

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 21, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 21st day of August 2019 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.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

- (1.) Rhonda Steedman, representative of the Friends of the Library provided an update on recent Library events and the need for library renovations.
- (2.) Pat Bruegger commented on the budget and agenda item #16.
- (3.) Danny Roth made announcement concerning asphalt re-pavement of the parking lot(s) and streets around the courthouse.
- (4.) Commissioner Jeron Barnett commented on the growth of Waller County.
- (5.) Irene Mattox addressed concerns regarding the growth of Waller County.

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** – August 14, 2019 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$ 2,932.00 for Invoice # AH019923 Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**
5. **Request by Community Supervision and Corrections Department for transfer of fixed assets.**

Motion to **approve** consent agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

6. **Presentation** by ~~Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.~~
Item **WITHDRAWN.**

COUNTY JUDGE

7. Discuss and take action to accept the Certification of the 2019 Waller County Appraisal Roll as required under Property Tax Code 26.04(b).

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the 2019 tax rate.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved that the Waller County Commissioners Court propose to adopt a total tax rate of \$.662225 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate being a combination of rates for the Waller County General Fund rate of \$.564298 per \$100 valuation and the Farm to Market Flood control rate of \$.032098 and to the Debt Service Fund rate of \$.065829 and to schedule the Public Hearings for the 2019 tax rate on September 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead, Texas and on September 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead, Texas, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Judge Duhon announced the meeting to adopt the tax rate will be held on September 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead, Texas.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to publish the Notice of 2019 Tax Year Proposed Tax Rate for Waller County in the ~~Brenham Banner~~ **Katy Times**, Waller Times, Hot Line Press, The Waller County Express, and on the County website to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices & Printing].

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

Motion made by Commissioners Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith to strike out Brenham Banner and add Katy Times to agenda items 9, 10, and 11.

Amendment carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

(Additional action taken by the court on agenda item #9 further in the meeting)