

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 20, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 20th 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
John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, 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 Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, 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 Jones – Yes</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/swagit.com/live>.

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| 1. Rhonda Jordan | 2. Tracy Sebesta |
| 3. Tracey ONeil | 4. Larry Parr |

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 13, 2022 Regular Session**
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of quarterly State Comptroller Reports.**
5. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.**

6. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 of the Texas Tax Code.
7. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$7,500.00 for invoice # 07561 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG] for quarterly payment as allocated in the 2022 Budget.
8. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

Advanced to Agenda Item #11

11. **Spread** upon the minutes the appointment of Judge Woolley, by Constable Matt Wiley (Johnson County), as the Legislative Chairman for the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas. *(no backup submitted)*
No action required.

Proceeded with Agenda Item #9

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

9. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign a resale deed for the private tax resale of property currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2

10. Discuss and take action to accept the donation of \$9,325.00 from Tex B. Martin for 9 Level II Body Armor and External Vest Carriers.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

11. *Agenda Item #11 addressed earlier in the meeting (page 2).*

COUNTY ENGINEER

- 12. Discuss and take action to select a Grant Administrator for the CDBG-MIT and COG-MOD programs. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to amend by accepting GrantWorks, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Amendment carried by 5-0 vote.

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

Amended Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

FIRE MARSHAL

- 13. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Burn Ban.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

- 14. Discuss and take action to authorize use of Ogg Funds for the Hempstead Library to purchase and install black out shades for the meeting room, irrigation, and landscaping.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

- 15. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$20,331.46 for invoice #8 to Sedalco Construction Services. Funds to be paid from line item 125-600-581618 [Waller County Courthouse Renovation and Annex].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- 16. Discuss and take action to approve Order authorizing Cinco de Mayo Fireworks Sales. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion FAILED by 0-5 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – No Commissioner Amsler – No Commissioner Smith – No
Commissioner Jones – No Commissioner Beckendorff – No

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

- 18. ~~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. Item WITHDRAWN.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. ~~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. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
20. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
21. ~~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 Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:08 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 27th day of April 2022.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge