

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – MAY 13, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – 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** – May 6, 2020 Regular Session.

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's monthly report.**

4. **Request by County Engineer to accept Waller County's allotment of 1,532 Cubic Yards of RAP material for 2020 from Texas Department of Transportation and authorize the County Judge to sign an acceptance letter. The allotment is valued at \$30,646.00 and will be available for pick up by Waller County Trucks at TxDOT maintenance yard located at 400 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas.**

5. 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.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## PROCLAMATION

6. Discuss and take action to approve The Proclamation Declaring May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as National Police Week and May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in Waller County.

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

(Chief Zamora read the Proclamation)

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE

7. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.

*No action required.*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8. **Presentation** by Vince Yokom on Waller County Economic Development.

*No action required.*

## COUNTY ENGINEER

9. **Award Bids** for Traffic and Guard Rail Improvements at various locations in Waller County.

Judge Duhon made motion to award bids for Traffic and Guard Rail Improvements at various locations in Waller County in accordance with #9 in our packet, 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

10. Discuss and take action to advertise a Request for Qualifications for Texas-Registered Engineers to provide professional services as related to the Texas Flood Infrastructure Fund program. Advertising to be posted in the newspaper of general circulation and payment for advertising to be funded from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

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

16. Discuss and take action to approve the bidding process for the Precinct 4 Generator.  
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*
17. Discuss and take action to approve proposal of \$54,525.00 to Telomack Cabling Solutions for CAT-6 wiring for the Precinct 4 Building.  
Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
Judge Duhon made motion to **amend** to add \$8,768.00 to number 17, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
**Amendment carried** by 5-0 vote.  
*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*                      *Commissioner Amsler – Yes*                      *Commissioner Smith – Yes*  
*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*                      *Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*
- Amended Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.  
*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*                      *Commissioner Amsler – Yes*                      *Commissioner Smith – Yes*  
*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*                      *Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*
18. Discuss and take action to approve proposal of \$125,219.00 to ICS Houston for Card Readers and Cameras for the Precinct 4 Building.  
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*
19. ~~Discuss and take action to advertise request for bid for test and balance company for the Justice Center project.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

### ***Returned to Agenda Item #11***

11. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Sid Rajmohan as the Representative to the HGAC Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee.  
Term will be for two years beginning July 2020-June 2022.  
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

20. Discuss and take action to approve Order Authorizing Memorial Day Fireworks Sales.  
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*
21. Discuss and take action to exercise lease extension option for the Karisch Building lease.  
Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

- 22. Discuss and take action to approve Texas Heritage Parkway Roadway Local Agreement.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

Judge Duhon made motion to authorize the Office of Emergency Management to submit the paperwork to the state to obtain its initial allocation of funding from the state from the cares act, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 24. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

- 25. 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 Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:39 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.**

*Trey Duhon*

Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III  
County Judge