

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 7th day of September 2022 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 9:03 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
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy 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 made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Absent</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Jones – Yes</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.swagit.com/live>.

1. Danny Rothe

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 31, 2022 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,295.00 for Invoice dated August 24, 2022 and \$1,295.00 for Invoice dated August 29, 2022 for a total of \$2,590.00 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (b) \$700.00 for Invoice dated August 11, 2022 and \$900.00 for Invoice dated August 14, 2022 for a total of \$1,600.00 to W. L. Simon Mortuary from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Request by Waller County Library for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers to the IT Department.

Motion made to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

PROCLAMATION

7. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation declaring September 11, 2022 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

(Commissioner Jones read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

8. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.
No action required.

SHERIFF

9. ~~Discuss and take action to approve inmate housing interlocal between Austin County and Waller County.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

10. Discuss and take action to approve engineering peer review study of Clay Road by DEC not to exceed \$20,000.00. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Jones made motion to amend to authorize us to go into negotiation with DEC for a peer review for Clay and Pitts Road not to exceed \$20,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize

Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

GRANT MANAGER

11. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign a contract with the State of Texas Office of the Attorney General accepting \$17,505.23 in grant funding pursuant to the FY 23 Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS) program.

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

AUDITOR

12. Discuss and take action to approve the Road & Bridge department line-item budget transfer, WC 2022-36.

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

FIRE MARSHAL

13. Discuss and take action on Burn Ban.

No action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Discuss and take action to approve amendments to the Waller County Personnel Policy regarding overtime pay. The amendments will be effective starting September 7, 2022.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

16. ~~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 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

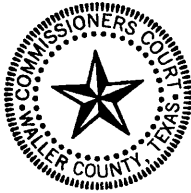
Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:11 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.



Debbie Hollan, Waller County Clerk

By: *Stephanie Tompkins*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the **14th** day of **September 2022**.

Trey Duhon
Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III
County Judge