

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 25, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 25th day of March 2020 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
Jeron Barnett, 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 Barnett

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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 18, 2020 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$33,635.78 for invoice # 32 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].

(b) \$67.76 for invoice # 26417, \$470.00 for invoice # 26416, \$470.00 for invoice # 26256, and \$450.00 for invoice # 26476 for a total of \$1,457.76 to Metro Container LLC from line item 600-600-587521 [Library].

(c) ~~\$6,855.00 for invoice # 239968 to ICS from line item 125-411-542501 [Telephone/Equip & Svc].~~ **Item WITHDRAWN**

(d) \$3,250.00 for invoice to Singleton & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].

5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

6. Request by County Engineer for the approval of the Final Plat of Bolin Subdivision.
7. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.

Motion to **approve** consent agenda with item 4(c) withdrawn by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

COUNTY JUDGE

8. Discuss and take action to adopt the Emergency Management Plan, as amended.

Motion to **amend** the Emergency Management Plan to include the enforcement provision as outlined in the document provided to us by Liz by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

9. Discuss and take action to extend the Disaster Declaration and adopt emergency management orders.

Motion to extend the Disaster Declaration until further notice by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to adopt the Judge’s Order, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

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

Commissioner Smith made motion to **rescind** the policy put in place last week regarding PTO, etc..., seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

Judge made motion to allow people full refund regardless of when they cancel as long as it’s our policy that we are not allowing events at the Community Center, full refund for cancellations and suspending rentals at the Community Center, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER

11. Discuss and take action to approve the acceptance of roads in Kingsland Heights Section 1 into the Waller County Maintained Road Log.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.