

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 15, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 15th 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 9:00 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** 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

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://wallercountytx.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 – April 8, 2020 Regular Session**

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

- (a) \$80.00 for invoice #20547404 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 20112404 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1,075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

- (b) \$1,090.00 for invoice dated April 2, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
- (c) \$32,500.00 for invoice #1960 to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development] as allocated in the 2020 Budget.
- (d) \$1,900.00 for invoice #NRDD-0005823 and \$1,804.40 for invoice #NRDD-0005806, for a total of \$3,704.40 to Texas Association of Counties from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip / Build / Pub Liab].

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

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

PROCLAMATION

5. 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 Smith.
(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

SHERIFF

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

\$25.00 from Douglas & Janie Plummer

\$50.00 from John Hanson

\$50.00 from Art Klebba

For a total of \$125.00 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 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

7. Discuss and take action to accept the following donations

\$500.00 from Sue Nelson

\$500 from H & R Block – Hempstead

For a total of \$1,000.00 to be deposited into line item 125-516-530200 [Supplies & Stationary].

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

AUDITOR

8. Discuss and take action to certify donations in Memory of Sandra Beaty in the amount of ~~\$661.00~~ \$786.00 and amend the 2020 Budget.

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

9. Discuss and take action to certify donations from Walmart Distribution Center in Sealy, Texas in the amount of ~~\$300.00~~ \$1,300.00 and amend the 2020 Budget.

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

10. **Update** on Library Project. *No action required.*

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

12. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

14. ~~Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

ADJOURN MEETING

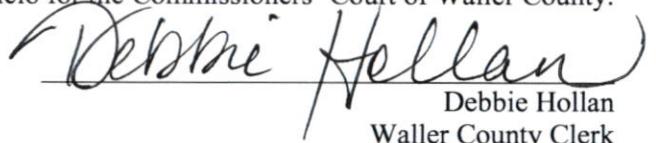
Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

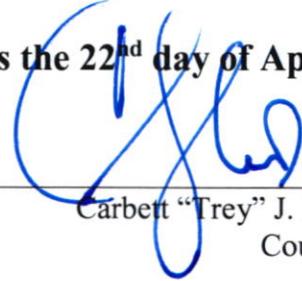
Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:32 a.m.

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
Waller County Clerk



APPROVED this the 22nd day of April 2020.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge