

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April 2019 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 9:00 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** agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Averi Burt, Queen Candidate for the Waller County 4-H BBQ invited the court and public to attend the upcoming annual 4-H BBQ on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Waller County Fairgrounds.
2. Concerned citizen wanted to know the status of the recycling services in Waller County.

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 27, 2019 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$2,086.00 for invoice dated March 22, 2019 to Schmidt Funeral Home, from the following line items: \$365.00 from 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue] and \$1,721.00 from 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].
 - (b) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated March 27, 2019 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (c) \$3,022.00 for invoice # AH019146 to Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
 - (d) \$71.46 for Invoice # E0219WCA1801 to Turner Duran Architects from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Bldg.].

4. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
5. Request by District for approval to transfer fixed assets to Justice of the Peace Precinct 2.
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
7. Request by Construction Manager to approve request from San Bernard Electric Co-op for right-of-way easement with the corrected dimension for the Waller County Criminal Justice Center.
8. Request by County Engineer to designate the following vehicles as take home vehicles for the Road and Bridge Department:
 - Unit 105, a 2019 Ford F250 4 x 4 truck
 - Unit 107, a 2019 Ford F150 Super Crew truck
 - Remove Unit 109, a 2017 Chevrolet pick-up

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PROCLAMATION

9. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in Waller County.

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

(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

10. Discuss and take action to declare pieces of equipment and vehicles that are no longer economically serviceable or have become obsolete as surplus or salvage property and dispose of them through auction with Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to approve Government Services Multi-Channel Sales Agreement with IronPlanet Inc. for auctioning services.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY JUDGE

12. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution in Support of the United States, Mexico, Canada Trade Agreement.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TREASURER

13. Discuss and take action to advertise for invitation to bid on Waller County Depository Contract Services. Advertising to be published for three consecutive weeks in both the Times Tribune and the Waller Times. Funding to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

14. Discuss and take action to approve lease agreement between Waller County and Xerox for a new copier in the District Attorney's office following the expiration of the current lease.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

15. Discuss and take action to add an additional ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** Reserve District Attorney Investigators to the District Attorney's Office.

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

Motion to **amend** agenda item by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Smith to increase number of Reserve District Attorney Investigators to six (6).

Amendment carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

16. Discuss and take action to approve Engagement Letter between Waller County and Rutledge Crain and Company, PC.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve request by John Fitz with The Church Prairie View to use the Community Center as a reoccurring event on Sundays from April 21, 2019 to December 29, 2019. In addition, a request to waive the rental fees in the amount of \$3,700.00.

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

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

Motion carried – Item TABLED.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Returned to Agenda Item after approval of item #20

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

Motion made by Judge Duhon, seconded by Commissioner Barnett to allow The Church Prairie View to utilize the Community Center every other Sunday to start April 21, 2019 thru December 29, 2019 with the caveat that on the off Sundays if the Community Center is not reserved by that Monday prior you can also reserve it for those days and on the rental fee there's not going to be any waiver of the rental fee.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Proceeded to Executive Session

18. Discuss and take action to approve request by a Representative with the City of Prairie View 50th Celebration Committee to waive the rental fee of \$400.00 for use of the Community Center on April 12, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

19. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement between Waller County and Fort Bend Children's Advocacy Center and payment of \$2,500.00 to Fort Bend Children's Advocacy from line item 125-411-542249 [Fort Bend Co Children's Assessment] as allocated in the 2019 Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

20. Discuss and take action to approve payment to Hyas Corp. for \$ 101,691.00 from line item 125-411-561300 [Hyas Corp/ Chap 381 Agreement] per Chapter 381 Agreement.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Returned to Agenda Item #17

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 21. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 22. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed.

PROCLAMATION

- 23. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Waller County.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.
(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

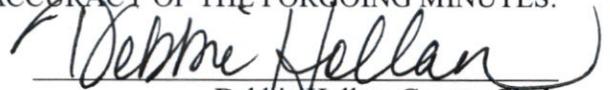
Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:20 a.m.

I ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OF THE FORGOING MINUTES:



Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners'
Court of Waller County, Texas



APPROVED this the 10th day of April 2019.



Commissioner Jeron Barnett
Presiding Judge