

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 30, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 30th 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 Presiding Judge Commissioner Justin Beckendorff at 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Smith

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion to approve agenda with item #10 withdrawn made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

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.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 30, 2021 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - a) \$26,431.03 from line item 125-600-581610 [Pct. 4 Building]

6. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
7. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-Way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Road, from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway. *(no backup submitted)*
8. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Watkins Construction Inc., to place a water meter within the Right-of-Way of Morrison Road in Precinct 3.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

PROCLAMATION

9. Discuss and take action to approve Independence Day Proclamation.
(Commissioner Amsler read Proclamation)

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

COUNTY JUDGE

10. ~~Discussion regarding County Budget Process.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

COUNTY ENGINEER

11. **Open** request for Proposals for Appraisal Services for the CDBG-DR Program.

The following Proposals were submitted and opened by the Court:

1. Atrium Real Estate, received June 29, 2021 at 8:47 a.m.

AUDITOR

12. Discuss and take action to approve official documents and all monthly reports.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

13. Discuss and take action to approve professional design services from Quest Engineering for a new fuel depot at Road and Bridge, surveying costs from Raymond Survey & Mapping, and soils boring and testing costs from Alpha Testing.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
(no backup submitted)
No action taken.

15. 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 to approve made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. 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.

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

Court convened to Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 9:43 a.m.

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

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to approve 100% appraised value initial offers for the Woods family and Tsakiris property tracts for the Woods Road expansion project, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

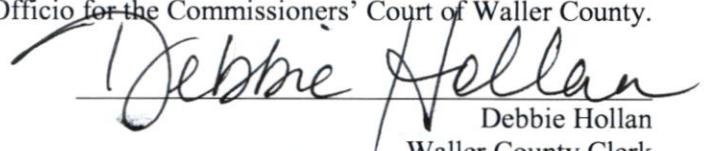
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:45 a.m.

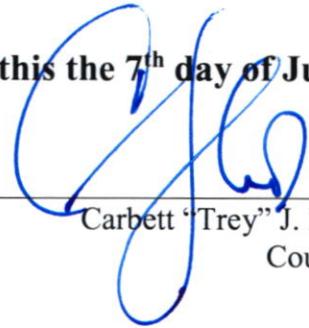
I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as
Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.





Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk

APPROVED this the 7th day of July 2021.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge