

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 16th 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 Presiding Judge Commissioner Jeron Barnett at 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3 – *Presiding Judge*
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County 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 Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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/swagit.com/live>.

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 9, 2020 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$2,821.52 for Invoice # 4958 to Blueline TD, LLC from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].
 - (b) \$1,350.00 for Invoice # SOP013164 to CIRA from line item 125-411-5545001 [Maintenance Contracts].

(c) \$85.00 for invoice # 20547409 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 20112409 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of 1,080.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

(d) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated September 8, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

- 4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
- 5. Request for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

Advanced to Agenda Item #7

COUNTY ENGINEER

- 7. Discuss and take action to authorize County Engineer to approve certain variance requests to the 2019 Major Thoroughfare Plan regarding platting and ROW dedication.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

FIRE MARSHAL

- 8. Discuss and take action on Burn Ban.

No action taken – No Burn Ban in effect

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- 9. Discuss and take action to allow the County Judge to sign the agreement for Mitel SIP trunk licensing for the Justice Center Phone relocation with MITEL TX DIR.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, 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 Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

- 10. Discuss and take action to allow County Judge to sign agreement for Intelpeer SIP trunks (dialtone) for connectivity of MITEL Phone systems.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Beckendorff made amendment for the motion to read to pay the MITEL Phone Systems \$252.00 a month, seconded by Commissioner Smith

Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

11. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$10,500.00 for Invoice # 144 to Waller County Construction LLC from line item 601-601-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Const. or Improv.].

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. ~~Discuss and take action to approve the cost of furniture for the Precinct 4 Building from Wilson Furniture. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

MISCELLANEOUS

13. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

14. Discuss and take action to approve Business Associate Agreement and agreement for COVID-19 testing with AccessHealth.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Returned to Agenda Item #6

COUNTY JUDGE

6. **Presentation** on Master Planned Communities by Alex Kamkar of Bold Fox Development. *No action required.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

16. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:54 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

Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk

APPROVED this the 23rd day of September 2020.

Trey J. Duhon, III

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge