

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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)*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

12. Discuss and take action to award bid for HMAC Installation.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Jones moved to amend to approve bid to Texas Materials Group, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Amendment carried** by 4-0 vote.

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

**Amended Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

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

**COUNTY JUDGE**

13. Discuss and take action to ratify Belfor Property Restoration Contract for the emergency repairs in the County Clerk’s Office.

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

**SHERIFF**

14. Discuss and take action to publish Request for Proposals for Jail Food Services in the Waller County Express. Funds to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices & Printing]. (no backup submitted)

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

**IT**

15. Discuss and take action to approve costs for the Consolidated Communication items for the Precinct 4 Building.

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

**AUDITOR**

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

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

17. Discuss and take action to approve Sheriff Administration Department line item budget transfer, WC 2021-32.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

18. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.  
(no backup submitted)  
No action taken.
19. ~~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 Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.~~  
Item WITHDRAWN.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.~~ Item WITHDRAWN.
21. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.~~ Item WITHDRAWN.
22. ~~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 10:51 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.



*Jenifer Deutch*

Jenifer Deutch  
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.

*Justin Beckendorff*

Commissioner Justin Beckendorff  
Presiding Judge