

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**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 February 2018 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  
Russell Klecka, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler

Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Motion carried.**

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Klecka – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Absent*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Mr. TJ Johnson commented on the proposed High Speed Rail.

**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 14, 2018 Regular Session
3. Request by Treasurer for approval of Monthly Report.
4. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$2, 595.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial].
  - (b) \$365.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line 125-423-540702 [Transport to Morgue].
  - (c) \$1,095.00 for Invoice to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540702 [Transport to Morgue].
  - (d) \$2,100.00 for Invoice to Fritz, Byrne, Head & Gilstrap, PLLC from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal]. Pintail Landfill
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## COUNTY JUDGE

6. Discuss and take action to approve the letter to the Federal Railroad Administration in reference to the High Speed Rail Project.

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

7. Discuss and take action to transfer \$300.00 from line item 125-440-568400 [Miscellaneous] to line item 125-440-560100 [Bond Premiums].

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## ELECTIONS

8. Discuss and take action to supplement the State Party rate of pay (\$8/hr) for election day poll workers by adding \$1/hr. for clerks(\$9/hr. total) and \$2/hr. (\$10/hr. total) for Co-Presiding Judges for the March 6, 2018 Primary Election.

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to approve payment for up to 3 hours of training for all workers in the March 6, 2018 Primary Election at their respective hourly rate.

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. Discuss and take action to supplement the State Party rate of pay (15) for Co-Judge delivery of election equipment and supplies on election night by adding \$15 (\$30 total split between the two) for the March 6, 2018 Primary Election.

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## AUDITOR

11. Discuss and take action to approve to amend the 2018 Budget to transfer balance of unspent funds, from the prior year, for Constables 1, 2, 3, and 4, Library, Road & Bridge, Animal Control and the Sheriff's Department.

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

**Motion carried.**

- 12. **Spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for the 2017 Sale Proceeds from the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$210,189.00.

*No action required.*

- 13. Discuss and take action to amend the 2018 Budget to accommodate the 2017 sale proceeds from the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$210,189.00.

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

**Motion carried.**

- 14. **Spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for the miscellaneous revenue received from the loss of a Road and Bridge vehicle.

*No action required.*

- 15. Discuss and take action to amend the 2018 Budget to accommodate the miscellaneous revenue received from the loss of a Road and Bridge vehicle.

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

**Motion carried.**

- 16. **Spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for the 2018 Tax Notes.

*No action required.*

- 17. Discuss and take action to amend the 2018 Budget to accommodate the 2018 Tax Notes.

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

**Motion carried.**

- 18. Discuss and take action to approve line item transfer.

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

**Motion carried.**

- 19. Discuss and take action to approve Engagement Letter between Waller County and Rutledge Crain and Company, PC.

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

**Motion carried.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 20. Discuss and take action to approve the private tax resale offer from Jorge Enciso DBA USA Acquisitions for the following properties:

- a. The South 70 feet of lots 3 and 4, block 4, College Addition, City of Waller, Waller County, Texas, tax account number R29090, in the amount of \$ 6,515.05;

- b. The North 60 feet of lot 2, in block 8, section 4, Rolling Hills Colony, Waller County, Texas, tax account number R27111, in the amount of \$3,592.09;
- c. Lot 111, Clear Creek Forest, Section 8, Waller County, Texas, tax account R16195, in the amount of \$8,391.73;
- and authorize the County Judge to sign resale deeds for said properties to Jorge Enciso DBA USA Acquisitions.

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

**Motion carried.**

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Klecka – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Absent*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

21. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
22. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

*No Executive Session needed.*

**ADJOURN MEETING**

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

**Motion carried.**

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

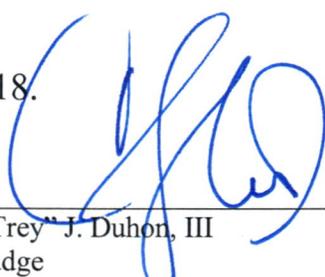
*Commissioner Klecka – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Absent*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:15 a.m.

**APPROVED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

  
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Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge

ATTEST:

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

