

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 30, 2022**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 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 9:05 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> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

**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://wallercountytexas.com/live>.

**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 23, 2022 Regular Session**
3. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 of the Texas Tax Code.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
  - (a) \$1,295.00 for invoice dated March 14, 2022 to Magnolia Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

6. Request to approve Order Authorizing San Jacinto Day Fireworks Sales. *No backup submitted.*  
 Motion to approve Consent Agenda 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*

**COUNTY JUDGE**

7. Presentation and discussion by MaryAnne Piacentini, President & CEO, Katy Prairie Conservancy, and Amanda Fuller, Director of Texas Coast and Water Program, National Fish and Wildlife Federation, on the use of nature-based projects and natural infrastructure.  
*No action required.*

**SHERIFF**

8. **Spread** upon the minutes the Waller County Sheriff’s Office Federal Forfeiture (Equitable Sharing) Fund 2022 Budget.  
*No action required.*

**FIRE MARSHAL**

9. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of Southern Software for the Waller County Fire Marshal’s Office. Funds to be paid from line item 241-595-561209 [ARP Miscellaneous].  
 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*

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

10. Discuss and take action to approve payment of Invoice # 6 for \$83,616.85 and Invoice # 7 for \$28,365.92 for a total of \$111,982.77 from line item 125-600-581618 [Courthouse Renovation and Annex].  
 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*

**AUDITOR**

11. Request by County Auditor for approval of official documents and all monthly reports.  
 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*