

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 24, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 24th day of February 2021 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 9:04 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
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live>.

Commissioner Beckendorff announced the Katy FFA will be having their Project Show and Sale this weekend.

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 17, 2021 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

5. Discuss and take action on Precinct 3 & the Prairie View A&M University Community Development Program Partnership.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Judge Duhon made motion to approve #5 with the following amendment that ~~\$2,250.00~~ \$1,500.00 be transferred from Miscellaneous 125-411-568400 to line item 125-401-547334 Prairie View A&M CODE Graduate Program Study and ~~\$750.00~~ \$1,500.00 to be transferred from Equipment and Supplies 125-401-560800 also into 125-401-547334 Prairie View CODE Graduate Program Survey, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Amendment carried by 4-1 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – No	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Amended Motion carried by 3-2 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – No	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – No

TREASURER

6. Discuss and take action to approve Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

7. Discuss and take action to approve additional furniture for Precinct 4.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Amsler made motion to amend to authorize the \$22,000.00 in Chairs.

Commissioner Amsler rescinded motion.

Commissioner Jones made motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

<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

8. ~~Discuss and take action to approve additional fencing options for Precinct 4.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

9. ~~Discuss and take action to approve roll down shades for Teller Windows at the following three buildings: Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Annex, and Precinct 4 Courthouse Annex.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Discuss updates regarding recent winter storm.

No action required.

11. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 12. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 13. ~~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 Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:47 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 3rd day of March 2021.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge