

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JUNE 3, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 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 9:03 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 Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**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. Joan Douglas addressed the court regarding flooding issues on Clark Road and asked the court to place on next weeks' agenda to discuss further.
2. Dr. Denise Mattox recommended safety precautions to be used during the voting process in the upcoming election.
3. Commissioner Barnett commented on the recent event involving law enforcement and George Floyd.
4. Commissioner Beckendorff thanked all the First Responders and the Road & Bridge Department for all their assistance and quick response to the storm that hit the north end of Waller County last week.
5. Judge Duhon announced a test site for COVID-19 will be available in Waller County this Friday, June 5, 2020.
6. Brian Cantrell announced House of Help will be passing out free food from the Houston Food Bank this Saturday in Hempstead.

## 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 27, 2020 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
5. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$31,525.31 for Invoice # 34 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].
  - (b) \$450.00 for Invoice # 26890 to Metro Container LLC from line item 125-600-587526 [Library].
6. 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*

## COUNTY CLERK

7. Discuss and take action to accept the donation of a 2015 Oce Colorwave 300 Plotter valued at \$1,500.00 from Pape Dawson Engineers.

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*

## AUDITOR

8. Discuss and take action to certify donation from Jim Hayes in the amount of \$100.00 for Animal Control in the Sheriff's office and amend the 2020 Budget.

Motion to **approve** consent agenda 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*

9. **Spread** upon the minutes the Annual Financial Report of Fiscal year 2019.

*No action required.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

10. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$142,635.50 for Invoice # 051520GWA to Waller County Appraisal District from line item 125-437-540500 [Tax Appraisal District] for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Payment as allocated in the 2020 Budget.

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

- 11. Discuss and take action to approve the re-nomination of Brian Cantrell and Justin Beckendorff for the remainder of June 2019 - May 2021 term to the HGAC Advisory Committee representing the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council.

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**

- 12. ~~Open Bids for the Precinct 4 Generator.~~ Item WITHDRAWN.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 13. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.~~ Item WITHDRAWN.
- 14. ~~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 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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:35 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

*Trey Duhon*

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge