

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JUNE 8, 2022**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 9:01 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://wallercountytexas.com/swagit.com/live>.

1. Michael Hood *via teleconference*
2. DeWayne Charleston

**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** – June 1, 2022 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 of the Texas Tax Code.**
4. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Election payroll.**

5. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 3180 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
7. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Sunterra Section 23 and accept the Construction Bond (Pct. 3).
8. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Sunterra Section 28 and accept the Construction Bond (Pct. 3).
9. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Sunterra Shores Drive Section 3 & Reserves and accept the Construction Bond (Pct. 3).
10. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Twinwood Distribution Center 2 (Pct. 4).
11. Request by County Engineer for the approval of advertising for a Public Hearing on June 13, 2022 for the installation of “No Thru Trucks” signs on the following roads:
  - Robinhood Lane – Pct. 2
  - Lakeside Drive – Pct. 2
  - Clear Creek Road – Pct. 2

Advertising to be posted in the Katy Times Newspaper, payment to be funded from Line Item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing]. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion to approve Consent Agenda 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*

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

12. **Public Hearing:** Designating the following property as a reinvestment zone under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Interested persons may speak or present evidence for or against the designation.

Approximately 65 acres near the southeast corner of the intersection of Interstate 10 and Woods Road in Brookshire, Texas 77423

**Public Hearing began at 9:14 a.m.**

No Public Comments received.

**Public Hearing ended at 9:14 a.m.**

13. Discuss and take action to approve the Reinvestment Zone order for Waller County Woods Road Industrial Park Reinvestment Zone 13.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion to table agenda item made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

***Court re-visits agenda item #13 later in meeting. (page 3)***

14. **Public Hearing:** Designating the following property as a reinvestment zone under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Interested persons may speak or present evidence for or against the designation.

Approximately 139 acres near the southwest corner of the intersection of Jordan Ranch Blvd. and Kingsland Blvd. in Brookshire, Texas 77423

**Public Hearing began at 9:16 a.m.**

Public comments received from Art Hernandez.

**Public Hearing ended at 9:17 a.m.**

15. Discuss and take action to approve the Reinvestment Zone order for Waller County Jordan Ranch Reinvestment Zone 14.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### ***Returned to Agenda Item #13***

13. Discuss and take action to approve the Reinvestment Zone order for Waller County Woods Road Industrial Park Reinvestment Zone 13.

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. Discuss and take action to approve request for the Grant Manager to submit a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program application to the United States Department of Justice.

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*

### ***Proceeded with Agenda Item #16***

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

16. Discuss and take action to approve the price increase request from Heise Trucking for Limestone Base. *(no backup submitted)*

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*

17. **Presentation** by Payton Arens, PE, RSP – Intersection Safety Assessment (funded by H-GAC).

*No action required.*

## SHERIFF

18. Discuss and take action for the Waller County Auditor to complete an audit of the Waller County Sheriff's Article 59 Forfeiture account. *(no backup submitted)*

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

19. Discuss and take action to approve salary adjustments and title changes on salary order.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion to table agenda item made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

<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

20. *Court addressed agenda item #20 earlier in meeting. (page 3)*

## ENVIRONMENTAL

21. 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 Alan Kane.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Commissioner Smith made motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

<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

22. Discuss and take action to approve the request for four (4) mobile terminals and equipment for the Waller County Precinct 3 vehicles in the amount of \$32,800.00 Funds to be paid from line item 241-595-561209 [ARP Miscellaneous].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**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

## FIRE MARSHAL

23. Discuss and take action to approve Burn Ban.

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

24. Discuss and take action to accept \$25,000 donation from Phillips 66. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 25. Discuss and take action to approve the application for Extension for filing Audit Report for Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200.

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

- 26. Discuss and take action to approve the request to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Unclaimed Property Capital Credits.

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

- 27. Discuss and take action to approve Order prohibiting or restricting certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of 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

- 28. Discuss and take action to approve contract to purchase the GSV property (property ID 241578) and authorize the County Judge to sign closing documents.

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

- 29. Discuss and take action to approve letter to the City of Waller regarding the cleanup of College Addition Block 41 Lot 3.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- 31. ~~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 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 11:15 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

*Justin Beckendorff*

Commissioner Justin Beckendorff  
Presiding Judge