

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JULY 22, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 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*

**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.com/live>.

Teleconference Call:

1. Denise Mattox commented on the Testing Sites for COVID19, Agenda Items #20 and #21.

**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 – July 15, 2020 Regular Session
3. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
4. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Comcast of Houston, LLC, to install 440 ft. of cable within the right-of-way of Schlipf Road.

5. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$7,500.00 for invoice #07000 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG].
  - (b) \$2,857.57 for invoice # 4862 to Blueline from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].
  - (c) \$32,500.00 for invoice # 1975 to Waller County Economic Development from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development] as allocated in the 2020 budget.
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

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 #26***

**MISCELLANEOUS**

26. Discuss and take action to approve an Order authorizing the issuance of \$4,870,000.00 Waller County, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2020; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the county to, among other things: 1) Purchase, construct, reconstruct, improve and equip county facilities that house justice, law enforcement, and related facilities, to wit: A Judicial Center, Jail, Administrative Offices, Justice of the Peace Court and buildings other than the Courthouse; 2) Purchase Road & Bridge capital equipment and maintenance vehicle; 3) Pay the principal of and interest on said notes and to create a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and the assessment and collection of such taxes; and 4) Pay the costs of issuance; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said notes.

Motion made 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

***(Note – Court returns to Agenda Item #26 further down the agenda after Item #20)***

***Proceeded to Agenda Item #7***

**COUNTY JUDGE**

7. **Presentation** of Distinguished Service Award to the Waller County Historical Commission for 2019 accomplishments. *No action required.*
8. **Presentation** by Truett Bell of current projects by the Waller County Historical Museum. *No action required.*

***Advanced to Agenda Items #28 and #29***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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