

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MAY 18, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 18th 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 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
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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live>.

1. Tracy Sebesta
2. Rhonda Jordan
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 – May 11, 2022 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,050.00 for invoice dated May 2, 2022 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

- (b) \$2,887.00 for invoice # 8698 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
- (c) \$85.00 for Invoice # 22547405 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm] and \$995.00 for Invoice # 2212405 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance] for a total of \$ 1,080.00 to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

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

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

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

PROCLAMATION

6. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation recognizing May 18th as Stop the Bleed Day in Waller County, Texas.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

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

PRESENTATION

7. **Presentation** by Lynn Humphries with ABHR Law Firm regarding potential parks initiatives in Waller County.

No action required.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

8. Discussion of Road and Bridge equipment needs. *(no backup submitted)*

No action required.

ELECTIONS

9. Discuss and take action to approve Local Canvass of May 7, 2022 Special Constitutional Amendment Election.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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 3

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the Precinct 3 Constable’s Office to request the Houston 100 Club to donate lifesaving body armor to all the deputies assigned to Precinct 3. This request will have zero budgetary impact and no expectation to reimburse the Houston 100 Club.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

COUNTY TREASURER

- 11. Discuss and take action to approve policy and invoice through Texas Association of Counties for Property Insurance coverage effective 07/01/22. Total premium of \$186,904.00 to be paid from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip/build/Pub Liab].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

AUDITOR

- 12. **Spread** upon the minutes the certification of the Juvenile Probation Department, TJJD Grant R award of an additional \$8,821.00 and amend the budget, WC 2022-12.
No action required.

- 13. **Spread** upon the minutes the Juvenile Probation Department budget line item transfer, WC 2022-13.
No action required.

- 14. Discuss and take action to certify the \$53,703.00 Formula Grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and approve to amend the budget, WC 2022-14.
Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

- 15. Discuss and take action to approve the Environmental Department budget line item transfer, WC 2022-15.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

- 16. Discuss and take action to certify value of \$300.00 in donated smoke alarms and approve to amend the Fire Marshal Department budget, WC 2022-16.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 17. Discuss and take action on THC grant for the historical museum.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Judge Duhon made motion to amend to decline the grant and send notification from my office to that effect, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

18. Discuss and take action on Order and Letter of Approval for Specialty Medical Transport, Inc. to provide emergency medical services in Waller County.

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

Advanced to Agenda Item #20

20. Discussion with representatives from TAC for a mid-year review of state of health and policy renewal.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

No action taken.

21. 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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. 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.

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

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:31 a.m.

Returned to Agenda Item #19

19. Discuss and take action to authorize Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP to represent the County and its officials and employees in cause number 2017-02-8346.

(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

24. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Judge Duhon made motion to authorize condemnation proceedings against the owners of Property ID 140297 in connection with the Woods Road Phase 2 Project, 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

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, 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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:33 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 25th day of May 2022.

Justin Beckendorff

Commissioner Justin Beckendorff
Presiding Judge