

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 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 9:02 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  
Kendric D. Jones, 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 Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**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>.

The following public members made public comment:

Dewayne Charleston regarding Re-districting and Liendo Parkway.

Judge JR Woolley announced remembrance of the fire that occurred in northeast Waller County 10 years ago.

**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 – September 1, 2021 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$8,661.00 for Invoice # 5642 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

- (b) \$1,065.00 for Invoice dated August 27, 2021 and \$1,177.50 for Invoice dated August 30, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
- (c) \$36,965.00 for Invoice # 30713-WC4 to Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Worker's Compensation Coverage from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip/Build/Pub Liab].
- (d) \$10,249.50 for Invoice # 115290 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

- 5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
- 6. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-Way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Road from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway. *(no backup submitted)*
- 7. Request by County Engineer for the approval of the Final Plat of Sunterra Section 5 and accept the Construction Bond (Pct. 4).

Motion to approved Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**PROCLAMATION**

- 8. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation declaring September 11, 2021 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**COUNTY JUDGE**

- 9. **Presentation** of report on delinquent tax and fine and fee collection by Otilia Gonzales of Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP.

*No action required.*

**TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR**

- 10. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign three (3) 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 Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

- 11. **Presentation** by Dude Hall of Raba Kistner to convey the opportunities and advantages associated with Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development/Multi-Functional Design. *(no backup submitted)*  
*No action required.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

- 12. Discuss considerations for purchasing a Boom Mower.  
*Discussion only – No action required.*

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- 13. Discuss and take action to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Participating Entity Services Agreement with Appriss, Inc. for the provision of Victim’s Services in Waller County for the State Fiscal Year 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**TREASURER**

- 14. Discuss and take action to approve the 2021 American Rescue Plan Funds Salary Order.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**FIRE MARSHAL**

- 15. Discuss and take action on Burn Ban. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote. **Burn Ban in Effect.**

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

- 16. Discuss and take action to approve Vehicle Use Agreement with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and accept donation of 2021 cargo trailer.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, 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*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 17. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.  
*(no backup submitted)*  
*No action taken.*

18. Discuss and take action to approve paid quarantine leave policy pursuant to House Bill 2073.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

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

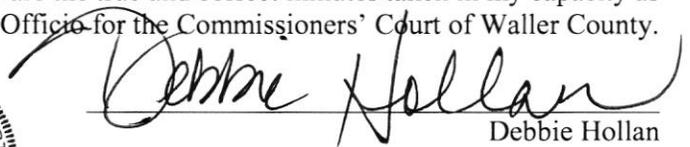
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

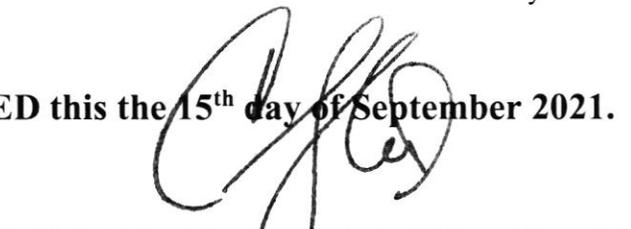
Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:59 a.m.

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

**APPROVED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge