

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 15th 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 9:01 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
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Jenifer Deutrich, Deputy 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 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

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.com/live>.

The following public member(s) made public comment:

1. Larry Parr – Economic Development Budget

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **Public Hearing** – Proposed Tax Rate.

Judge Duhon announced Commissioners Court will vote on the proposed tax rate on September 15, 2021 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 9:09 a.m.

Judge Duhon explained the Tax Rate.

Tracy Sebesta thanked and complimented Commissioners Court.

Larry Parr asked why we can't make the Tax Rate lower.

Tracy Sebesta asked where the FEMA and ARP funds go.

Judge Duhon and Alan Younts (County Auditor) explained how the funds work.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Beckendorff commented on the Sheriff and the Road & Bridge budgets.

Commissioner Jones spoke about the budget and thanked the budget committee.
Larry Parr asked about the Courthouse plans.
Judge Duhon explained the Courthouse plans.
Public Hearing ended at 9:45 a.m.

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 Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:46 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: _____

Jenifer Deutrich

Jenifer Deutrich, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the **22nd** day of **September 2021**.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III

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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

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Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

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Commissioner Beckendorff made announcement about the Waller County Fair.

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 8, 2021 Regular Session

3. Request to approve payment on the following:

(a) \$600.00 for Invoice # 3 to Stephens & Flowers Funerals and Cremations from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$450.00 for Invoice # SOP014894 to CIRA from line item 125-411-~~5~~-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].