

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JUNE 23, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021 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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
		<i>Commissioner Jones</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i>	<i>– 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.gov/swagit.com/live>.

Commissioner Beckendorff thanked everyone who came out to attend the Open House yesterday at the new Annex building located in Brookshire – Precinct 4.

**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 16, 2021 Regular Session**

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.**

4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$915.00 for invoice dated June 4, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$1,195.00 for invoice dated June 7, 2021 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 4951 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-Way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Rd., from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway.  
*(no backup submitted)*
7. Request by County Engineer for approval of advertising for the establishment of a Speed Limit and the installation of Speed Limit signs on the following road:  
Charter Ln. – Entire Length – 30 mph.  
Advertising to be posted in a newspaper of general circulation, payment for advertising to be funded from 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing], followed by a public hearing during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on July 28, 2021.

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 Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **COUNTY JUDGE**

8. **Presentation** of Distinguished Service Award to the Waller County Historical Commission for 2020 accomplishments.  
*No action required.*

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

9. **Public Hearing:** on the installation of Stop Signs at the following roads:
  - Pine Ridge Rd. at S. Clear Creek Rd.
  - Domino Rd. at Blinka Rd.

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

No public comments received.

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

10. Discuss and take action to approve the installation of Stops Signs at the following roads:
  - Pine Ridge Rd. at S. Clear Creek Rd.
  - Domino Rd. at Blinka Rd.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

11. **Public Hearing** on the installation of Speed Limit signs on the following road:

- Pine Ridge Rd. for the entire length (Pct. 2) – 30 mph

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

No public comments received.

**Public Hearing ended at 9:18 a.m.**

12. Discuss and take action to approve the installation of Speed Limit signs on the following road:

Pine Ridge Rd. for the entire length (Pct. 2) – 30 mph

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*

13. Discuss and take action to approve multiple variance requests to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations for Woodhaven Estates LLC Development.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Smith made motion to table agenda item, 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*

## **SHERIFF**

14. Discuss and take action to approve Vendor Request Form and Cost Reimbursement Agreement for the US Department of Justice for an Investigator assigned to the FBI Task Force.

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*

## **AUDITOR**

15. Discuss and take action to certify the State & Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund grant (from the American Rescue Plan) in the amount of \$5,365,444.00 and amend the 2021 budget, WC 2021-26.

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*

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

16. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.

*(no backup submitted)*

*No action taken.*

17. 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 Precincts 1 and 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

18. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precincts 1 and 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.

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

**Court convened to Executive Session at 9:42 a.m.**

**Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:03 a.m.**

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

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to approve a 100% appraised value offer to Burchfield Ministries for the Woods Road expansion project, 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*

## ADJOURN MEETING

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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:04 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

*Justin Beckendorff*

Commissioner Justin Beckendorff  
Presiding Judge