

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 3, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 3rd day of March 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 9:03 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 Smith, 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

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>.

1. Dr. Veda Brown commented on an agenda item from last weeks' agenda regarding a survey.
2. Greg Henry introduced his new employee, Garrett Boothe.
3. Judge Duhon announced Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 office moved to a temporary location in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse due to water damage at their office; and the new location of our Environmental Department and 911 Rural Addressing is now at the old hospital building here in Hempstead, 929 5th Street, the phone numbers are still the same.
4. Commissioner Beckendorff congratulated the young folks at Katy ISD and Hempstead ISD as they both had successful FFA Shows.
5. Commissioner Jones commended everyone who put on a food drive throughout the County over the past couple of weeks.

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 24, 2021 Regular Session
3. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$715.00 for Invoice dated February 11, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport].
 - (b) \$1,500.00 for Invoice # 2021-1014 to Highway 36A Coalition from line item 125-411-561302 [Highway 36A Coalition].
4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - (a) \$1,330.00 from line item 125-600-581610 [Pct. 4 Building].
 - (b) \$8,670.00 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Const. or Improv. Jail-Judicial].
6. Request by Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 of the Texas Tax Code.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #14

14. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with CASA and payment of \$10,000.00 from line item 125-411-546100 [CASA] as allocated in the 2021 Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, 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

Proceeded to Agenda Item #7

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

7. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Waller County Child Welfare Board members for 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Judge Duhon drew the following terms for the new members:

Sharlonda Rutledge – 1 year term

Sherry Whiteley – 1 year term

Marie Elizabeth Jones – 2 year term

Linde Guidry – 1 year term

Wendy Williams – 2 year term

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend to appoint those individuals to the terms just announced, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

(Judge Duhon administered the Oath to new members present)

COUNTY JUDGE

8. **Presentation** by Don Elder, Public Sector Liaison with Purchasing Cooperative of America, on services available to Waller County.

No action required.

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9. Discuss and take action to approve Mitel Service Agreements.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

SHERIFF

10. Discuss and take action to amend the 2021 Salary Order to be effective March 7, 2021.

(a) Remove Administrative Assistant position.

(b) Remove Investigator position.

(c) Add Deputy Patrol position 24 at \$26.00/hr.

(d) Add Deputy /Analyst at \$25.57/hr.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

11. Discuss and take action to approve Environmental Department budget line item transfer, WC 2021-04.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. Discuss and take action to approve Commissioners' Court budget line item transfer, WC 2021-05.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, 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

13. Discuss and take action to certify \$1,150.00 donation for Animal Control and amend the 2021 budget, WC 2021-06.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

