

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 24, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 24th 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 9:00 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
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 – 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** – June 17, 2020 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

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 by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Comcast of Houston, LLC to install a 2" fiber optic cable within the right-of-way of Schlipf Road.**

6. Request by County Engineer to release the Maintenance Bond from LGI Homes, Inc., for Freeman Ranch Section 1 & 2 and Freeman Ranch Drive.

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

Advanced to Agenda Item #16

16. **Presentation** by Ben Rosenberg with U.S. Capital Advisors on upcoming Waller County Tax Notes, Series 2020. *No action required.*

Returned to Agenda Item #7

COUNTY ENGINEER

7. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding platting from Ms. Karen Shannon Becerra and Ms. Joann Napier.

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

Commissioner Smith made motion to grant the variances as listed on the memorandum except on #4 it's 3 tracks, 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

8. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the 2019 Major Thoroughfare Plan regarding platting and ROW dedication from Mr. Kenneth Fusilier.

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

9. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding a building line encroachment from LGI Homes.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote-1 Abstained.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Abstained

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. Discuss and take action to award the proposal for professional services as related to the Texas Flood ~~Flood~~ **Transportation** Infrastructure Fund program (FIF).

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

Motion to **amend** to Transportation and to award to GrantWorks by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

- 19. Discuss and take action to approve the re-nomination of Vince Yokom for the June 2020 - May 2023 term to the HGAC Advisory Committee for the Gulf Coast Economic Development District representing Waller County.

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

- 20. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 21. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 22. ~~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 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 11:32 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 1st day of July 2020.

Justin Beckendorff

Commissioner Justin Beckendorff
Presiding Judge