

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 9:03 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  
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** – None

**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 28, 2019 Regular Session

3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$1,015.00 for invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home and \$365.00 for invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home for a total of \$1,380.00 from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

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

5. **Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to place a power pole within the right-of-way of Killarney Street.**

6. **Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to place a power pole within the right-of-way of West Road.**

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*

## COUNTY ENGINEER

7. **Open** Competitive Bids for: McAllister Road Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.

The following bid was submitted and opened by the court:

1. John Reed and Company LLC

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

8. **Presentation** by Dr. Camille Gibson on the Community Dynamics and Social Media Utilization for Emergencies in a Rural Texas County survey being conducted by Prairie View A & M University. *No action required.*

## PUBLIC HEARING

9. Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Rate, first hearing.

Commissioners Court will vote on the proposed tax rate on September 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at its meeting place in the Waller County Courthouse located at 836 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas.

**Judge Duhon announced:** The Waller County Commissioners are proposing 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** and the Farm to Market Flood control rate of **\$.032098** and to the Debt Service Fund rate of **\$.065829**.

Commissioners Court will vote on the proposed tax rate on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at its meeting place in the Waller County Courthouse located at 836 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas.

**Public Hearing began at 9:12 a.m.**

*No public comments*

**Public Hearing ended at 9:12 a.m.**

## IT DEPARTMENT

10. ~~Discuss and take action on Senate Bill 944 regarding public information archiving.~~

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

**Motion withdrawn – Item WITHDRAWN.**

11. ~~Discuss and take action to approve contract with Verizon Wireless for wireless telephones. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

12. ~~Discuss and take action to approve contract with SMARSH for archiving services.~~

**Item WITHDRAWN.**

## FIRE MARSHAL

13. ~~Discuss and take action on Burn Ban. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

## SHERIFF

14. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Treasurer to continue to pay the salary and benefits for the Sexual Assault Investigator in the Sheriff's Office at the current levels from September 1, 2019 until such time as the Violence Against Women Formula Grant is awarded by the Governor's Office, funds to be transferred from department 516 for the payment of said salary and benefits if necessary.

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

## AUDITOR

15. **Spread** upon the minutes the Certification of Funds for the Road & Bridge Department.  
*No action required.*

16. Discuss and take action to approve to amend the 2019 Budget to accommodate the Road & Bridge Donation for Hollyhill Drive in the amount of \$12,300.00.

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

17. **Spread** upon the minutes the Certification of Funds for the Animal Control Department.  
*No action required.*

18. Discuss and take action to approve to amend the 2019 Budget to accommodate the Sheriff Animal Control Donation in the amount of \$50.00.

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

19. **Spread** upon the minutes the Certification of Funds for the TJJD Grant for Juvenile Probation. *No action required.*

20. Discuss and take action to approve to amend the 2019-2020 Grant Budget to accommodate the TJJD Grant for Juvenile Probation.

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

## TREASURER

21. Discuss and take action to approve TJJD Grant Salary Order.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 22. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 23. 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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

**Motion carried.**

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

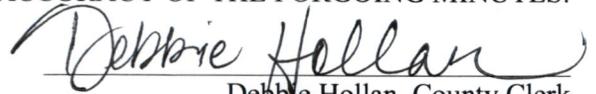
*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:25 a.m.

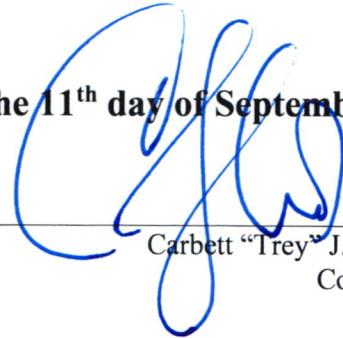
I ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OF THE FORGOING MINUTES:



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



**APPROVED this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.**



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge