

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 2, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February 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 9:02 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 – *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.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 26, 2022 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 of the Texas Tax Code.**

4. **Request by IT Department for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.**

5. Request to approve payment on the following:
- (a) \$920.00 for invoice from Lewis Funeral Home and Chapel from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (b) \$1,195.00 for invoice dated January 13, 2022, \$1,195.00 for invoice dated January 14, 2022, and \$1,195.00 for invoice dated January 19, 2022 for a total of \$3,585.00 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
- Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
- Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.
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| <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 |

COUNTY JUDGE

7. Discuss and take action to approve S.B. 1990 Resolution for the Gulf Coast Rail District.
- Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
- Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.
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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent | <i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes |

COUNTY COURT AT LAW

8. Discuss the County Court at Law’s selection by the Texas Children’s Commission as one of five courts in Texas as a pilot project site for a trauma-informed court.
(no backup submitted)
No action required.
9. Discuss and take action to approve the payment for three laptops for the County Court at Law from line item 241-595-561209 [ARP Miscellaneous].
- Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
- Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.
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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent | <i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes |

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign a resale deed for the private tax resale of property currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.
- Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
- Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.
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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent | <i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes |