

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JULY 1, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 1st day of July 2020 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 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jeron Barnett, 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 Barnett

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett – 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 24, 2020 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$1,200.00 for invoice dated June 17, 2020 to Canon Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (b) \$1,145.00 for invoice dated June 20, 2020 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$500.00 for invoice # 2020-05-04 to WaterEngineers, Inc. from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
Motion to approve consent agenda by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

6. Discuss and take action to approve Fire Panel Alarm Monitoring Agreements with Low Voltage Security Solutions for the Sheriff's Office, Jail, and Court Building at the Justice Center Project, Precinct 4 Building Project and the Community Center.
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

7. **Update** on Library Project. *No action required.*

8. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$ 56,506.34 for Application No. 4 to Dahvar Construction and Design from line item 125-600-587526 [Library].
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. **Update** on Precinct 4 Building Project. *No action required.*

10. **Update** on Justice Center Project. *No action required.*

11. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$32,457.38 for Invoice No. 35 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$1,232,820.88 for Application No. 21 to Sedalco, Inc. from line item 601-601-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Const. or Improv.].
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

13. Discuss and take action to approve Change Order for the Precinct 4 Building Project.
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

FIRE MARSHAL

- 14. **Open** responses to request for proposals for professional hazards preparedness, planning, consulting, and recovery services. *None received.*
- 15. **Open** responses to request for proposals for debris removal services.
The following proposals were submitted and opened by the Court:
 - 1. DRC Emergency Services received June 30, 2020 @ 1:58 p.m.
 - 2. Graham County Land Company received June 30, 2020 @ 11:37 a.m.
 - 3. Aftermath Disaster Recovery received June 30, 202 @ 12:53 p.m.
 - 4. Phillips & Jordan received June 29, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2

- 16. Discuss and take action to approve Fixed Asset Transfers for Constable, Precinct 2.
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

AUDITOR

- 17. Discuss and take action to approve Road & Bridge line item transfer, WC 2020-33.
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>
- 18. Discuss and take action to certify the GLO (Texas) Harvey Buyout grant award of \$2,244,015.00 and amend the 2020 budget, WC 2020-34.
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>
- 19. Discuss and take action to certify the GLO (Texas) Harvey Infrastructure grant award of \$4,036,599.00 and amend the 2020 budget, WC 2020-35.
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>
- 20. Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution expressing intent to finance and reimburse certain expenditures to be incurred by Waller County, Texas.
Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

MISCELLANEOUS

- 21. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
Fire Marshal Brian Cantrell provided an update - No action taken
- 22. Discuss and take action to publish notice of a public hearing on the designation of reinvestment zone Waller County Brookshire Rice Dryer Reinvestment Zone 7 in the Waller County Express *and the Katy Times*. Funds to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

Motion made by Commissioner Barnett, 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 Barnett - Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes</i>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon - Absent</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler - Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith - Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett - Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes</i>

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:53 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 8th day of July 2020.

Justin Beckendorff

 Commissioner Justin Beckendorff
 Presiding Judge