

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JULY 29, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 29th 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 9:02 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.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 – July 22, 2020 Regular Session.
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Election Payroll.
5. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
6. Request to approve payment on the following:

(a) \$32,475.27 for invoice # 36 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405[Professional Services Jail].

(b) \$15,731.00 for invoice # 1036, \$2,887.00 for invoice # 1122, \$5,819.00 for invoice # 1163, \$2,887.00 for invoice # 1221, \$1,251.00 for invoice # 1253, and \$2,932.00 for invoice # 1283 for a total of \$31,507.00 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(c) \$3,017.25 for invoice # 2020-06-28 Water Engineers from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

7. 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

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8. **Spread** upon the minutes agreement to not renew the Logix Agreements for the Community Center and Road & Bridge Internet Services.

No action required.

9. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement for the Community Center to upgrade the Internet to ~~400~~ 50 MB (from 10MB) with Atron Solutions.

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

10. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement for the Road & Bridge Department to upgrade the Internet to 100MB (from 50MB) with Atron Solutions.

Motion made 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

11. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement for the Community Center to add a single phone line for the Veterans’s fax line from Trinicom.

Motion made 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

12. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Tyler Technologies for a “Single Vendor Jail Vendor Export” license for use by the Jail-Inmate phone systems to be funded by GTL.

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

13. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Consolidated Communications for fiber upgrade and TV services for the Precinct 4 Annex project.

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

14. Discuss and take action to approve modification of Fire Panel monitoring with Low Voltage Security Solutions for the Community Center.

Motion made 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

FIRE MARSHAL

15. Discuss and take action to approve Burn Ban.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to institute a Burn Ban, 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

16. Discuss and take action to grant discretionary exemptions for purchases of goods and services related to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Local Government Code Section 262.024.

Motion made 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

17. Discuss and take action to approve agreement with Access Health for COVID-19 testing services.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion to table agenda item by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

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

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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

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

20. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$48,924.90 for Application No. 5 to Dahvar Construction and Design from line item 125-600-587526 [Library].

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

MISCELLANEOUS

21. Discuss and take action to approve the Waller County 2021 Holiday Schedule.

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

22. Discuss and take action to approve Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2021.

Motion made 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

23. Discuss and take action to approve the 2021 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees as recommended by the County Sheriff.

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

24. Discuss and take action to approve the submission of the Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties form to the Texas Comptroller.

Motion made 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

25. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.

No action taken from Executive Session.

27. ~~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 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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:07 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 5th day of August 2020.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge