

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MAY 12, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 12th day of May 2021 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 9:02 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*
Debbie Hollan, 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 Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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 – *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.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 – May 5, 2021 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.
4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Election Payroll.
5. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated April 27, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (b) \$1,245.00 for invoice dated April 26, 2021 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$26,729.62 for invoice # 114534 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
7. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - (a) \$2,269.22 from line item 602-602-545405 [Professional Services/Jail-Judicial].
 - (b) \$3,949.95 from line item 125-600-581610 [Pct. 4 Building].
8. Accept Right of Way Easement for Twinwood Parkway.
9. 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.
(no backup submitted)

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

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>

PROCLAMATION

10. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation Declaring May 9th through May 15th, 2021 as National Police Week and May 15th, 2021 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

(Sergeant Jeron Barnett read Proclamation)

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>

Advanced to Agenda Item #21

21. **Presentation** by Adam Vance on upcoming fundraiser for the 4H Horse Club.
(no backup submitted)
No action required.

Moved to Agenda Items #12-16

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3

12. **Spread** upon the minutes the 2021 Racial Profiling Report.
No action required.

TREASURER

13. Discuss and take action to approve policies and invoices through Texas Association of Counties for Law Enforcement and Public Officials Liability coverage effective July 1, 2021. Total premium of \$96,460.00 to paid from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip/Build/Pub Liab].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- 14. Discuss and take action to transfer a 2000 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck bearing VIN # 1GCEC14VX1Z188421 from the D.A.’s Office inventory to Waller County Road and Bridge. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

COUNTY JUDGE

- 15. Discuss and take action to approve the re-appointment of Mary Anne Piacentini as the Representative to the HGAC Natural Resources Advisory Committee for a two year term beginning June 2021-May 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

- 16. Discuss and take action to approve the re-appointment of Harvey Laas as the Representative to the HGAC Aging and Disability Advisory Committee for a two year term beginning June 2021- December 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Proceeded with Agenda Item #11

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

- 11. **Presentation** by Dr. Ray Perryman, President and CEO of the Perryman Group, on the proposed state voting rights legislation filed during the 87th Texas Legislative Session and the economic impacts of such legislation. *(no backup submitted)*

No action required.

- 12.-16. *Court addressed agenda items 12-16 earlier in meeting (pages 2-3)*

- 17. Discuss and take action to approve the re-appointment of Yancy Scott as the Primary Representative and Wayne Karstadt as Alternate Representative to the HGAC Regional Flood Management Advisory Committee for a two year term beginning June 2021- May 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

18. Discuss and take action to approve the re-appointment of John Isom as the Representative to the HGAC Area Local Development Corporation for the remainder of the June 2020-May 2022 term.

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*

19. Discuss and take action to approve the re-appointment of Brian Cantrell as the Primary Representative and Justin Beckendorff as Alternate Representative to the HGAC Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council Advisory Committee for a two year term beginning June 2021- May 2023.

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*

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

20. Discuss and take action to approve agreement with SEDALCO, Inc. for Design-Build services for courthouse renovation and annex project.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

21. *Court addressed agenda item #21 earlier in meeting (page2)*

22. Discuss and take action to approve Order Authorizing Memorial Day Fireworks Sales.

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*

23. Discuss and take action to approve agreement with Husch Blackwell LLP for legal services related to the Woods Road expansion project.

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*

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

(no backup submitted)

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

26. ~~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 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 10:16 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 19th day of May 2021.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge