discuss and take action to approve the changes to the 2021 Salary Order as listed below to be effective January 24, 2021.

(a) Change Jailer-Paramedic Title to “Jailer-II”

(b) Correct pay discrepancy of \$0.50 for one Investigator Position.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR**

- 10. Discuss and take action to authorize County Treasurer to receive additional funds from the Tax Assessor Collector for the purpose of paying salary supplements and increases in benefits to employees of the Tax Assessor Collector’s office for 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

- 11. Discuss and take action to approve the Proposal from Power Associates, Inc for the 911 Dispatch Electrical Outlets for the Waller County Justice Center.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

12. Court addressed Agenda Item #12 earlier in meeting. (page 3)
13. Court addressed Agenda Item #13 earlier in meeting. (page 3)
14. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Kendric D. Jones as a Director to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation to fill the unexpired term of Jeron Barnett ending in December 2021 and for a term of two years beginning January 1, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

15. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.  
*No action taken.*
16. Discuss and take action to deliberate business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney's Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.
18. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

**Court convened to Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.**

**Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:02 a.m.**

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 Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:03 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*  
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Debbie Hollan  
Waller County Clerk

**APPROVED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.**

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