

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 1, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 1st day of June 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*
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.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 25, 2022 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) 1,125.00 for Invoice dated March 14, 2022 and \$1,075.00 for Invoice dated May 15, 2022 for a total of \$2,200.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 8379 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

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 Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL

6. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Subdivision Development Regulations, Engineering Design Standards, Section 2-Lot size, regarding the minimum lot size per dwelling, by Mr. Juan Muniz.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote. **Variance GRANTED.**

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

SHERIFF

7. Discuss and take action to approve out of state travel for task force deputy training. Funds to be paid from line item 125-516-543600 [Out of State Travel]. *(no backup submitted)*

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

8. Discuss and take action to approve fringe funding and STEP pay for deputies working in the TXDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. *(no backup submitted)*

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

9. Discuss and take action to approve payment/reimbursement of registration and hotel for Reserve Chief Deputy for the Chief Deputies Conference. *(no backup submitted)*

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

IT

10. Discuss and take action to approve modifications to existing internet connections for the following locations: Courthouse, DA Office, Agrilife/JP1, Environmental/Maintenance and Road and Bridge.

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*

11. Discuss and take action to approve Smarsh Agreement to merge the Sheriff's Smarsh account with the County Master Account.

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*

TREASURER

12. Discuss and take action to amend the 2022 Salary Order.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to approve the Salary Order for the Juvenile Probation Department, 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*

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

13. Discuss and take action to approve customer service agreements with Republic Services to change from trash cans to two (2) yard dumpsters at Precinct 2 and Precinct 3.

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

14. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Lease Extension Agreement for the Karisch Building.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

15. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 220601-15 regarding compliance with the City of Houston's Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan for land located at the intersection of Old Houston Highway and Blinka Road.

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*

16. 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 3 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

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*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 16. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 3, pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.
- 17. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:56 a.m.
 Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:18 a.m.

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

Commissioner Jones moved to offer \$25,000.00 to purchase Property ID 163221 adjacent to the Precinct 3 Annex, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:19 a.m.

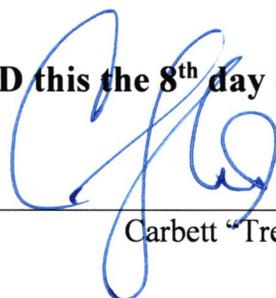
I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.



Debbie Hollan
 Waller County Clerk



APPROVED this the 8th day of June 2022.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
 County Judge