

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 21, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 21st day of June 2017 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
Russell Klecka, 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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jon Olson provided some information to the court regarding the Waller County Recycling Center.
2. Bob Gage addressed the court regarding his resignation from the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District and thanked the Court for allowing him to serve.
3. Pat Bruegger commented to the Court regarding agenda items #8, #6.

CONSENT AGENDA (2-5 Items)

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 14, 2017 Regular Session**
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH014518 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
 - (b) \$ 337.50 for Invoice # 109693 to Fritz, Byrne, Head & Gilstrap, PLLC from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal] Pintail Landfill.
5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

Motion to **approve consent agenda items** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

COUNTY JUDGE

- 6. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Tom Brown as a Director to the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District to represent the Rural Water Suppliers interest.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4

- 7. Discuss and take action to transfer \$1,000.00 from line item 125-421-568400 [Miscellaneous] to line item 125-421-563000 [Travel and Conference].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 8. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$1,819.97 to XperNet Services for the purchase of a media cart (1-Samsung 48” HDTV \$599.99; 1-Sony SubWoofer \$249.99; 1- Samsung BluRay Player \$109.99; 1 Displays2Go TV Cabinet \$725.00 and Cables/Shipping/Handling \$135.00) for the Justice Court, Precinct 4. Payment to be taken from line item 119-429-581815 [Justice Court Technology Fund].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

VETERANS SERVICES

- 9. Discuss and take action to approve transfer of \$500.00 from Line Item 125-411-569600 [Contingency] to Line Item 125-405-581813 [Equipment Rental/Lease].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TREASURER

- 10. Discuss and take action to approve Treasurer’s Monthly report.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 11. Discuss and take action to award depository for Precinct Four Offices.

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

Motion to **amend** by Judge Duhon, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff to **award** depository to **Wells Fargo** for Precinct Four Offices.

Amendment carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. Discuss and take action to accept rate increase from First National Bank for remaining 2 years on County Depository contract.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

13. Discuss and take action to approve fixed asset transfers from Treasurer to IT.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

14. Discuss and take action to approve line item transfer of \$3,000.00 from line item 125-438-510007 [Staff Salary] to 125-438-510080 [Overtime].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

15. Discuss and take action to approve contract with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects for architectural services for the proposed jail.

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

Motion to **amend** by Judge Duhon, seconded by Commissioner Barnett to approve contract with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects at 7.5% with prebond at \$219,500.00.

Amendment carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

16. Discuss and take action to select a financial advisor and bond counsel for the proposed jail.

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

Court recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett to **select US Capital** as financial advisor and **Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP** as bond counsel.

Motion carried.

- 17. Discuss and take action to approve the agreement between Waller County and Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels & Much Much More Inc. and payment of Invoice # 3527 for \$40,000.00. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-547315 [Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 18. ~~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 purchasing or leasing real property in Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 19. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel about pending or contemplated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 20. Deliberate business and financial issues related to purchasing or leasing real property in Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.
- 21. 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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:54 a.m.

APPROVED this the 28th day of June 2017.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

ATTEST:

Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners’
Court of Waller County, Texas

