

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – SEPTMEBER 18, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 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 9:04 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  
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Stephanie Tompkins, Deputy County Clerk  
Absent: Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2

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 Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Sidney Marie Chipman gave an update on the House of Help.

**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 11, 2019 Regular Session

3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.

4. Request to approve payment on the following:

(a) \$159.50 for invoice # E0719WCA1801 to Turner Duran Architects from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

**(b) removed from consent agenda**

(c) \$44,503.07 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].

(d) \$80.00 for invoice #19547409 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 19112409 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1,075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

- (e) \$285.80 for invoice # NRDD-0005160, \$60.00 for invoice # NRDD-0005098, and \$1,340.60 for a total of \$1,686.40 to Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip/Build/Pub Liab].
- (f) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated September 4, 2019 and three (3) invoices for \$1,015.00 each dated September 9, 2019 for a total of \$4,060.00 to Schmidt Funeral from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion to **approve** consent agenda with the removal of item 4(b) by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

**Motion carried.**

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

4. (b) Request to approve payment on the following: \$3,319,417.47 for invoice # 11042 to Sedalco, Inc. from line item 601-601-581000 [Bldg Purch. Cons., or Improv].

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

**Motion carried.**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Public Hearing – 2020 Proposed Budget.

**Public Hearing began at 9:12 a.m.**

The following public members addressed the court regarding the 2020 Proposed Budget:

1. Tracy Sebesta
2. Pat Bruegger

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

7. Discuss and take action to adopt the 2020 Budget.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

8. Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2020 Budget.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to ratify the property tax increase that is reflected in the 2020 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

**Motion carried.**

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

***Returned back to Agenda Items #7 and #8 for a Roll Call Vote***

**Roll Call Vote for Agenda Item #7**

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – In Favor</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Aye</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – In Favor</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yea</i>

**Roll Call Vote for Agenda Item #8**

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – In Favor</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Aye</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – In Favor</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Aye</i>