

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 5, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 5th day of February 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
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy 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 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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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 29, 2020 Regular Session

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

(a) \$7,500.00 for Invoice # 06806 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG) for quarterly payment as allocated in the 2020 Budget.

(b) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated January 27, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

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

PROCLAMATION

5. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation observing February as Black History Month.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
(Commissioner Barnett read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4

6. Discuss and take action to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear Program between Waller County and Texas Department of Public Safety.

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

SHERIFF

7. Discuss and take action to authorize the Sheriff's Office to seek Justice Assistance Grant funding from the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Office of the Governor through Houston-Galveston Area Council. The purpose of grant is to fund the purchase of equipment to promote public safety and reduce crime.

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

8. Discuss and take action to authorize the Sheriff's Office to seek funding from the State Homeland Security Program through Houston-Galveston Area Council. The purpose of grant is to fund the purchase of equipment to address WMD and terrorism risks to Waller County and to respond and recover from catastrophic threats.

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

AUDITOR

9. Discuss and take action to certify the Durkin Road donation from the City of Pattison in the amount of \$46,736.54 and amend the 2020 Road & Bridge budget.

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

10. Discuss and take action to approve line item transfer to correct input error on 2020 adopted budget.

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

11. Discuss and take action to approve line item transfer to reallocate Capital Outlay budget to capture Library renovation costs.

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

12. Discuss and take action to certify donation to Constable, Precinct 4 from the District Attorney, in the amount of \$1,000.00 and amend the 2020 budget.

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

13. Discuss and take action to approve request by Maggie Regier with Waller Pee Wee Football for permission to charge vendors, attendants, concessions, games, and activities for participation in a dance at the Community Center. Funds received will be used for the rental of the Community Center and as a fundraiser for the organization.

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

14. Discuss and take action to approve the following debt payments due February 15, 2020:
WC Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014 \$536,523.09 payable to B.B. & T
WC General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 \$472,050.00 payable to Amegy Bank.
WC General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 \$1,526,128.13, payable to Amegy Bank.
WC Tax Notes, Series 2018 \$3,904.51, payable to B.B. & T.
Paying Agent Fee \$300.00, payable to Amegy Bank.

To be paid from the following line items:

\$1,800,000.00 from 515-635-575000 (Principal)

\$738,605.73 from 515-635-576000 (Interest)

\$300.00 from 515-635-577000 (Other Fees)

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

15. Discuss and take action to publish a bid notice for the Precinct 4 Annex water plant. Notice to be published once a week for two weeks in the Katy Times. Funds to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices & Printing].

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

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

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:26 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

17. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken from Executive Session.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

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 10:15 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, Waller County Clerk

By: *Stephanie Tompkins*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy



APPROVED this the 11th day of February 2020.

Jeron Barnett
Commissioner Jeron Barnett
Presiding Judge