

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018 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 9:00 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  
Russell Klecka, 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 Barnett.

**Motion carried.**

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Klecka – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Pat Bruegger addressed the court with flood issues and concerns.
2. Tracy Sebesta commented on agenda item #11 and advised of her support for the item.

**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 5, 2018 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
  - (a) \$675.00 for invoice to Lewis Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
  - (b) \$80.00 for Invoice #18547409 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for Invoice #18112409 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].
4. **Request by District Clerk for approval to transfer fixed assets to Disposal.**
5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

Motion to **approve** consent agenda items by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Rate, second hearing.

Judge Duhon announced the Waller County Commissioners are proposing to adopt a total tax rate of **\$.686856** cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate being a combination of rates for the Waller County General Fund rate of **\$.577765** and the Farm to Market Flood control rate of **\$.032878** and to the Debt Service Fund rate of **\$.076213**.

Commissioners Court will vote on the proposed tax rate on September 19, 2018 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 9:06 a.m.**

The following public members addressed the court regarding the proposed budget and tax rate:

Tracy Sebesta

Shari Griswold

Irene Mattox

Pat Bruegger

David Luther

**Public Hearing ended at 10:29 a.m.**

**COUNTY JUDGE**

7. Report by Otilia Gonzales of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP on delinquent tax and fine and fee collection. *No action required.*

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

8. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Subdivision and Development Regulations, Engineering Designs Standards, Section 3 – Flag Lot, regarding the length of staff portion of the lot, by Mr. Milton Thomas.

Motion to **approve** variance by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Subdivision and Development Regulations, Engineering Design Standards, Section 12-Plat Required, regarding the division of land, by Mr. and Mrs. Reiff.

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

***Advanced to Agenda item #11***

10. **Discuss** Fill Dirt Requests for material taken from County ditches and drainage projects. *No action required.*