

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 23, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 23rd day of August 2017 at its meeting place in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge Commissioner Jeron Barnett at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Russell Klecka, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3 – *Presiding Judge*
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler

Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Waller County Fire Marshal Brian Cantrell addressed the public on the preparedness for Tropical Storm Harvey forecasted to hit Waller County over the next few days.

CONSENT AGENDA (2-4 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** – August 16, 2017 Regular Session, August 18, 2017 Special Session, August 21, 2017 Special Session.
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$449.00 for Invoice # 17-001334 to Travis County Clerk from line item 125-411-561501[Medical/Commitment Fees].
 - (b) \$1,015.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (c) \$415.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (d) \$360.00 to Greg Henry from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].
4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE

5. **Presentation** by Ben Tibbs on the status of the Child Welfare Board.
No action required.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Designating the following property as a reinvestment zone under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Interested persons may speak or present evidence for or against the designation.

42.83 acres along Cane Island Parkway in the West 10 Business Park between US Highway 90 and Interstate 10.

Public Hearing began at 9:25 a.m.

Waller County Economic Development Director Vince Yokom commented on the designated property.

Public Hearing ended at 9:36 a.m.

7. Discuss and take action to approve the Reinvestment Zone Order and authorize the County Judge to sign Order Designating the Reinvestment Zone.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

8. ~~Recognition of Mr. Milton Carter of the Road and Bridge Department, who will be retiring August 31, 2017 with 31 years and 7 months of service to Waller County.~~

Item WITHDRAWN at the request of Yancy Scott, County Engineer.

9. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding minimum acreage from Ms. Barbara Frey.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Abstained

Commissioner Klecka – Abstained

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. Discuss and take action to transfer \$44,600.00 from line item 110-530-590000 [Bridge Replacement] and \$30,400.00 from line item 110-530-537501 [Fuel] for a total of \$75,000.00 to line item 110-530-581815 [Equipment Rental] in the Road and Bridge Department Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to declare obsolete and economically unserviceable vehicles and equipment as salvage or surplus property and dispose of them through auction.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. Discuss and take action to accept a Lease Proposal from Daimler through Buyboard for a 60 month lease on four (4) 2018 Freightliner, dump trucks, at the monthly lease rate not to exceed \$2,200.00 each. Authorize the County Judge to execute said Lease Agreements.

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

Motion to **table** by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Klecka.

Motion carried – Item TABLED.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- a. ~~Discuss and take action to transfer \$20,000.00 from line item 110-530-537501 [Fuel] to line item 110-530-581100 [Construction Equipment] for the lease of four (4) dump trucks in 2017.~~

13. **Discuss** Hydrology and Hydraulics study of Brookshire Creek at McAllister Road. Mr. Donald Rockmore, resident of Brookshire addressed the court regarding issues of Brookshire Creek at McAllister Road.
No action required.

14. **Discuss** possible revisions to the Fee Schedule for the Road and Bridge Department. Assistant Engineer DeWayne Davis presented possible fee revisions to the court.
No action required.

EXTENSION SERVICES

15. Discuss and take action to approve Fixed Asset Transfers.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

16. Discuss and take action to approve Fixed Asset Transfers.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve the request from Patsy Marburger, Melanee Smith Library Board President, for the payment of \$1,000.00 from line item 125-411-547340 [Melanie Smith Library] for the remainder of the allocated funds for 2017.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

18. Discuss and take action to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
20. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Klecka.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:31a.m.

APPROVED this the 30th day of August 2017.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

ATTEST:

Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners'
Court of Waller County, Texas

