

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 4, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4th day of August 2021 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 9:03 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
Kendric D. Jones, 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 Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – 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>.

1. Dr. Denise Mattox commented to the court concerning Diemer Road. (*via teleconference*)
2. Judge JR Woolley addressed the court with his desire to meet with the entire court in a workshop to discuss his proposed 2022 budget.

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 28, 2021 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$5,125.00 for Invoice # 115072 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

COUNTY JUDGE

5. Discuss and take action to accept the Certification of the 2021 Waller County Appraisal Roll as required under Property Tax Code 26.04(b).

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

SHERIFF

6. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of sixteen (16) Thermal Scanners Kiosks from UBEO Business Services. Cost of scanners to be paid from line item 241-595-561209 (ARP Miscellaneous).

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Commissioner Jones moved to amend 6 to only approve the purchases of the machines 1 through 4, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 3-2 vote.

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

Amended Motion carried by 3-2 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – No Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – No

7. Discuss and take action to approve the 2022 Sheriffs’ and Constables’ Fees as recommended by the County Sheriff.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

AUDITOR

8. Discuss and take action to approve the following debt payments due August 15, 2021:

- (1) WC Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014 totaling \$19,361.30, payable to B.B. & T.
- (2) WC General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 totaling \$126,475.00, payable to Amegy Bank.
- (3) WC General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 totaling \$517,003.13, payable to Amegy Bank.
- (4) WC Tax Notes, Series 2018 totaling \$97,671.50, payable to B.B. & T.
- (5) WC Tax Notes, Series 2020 totaling \$701,054.50, payable to JP Morgan Chase.

To be paid from the following budget line items: \$770,000.00 from 516-635-575000 [Principal] and \$691,565.43 from 515-635-576000 [Interest].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

9. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement between Waller County and Fort Bend Children’s Advocacy Center and payment of \$12,500.00 from line item 125-411-542249 [Fort Bend Children’s Advocacy] as allocated in the 2021 Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Vehicle Use Agreement with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and accept donation of a cargo trailer for the Fire Marshal’s Office.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

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

(no backup submitted)

No action taken.

12. ~~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.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ~~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.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

14. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

15. ~~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 Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

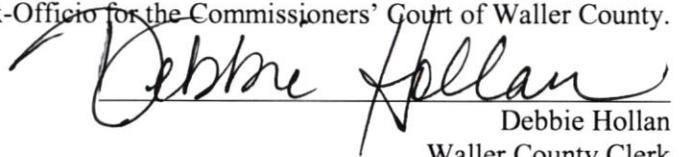
Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

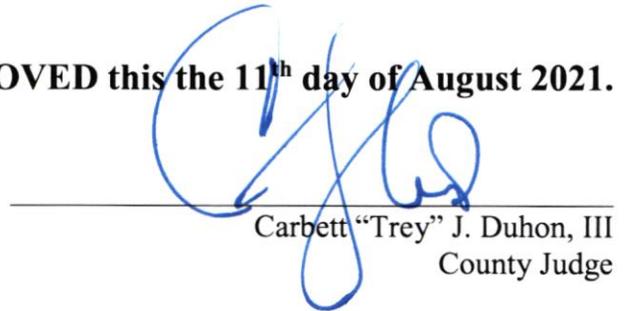
Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:56 a.m.

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 11th day of August 2021.


Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge