

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 25, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 25th 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 Presiding Judge Commissioner Justin Beckendorff at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3 – *arrived at 9:09 a.m.*
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*
Jenifer Deutrich, Deputy 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 Smith

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

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/swagit.com/live>.

1. Lesha Roberts commented on the vaccine mandate and why she and others come to Commissioners Court.

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 18, 2021 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) 136,928.25 for Invoice # 081321GWA to Waller County Appraisal District from line item 125-437-540500 [Tax Appraisal District] as allocated in the 2021 Budget.
5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

6. **Presentation** by Vince Yokom on Waller County Economic Development.

Commissioner Jones arrived to meeting at 9:09 a.m.

No action required.

7. **Public Hearing:** On the reauthorization of the Tax Abatement and Incentives Policy Guidelines & Criteria for Waller County, as amended.

Public Hearing began at 9:23 a.m.

Several public members provided comments during the public hearing.

Public Hearing ended at 9:57 a.m.

8. Discuss and take action to adopt the 2021-2023 Tax Abatement and Incentives Policy Guidelines & Criteria and Application for Waller County pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to approve Addendum to Tax Abatement Agreement with WCF, LLC.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign seven (7) resale deeds for the private resale of property currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

LIBRARY

11. Discuss and take action to accept financial donation from the Hempstead High School Class of 1993 in memory of their classmate Stacey Rene Fontenot (Warren) for use in the Waller County Library Memorial Fund 125-537-535500 [Book & Memorial/Hemp/Misc.]. *(no backup submitted)*