

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 17, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 17th 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 9:01 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
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy 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 Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
		<i>Commissioner Jones</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i>	<i>– 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://wallercountytexas.swagit.com/live>.

Art Hernandez asked the Court to stand with Waller County families as they fight for Freedom of Speech, Second Amendment Right, and the Rights of the Unborn.

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** – March 10, 2021 Regular Session.
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$300.00 for Invoice dated February 26, 2021 to South Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

- (b) \$1,800.00 for Invoice dated February 28, 2021 to County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].
- (c) \$85.00 for Invoice #21547403 [Courthouse - Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 21112403 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1,080.00 to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].
- (d) \$1,245.00 for Invoice dated March 1, 2021 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
- (e) \$9,111.00 for Invoice # 4062 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

- 5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
- 6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - (a) \$29,766.72 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg Purch. Const. or Improv. Jail-Judicial].

Motion to approved Consent Agenda 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

SHERIFF

- 7. Discuss and take action to accept the following donations to the Animal Control Division:
 - \$100.00 - John Hanson
 - \$100.00 - Robert and Alison Harrell
 - \$100.00 - Douglas and Margaret Sullivan
 - \$100.00 – Michael and Lynda Staley
 - \$100.00 – Barry and Kathleen Freece

For a total of \$500.00 to be posted to revenue budget line 125-000-570200 [Donations/Animal Control]. The proceeds will be expended from budget line 125-515-536700 [Donation/Animal Control].

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- 8. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$3,395.00 for Invoice # 114078 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
Court convened to Executive Session at 9:29 a.m.
Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.
- 11. ~~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 10:15 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, Waller County Clerk



By: *Stephanie Tompkins*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the 24th day of March 2021.

Trey Duhon
Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge