

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MAY 4, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4th day of May 2022 at its meeting place in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge Commissioner Justin Beckendorff at 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Smith

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</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.swagit.com/live>.

1. Rhonda Jordan
2. Bill Parks
3. 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 27, 2022 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 8535 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(b) \$395.00 for Invoice # 2022-42-99 to Association of Rural Communities in Texas from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

5. Request by County Court at Law Judge to approve Fix Asset Transfers.
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

7. Quarterly 4-H update given by the Waller County 4-H Ambassadors.
No action required.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

8. **Presentation** by Professor Tiffany D. Thomas, course professor and research assessment advisor, regarding the PVAMU Community Development Masters Program Precinct 3 assessment.
No action required.

SHERIFF

9. Discuss and take action to approve the services of Rene Bates Auctioneers to auction county owned patrol vehicles that are no longer in service.
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

TREASURER

10. Discuss and take action to amend the 2022 Salary Order.
Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

11. ~~Discuss and take action to approve a letter to the Texas Historical Commission declining grant funds for the historical museum. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
12. 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 2, and Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 13. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 2, and Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.
- 14. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 15. 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 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:40 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

By: *Stephanie Tompkins*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk



APPROVED this the 11th day of May 2022.

Justin Beckendorff
Commissioner Justin Beckendorff
Presiding Judge