

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 6, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 6th day of February 2019 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, 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** agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mary Brymm announced upcoming Open House for the Library.
2. Michael Hardman

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 30, 2019 Regular Session

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

(a) \$15,654.00 for Invoice # 39544 to HTS, Inc. Consultants from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services – Jail].

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

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

11. Discuss and take action to approve the request by Prairie View Councilman Xante Wallace to waive Community Center fees for two public events for the City of Prairie View.

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

Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioners Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried – Item TABLED.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Items #19-24

12. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement between Waller County and Texana Center and payment of \$35,933.00 from line item 125-411-542254 [Texana Center Behavioral Healthcare] as allocated in the 2019 Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

13. **Open** Statements of Qualifications received for County Engineering Services RFQ for the Waller County 2019-2020 TxCDBG Community Development fund project.

The following Statements of Qualifications were submitted to and opened by the Court:

1. JF Fontaine & Associates, Inc.
2. Goodwin Lasiter & Strong

14. Discuss and take action to exercise renewal option on bids for Road and Bridge materials and services.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

15. Discuss and take action to publish notice for a public hearing to establish a reinvestment zone for project P150.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, funds to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices & Printing].

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

16. ~~Discuss and take action to appoint two members to the Joint Airport Safety Board.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

17. Discuss and take action to appoint one member to the Joint Airport Board of Adjustment.

Motion made by Judge Duhon, seconded by Commissioner Amsler to **appoint** John Amsler.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

18. ~~Discuss and take action to approve add alternates for the Justice Center project.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

Proceeded to Adjournment

19. 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 value of real property in Precinct 2 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

20. ~~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 contract negotiations for the Justice Center Project would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

21. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the value of real property in Precinct 2 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.
22. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code 551.0725. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
23. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
24. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

No action taken from Executive Session.

Returned to Agenda Item #12

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:39 a.m.

I ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OF THE FOREGOING MINUTES:

Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners'
Court of Waller County, Texas



By: Stephanie Tompkins
Stephanie Tompkins, Deputy County Clerk

APPROVED this the 13th day of February 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carbett 'Trey' J. Duhon, III". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge