

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 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 9:01 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 made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – 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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live>.

*No public comments received.*

Commissioner Beckendorff announced the Waller County Fair will be coming up in 2 weeks.

**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 2, 2020 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request to approve payment on the following:  
\$1,165.00 for invoice dated August 26, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home 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 County Engineer for the approval of the Final Plat of Quail Run Subdivision.
7. Request by County Engineer for the approval of the Final Plat of Twinwood Business Park, Phase 2 (Street Dedication Plat), and accept the Construction Bond.
8. Request by County Engineer for the approval of the Final Plat of Twinwood Business Park, Phase 3 (Street Dedication Plat), and accept the Construction Bond.
9. Request by County Engineer for the approval of a Resolution related to the County Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program (CTIF).

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### **COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

10. **Presentation** on community outreach by Pastor Theadeous Singleton of “The True Believers Church” and request for a partnership with the Waller County Commissioners Court. *No action required.*

***Returned back to Public Comments for public member to have opportunity to speak via teleconference.***

1. Chris Pantuso discussed COVID testing program.

***Resumed to Agenda Item #11***

### **COUNTY ENGINEER**

11. Discuss and take action to approve proposal for engineering services with EHRA, Inc. related to the interim improvements and ultimate expansion of Woods Rd. between IH-10 and US 90.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

12. Discuss and take action to post notice for Competitive Bids for “Kelley Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Clear Creek.” Notice to be posted in the Katy Times, on the Waller County website, and the designated areas in the Waller County Courthouse. Advertising to be funded from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

13. Discuss and take action to post notice for Competitive Bids for “McAllister Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.” Notice to be posted in the Katy Times, on the Waller County website, and the designated areas in the Waller County Courthouse. Advertising to be funded from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

- 14. Discuss and take action to post notice for Competitive Bids for “Robin Hood Ln. Bridge Replacement Over Brushy Creek.” Notice to be posted in the Katy Times, on the Waller County website, and the designated areas in the Waller County Courthouse. Advertising to be funded from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

- 15. **Open bids on Pavement Markings and Reflective Pavement Marker at various locations in Waller County. No Bids were received.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 16. **Public Hearing:** on the installation of One (1) Stop Sign on the following road:

- Shady Oak Drive at the intersection of Forest Circle.

**Public Hearing began at 9:58 a.m.**

No public comments received.

**Public Hearing ended at 9:59 a.m.**

- 17. Discuss and take action on the installation of One (1) Stop Sign on the following road:

- Shady Oak Drive at the intersection of Forest Circle.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

***Advanced to Agenda Item #31***

- 31. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

**Court convened to Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.**

**Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.**

*No action taken from Executive Session.*

***Resumed with Agenda Item #18***

**TREASURER**

- 18. Discuss and take action to approve the 2020-2021 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation for medical, dental, and life insurance coverages through the Texas Association of Counties.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

19. Discuss and take action to approve United Healthcare Medicare Supplement 2021 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation effective January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

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

20. Discuss and take action on deferment of federal payroll tax.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend that the County opt out of the Deferment Program, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

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

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

## **FIRE MARSHAL**

21. Discuss and take action on Burn Ban.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to lift the Burn Ban, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

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

## **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

22. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$563,353.76 for Application No. 24 to Sedalco, Inc. from line item 601-601-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Const. or Improv.].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

23. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$42,446.50 for invoice # 112894 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

24. Discuss and take action to approve Interlocal Agreements with the local school districts for the distribution of CARES Act funds.

Judge Duhon moved that we approve Exhibit A which would be attached to the Interlocal Agreements, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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



**ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:55 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*  
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Debbie Hollan  
Waller County Clerk

**APPROVED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

*Jeron Barnett*  
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Commissioner Jeron Barnett  
Presiding Judge