

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 28, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 28th day of April 2021 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 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

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.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 21, 2021 Regular Session

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

(a) \$5,954.00 for invoice # 4519 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(b) \$7,500.00 for invoice # 07262 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments for Quarterly payment from line item 125-125-525-546900 [BVCOG].

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

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
(a) \$ 24,307.25 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Const. or Improv. Jail-Judicial].
6. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
7. Request by County Librarian to approve payment of Invoice # 210012 for 975.00 and Invoice # 200451 for \$1,385.70 for a total of \$2,360.70 for additional shelving at the Library to Tesco Industries, LLC. from line item 186-655-568411 [OGG Trust Miscellaneous].
8. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-Way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Rd., from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway.
9. Request by County Engineer to release the Maintenance Bond from Tri Pointe Homes, Inc., for Lake House, Section 4.
10. Request by County Engineer for the following items to be approved:
 - Accept the roads in Freeman Ranch Subdivision, Section 3 into the County Maintained Road Log.
 - Release the Maintenance Bond.
11. *Item #11 removed from consent agenda to be voted on separately.*

Motion made to approve Consent Agenda without #11 by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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>

11. Request by County Engineer to authorize County Judge to sign the Engineering Services Agreement for engineering and surveying services with IDCUS in the amount of \$57,729.00 for the re-alignment of a portion of Murrell Road in Precinct 2.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Judge Duhon made motion to amend to basically grant the request and then add on to that approve the fact that it is exempt from bid requirements, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Amendment 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>

Amended 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>

COUNTY JUDGE

12. **Presentation** by Marie Jones, Advocate of Fatherhood Program, MET, Inc. on the 24/7 Dad program through the Fatherhood Grant.
No action required.

requirement that all those required to complete the half-hour online training by June 10, 2021 in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2054.519 & 2054.5191 – State Certified Cybersecurity Training Programs and Training Required.

(no backup submitted)

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

SHERIFF

19. Discuss and take action to approve the addition of four Court Security Deputy positions.

Judge Duhon moved that we approve the addition of the four Court Security Deputy positions in an amount of about \$182,000.00 that's going to be including salary plus benefits and that money will be transferred from the indigent health care fund, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

20. Request by County Auditor for approval of official documents and all monthly reports.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

21. **Spread** upon the minutes the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020.

No action required.

MISCELLANEOUS

22. Discuss and take action to terminate Amended Tax Abatement Agreement with Weatherford U.S., L.P.

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

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

(no backup submitted)

No action required.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

25. ~~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 10:52 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 5th day of May 2021.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge