

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 11, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 11th day of April 2018 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
Russell Klecka, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3
Stephanie Tompkins, Deputy County Clerk

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4

Delivery of Invocation by: Judge Duhon

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

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Yancy Scott commented on the Road & Bridge Department.

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 4, 2018 Regular Session

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

4. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.**

5. **Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit with San Bernard Electric to install one (1) pole on Laneview Road.**

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

(a) \$1,250.00 for Invoice to Singleton & Sons Funeral Home from line 125-423-540702 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$1,065.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line 125-423-540702 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$108,605.11 for Invoice to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line 601-601-545405 [Professional Services].

(d) \$80.00 for Invoice #18547404 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for Invoice #18112404 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

(e) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH016707, \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH016708, and \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH016709 for a total of \$8,661.00 payable to Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(f) \$21,250.00 for Invoice to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].

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

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

Court moved to the front steps of the County Courthouse for the following Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

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

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

Court returned to Commissioners Courtroom and proceeded with meeting

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE

9. ~~Presentation on the status of the Child Welfare Board.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

COUNTY ENGINEER

10. Discuss and take action to recognize Mr. Martin Crowhurst of the Road and Bridge Department, who retired March 13, 2018 with 16 years and 5 months of service to Waller County.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

11. ~~Discuss and take action to accept the bid for construction of storm sewer piping and catch basins at the corner of Stockdick Road and Schlipf Road in Pet. 4. Funding to be paid from line item 110-530-587510 [Ditch Crew].~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

12. Discuss and take action to approve the contract with Halff Associates, Inc. to provide on-call drainage reviews for Waller County.

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

Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Klecka, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried – Item TABLED.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

PROCLAMATION

13. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation recognizing Soil & Water Stewardship Week April 29 to May 6, 2018.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

COUNTY JUDGE

14. Discuss and take action to approve agreement between Waller County and CASA and payment of \$10,000.00 as allocated in the 2018 Budget. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-546100 [CASA/Child Advocate].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

FIRE MARSHALL

15. Discuss and take action to authorize the Office of Emergency Management to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grants funds regarding home acquisition and elevation.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

SHERIFF

16. **Spread** upon the minutes the Waller County Sheriff's Office Fed Forfeiture Fund Budget 2018. *No action required.*

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve rental fee waiver for use of the Community Center by the Republican Women's Group while the Road and Bridge meeting area is unavailable.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

18. ~~Discuss and take action to approve rental fee waiver for use of the Community Center by the Farm & Ranch Group while the Road and Bridge meeting room is unavailable.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

AUDITOR

19. **Spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for the \$250.00 donation from Limestone Animal Rescue to the Sheriff's Office. *No action required.*
20. Discuss and take action to approve request by the County Auditor to amend the 2018 Budget to accommodate the \$250.00 donation from Limestone Animal Rescue to the Sheriff's Office.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

21. **Spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for the ~~\$12,500.00~~ **\$25,000.00** from the Charitable Activities/Initiatives Contract with Prairie View A&M.

Motion to **amend** agenda item by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Klecka changing the amount to \$25,000.00.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

22. Discuss and take action to amend the 2018 Budget to accommodate the \$12,500.00 from the Charitable Activities/Initiatives Contract with Prairie View A&M.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court convened into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.

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

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

24. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Klecka to authorize outside counsel to file suit against opioid manufacturers.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

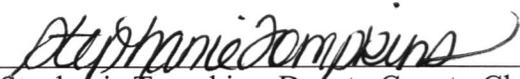
Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:21 a.m.

APPROVED this the 18th day of April 2018.


~~Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III~~ County Judge *Comm. Jeron Barnett, Pct 3*
Presiding Judge

ATTEST:

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

By: 
Stephanie Tompkins, Deputy County Clerk

