

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 23rd 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 9:00 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
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.

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

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.swagit.com/live>.

Gwen Munford, Regional Voting Protection Director for the Texas Democratic Party, made public comment via teleconference to show her support for the Waller County Democratic Party for the desire for expansion of early voting locations including that of the Prairie View University.

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 16, 2020 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Tax Assessor for approval of the 2020 Tax Roll.**
5. *Item 5 removed from Consent Agenda, Court to vote on separately (page 2 of 6).*

6. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,700.00 for invoice dated August 31, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral home from line I tem 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial].
 - (b) \$33,769.59 for invoice # 38 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].
 - (c) \$29,519.00 for Application # 2 and \$54,418.00 for Application # 3 for a total of \$83,937.00 to Precision Utility from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

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

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to pass the consent agenda minus number 5, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

5. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Comcast of Houston, LLC, to install Fiber Optic within the right-of-way of Owens Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

8. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.

No action required.

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

9. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign three resale deeds for the private tax resale of properties currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the Waller County Auditor to conduct annual Chapter 59 Audit for the District Attorney’s Forfeiture/Seized funds accounts.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

11. Discuss and take action to approve the Notice of Joint General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 and authorize the Elections Administrator to publish said Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in Waller County as required by Sec 4.003 of the