

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 6, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 6th day of April 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 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3 – *arrived at 9:25 a.m.*
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Smith
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

The following Public Members made Public Comment:

1. Rhonda Jordan

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 30, 2022 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$975.00 for Invoice dated March 24, 2022 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$3,200.00 for invoice # SOPO15850 to CIRA from line item 125-411-5545001 [Maintenance Contracts].

(c) \$37,500.00 for invoice dated April 1, 2022 to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development] for 2nd Quarterly Payment as allocated in the 2022 Budget.

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

6. ~~Presentation by Professor Tiffany D. Thomas, course professor and research assessment advisor, regarding the PVAMU Community Development Masters Program Precinct 3 assessment. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

SHERIFF

7. Discuss and take action to amend the Waller County Towing Ordinance.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend to add Deputies have the discretion on the scene to call for first available, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

8. Discuss construction of an animal shelter behind the Waller County Jail.

No action required.

AUDITOR

9. Discuss and take action to approve quarterly reimbursement of Juror Payments.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Melanee Smith Memorial Library and approve payment of \$5,000.00. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-547340 [Melanee Smith Library] as allocated in the 2022 Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
Commissioner Jones arrived to meeting at 9:25 a.m.
No action taken.

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

12. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.
No action required.

PROCLAMATION

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

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Absent Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Discuss and take action to approve Amendment No. 1 to GLO Contract No. 20-065-062-C180.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Absent Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

15. Discuss and take action to deliberate business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney’s Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 1, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Absent Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 1, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.

17. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:59 a.m.

(Court recessed before returning from Executive Session to attend Balloon Release for Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Waller County sponsored by CASA)

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:27 a.m.

18. ~~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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:28 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 13th day of April 2022.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge