

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 8, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 8th 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
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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

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.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** – April 1, 2020 Regular Session.

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

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 to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$1,065.00 for invoice dated March 30, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

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

Motion to **approve consent agenda with item #7 removed** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

7. Request by County Engineer for approval of Final Replat Kickapoo Hills Sec 1 Partial Replat No 1.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote with 1 Abstained.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Abstained

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PROCLAMATION

8. 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 Smith.

(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

9. 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 Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. **Public Hearing:** on the installation of “No Thru Trucks” on the following roads:

- Lazy Ridge Road – No Thru Trucks
- Foxwood Drive – No Thru Trucks

Public Hearing began at 9:14 a.m.

No public comments received. Commissioner Smith explained the need for signs.

Public Hearing ended at 9:16 a.m.

11. Discuss and take action to approve the installation of “No Thru Trucks” on the following roads:

- Lazy Ridge Road – No Thru Trucks
- Foxwood Drive – No Thru Trucks

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. **Public Hearing:** on the establishment and the installation of speed limit signs on the following roads:

- Country Lane Estates Subdivision – All roads within subdivision – 30 mph.

Public Hearing began at 9:17 a.m.

No public comments received.

Public Hearing ended at 9:18 a.m.

13. Discuss and take action on the establishment and the installation of speed limit signs on the following roads:

- Country Lane Estates Subdivision – All roads within subdivision – 30 mph.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

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

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

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

16. ~~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.**

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$7,008.00 for invoice # 111795 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [legal].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

18. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$4,654.72 for invoice # INV69314 and \$4,654.72 for invoice # INV73425 for a total of \$9,309.44 to Appriss from line item 307-504-545000 [SAVNSGrant].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

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

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No Executive Session needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:32 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 15th day of April 2020.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge