

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 1, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 1st day of April 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 9:02 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
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler

Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – 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.swagit.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 25, 2020 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.**

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

(a) \$1,215.00 for invoice dated March 24, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

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

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

6. Discuss potential impact on the County Budget during the COVID-19 event.
No action required.

COUNTY JUDGE

7. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
Discussion only – No action taken.

SHERIFF

8. Discuss and take action to accept the following donations in Memory of Sandra Beaty.

\$50.00 from John & Beth Thomas

\$50.00 from Judith Sanford Bryant

\$161.00 from Chet Beaty

\$50.00 from Cheryl Kohler

\$100.00 from Lae Lee & Won

\$50.00 from Ann Basgal

\$100.00 from Debra Bailey

\$100.00 from ALLCO

For a total of \$661.00 to be deposited into line item 125-515-545910 [Animal Housing/Care].

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to accept the following donation of \$300.00 from Walmart Distribution Center in Sealy, Texas to be deposited into line item 125-516-530200 [Supplies and Stationary].

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

10. Discuss and take action to approve the professional services contract with Jones Carter Inc. for engineering design for the CDBG-DR Hurricane Harvey – Infrastructure Project No. 20-065-062-C180.

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

Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

11. Discuss and take action to certify the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) grant award from the Office of Attorney General of Texas in the amount of \$18,618.67 and amend the 2020 budget.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

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COUNTY ENGINEER

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Motion carried by 4-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

12. Discuss and take action to approve agreement with Precision Utility, LLC for the Precinct 4 water well construction.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

13. ~~Update on the library project.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

14. ~~Discuss and take action to approve the following costs for the library project: vaulted ceiling in the lobby, brick façade, and electrical pole repairs.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

15. **Update** on Veterans Memorial Project. *No action required.*

16. ~~Discuss and take action to put Precinct 4 Generator out for bidding.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve support letter to Federal Railroad Administration in reference to rescheduling in-person public hearings on the proposed High Speed Rail project.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 18. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 19. ~~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 Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:34 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 8th day of April 2020.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge