

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 16, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 16th 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 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Jones
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 3-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

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/swagit.com/live>.

The following public members made public comment:

1. Lesha Roberts
2. Larry Parr
3. Shawn Geiman

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** – February 9, 2022 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$85.00 for Invoice # 22547402 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for Invoice # 22112402 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1,080.00

payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

(b) \$6,584.00 for Invoice # 7661 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(c) \$300.00 for Invoice to South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-Way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Rd., from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway. *No backup submitted.*
6. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Replat of Pineridge Section 5, Partial Replat No. 1.
7. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY JUDGE

8. **Presentation** of report on delinquent tax and fine and fee collection by Otilia Gonzales of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP.
No action required.

SHERIFF

9. Discuss and take action to accept donations of \$50.00 from Gillian Zuchlke and \$100.00 from Ismael Sastillo and post to revenue budget line 125-000-470200 [Donations/Animal Control]. The proceeds will be expended from budget line 125-515-536700 [Donations/Animal Control]. *No backup submitted.*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Waller County Towing Ordinance.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

11. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$134,086.21 for Invoice # 1637133 and \$17,705.64 for Invoice # 1643649 for a total of \$151,791.85 to Balfor Property Restoration. Funds to be paid from line item 125-442-544700 [Repair & Replacement] for water leak insurance claims in the County Clerks Offices.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

12. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$47,188.00 for Invoice # 4980 to B & C Constructors, L.P. Funds to be paid from line item 125-600-587522 [Jail Demolition].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

13. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$37,713.95 for Invoice # 5 to Sedalco Construction Services. Funds to be paid from line item 125-600-581618 [Courthouse Renovation and Annex].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

AUDITOR

14. Discuss and take action to approve ~~Treasurer~~ **Juvenile Probation** Department line item transfer, WC 2022-02 **03**.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

FIRE MARSHAL

15. Discuss and take action to accept \$4,500.00 video camera system and NVR donation from Ageint Security to provide video recording capabilities for the Waller County OEM Command Trailer. *No backup submitted.*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

16. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

17. ~~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 1, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 18. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 1, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 19. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 20. ~~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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:49 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 February 2022.

Justin Beckendorff

Commissioner Justin Beckendorff
Presiding Judge