

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2023**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 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 Justin Beckendorff at 2:01 p.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge – *Present via Zoom Video*  
John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1  
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2 – *Present via Zoom Video*  
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*  
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler  
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Jones

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - *None*

**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 ~~Approval of the minutes.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.

4. Request to approve payment on the following:

(a) \$37,500.00 for Invoice # 2373 to Waller County Economic Development for 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly payment as allocated in the 2023 Budget from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].

(b) \$1,295.00 for Invoice dated September 19, 2023 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$1,600.00 for Invoice # WC-PU-001 to Stephens & Flowers Funerals and Cremations from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

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

6. Request by County Tax Assessor for approval of the 2023 Tax Roll.

7. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice of Proposed Utility Work for American Communication Construction Inc. to place (1) – 2” HDPE Conduit with wireline/fiber cable within the right of way of Urban Rd and Mitchmore Rd in Precinct 1 a total of 681 ft.
8. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice of Proposed Utility Work for American Communication Construction Inc. to attach a fiber by conduit/cable to existing poles within the right of way of Urban Rd and Cemetery Rd. in Precinct 1.
9. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice of Proposed Utility Work for AT&T to place a Fiber Optic Cable within the right of way of Betka Rd. in Precinct 3 a proposed distance of 6,847 ft.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with #2 withdrawn made by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

10. ~~Discuss and take action to approve a Subdivision Variance Request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations, Section 3.4.8 Flag Lot access length, by Ernesto Arriaga Bernac in Precinct 1. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion and Second withdrawn.

11. Discuss and take action to accept a Change Rider on Liberty Mutual Surety Bond, #58S215981 from Triple B Services, LLP, increasing the term of the Maintenance Bond from current 1 (one) year to a 2 (two) year term for Paving Facilities of Schlipf Rd.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1**

12. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a Garrett Walk-Through Metal Detector and Metal Detector Casters in the amount of \$6,021.71 to be paid from line-item 123-431-568425 [Misc. Security].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **GRANT MANAGER**

13. Discuss and take action to authorize the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$29,267.38 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office’s Homeland Security Grants Division for the 2023 State Homeland Security Program-Regular Projects (SHSP-R).

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.