

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JULY 19, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 19th day of July 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 9:01 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. Marilyn Stokes addressed the court regarding agenda item #13 and the pay scale for employees.
2. Commissioner Barnett publically thanked District Attorney Elton Mathis and Investigator Harold Barthe along with the Harris County Sheriff's Office for recently providing a self defense class for the public.

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** – July 12, 2017 Regular Session.
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
\$21,250.00 to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].
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.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY JUDGE

6. Discuss and take action to approve ~~Burn Ban~~. Item WITHDRAWN.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

7. Discuss and take action to approve the donation of a Baldwin Piano to be placed in the Waller County Community Center.

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

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3

8. Discuss and take action to approve the Oath and Bond for Suzanne Stewart for Deputy Constable, Precinct 3.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9. Discuss and take action to adopt the 2017-2019 Tax Abatement and Incentives Policy Guidelines & Criteria and Application for Waller County, Texas pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Tax Code.

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

10. Discuss and take action to amend the 2017 salary order to decrease the 3rd DA Assistant salary to \$29.81 per hour (\$7.06 per hour decrease) and to increase the 4th DA Assistant salary to \$55.67 per hour (\$5.77 per hour increase) and to transfer the \$420.00 cell phone allowance set for the 3rd DA Assistant to the 5th DA Assistant. All changes to be effective 7/31/2017.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Abstained

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

11. Discuss and take action to select Construction Manager at Risk for proposed jail per recommendation of the Jail Committee.

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

Motion to **amend** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler to select SEDALCO as Construction Manager at Risk for proposed jail.

Amendment carried.