

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 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 9:00 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 to **approve** 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*

**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** – October 2, 2019 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

a) \$1,742.00 for invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].

b) \$675.00 for invoice to Lewis Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

c) \$2,932.00 for Invoice # AH020271 Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

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

6. **Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to place a power pole within the right-of-way of Macedonia Road.**

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

**PROCLAMATION**

- 7. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation declaring October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Waller County.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
(Commissioner Beckendorff read Proclamation)

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes  
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes  
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

*Advanced to Agenda Item #13*

**WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD**

- 13. Discuss and take action for new phone, voicemail, Internet services and email for Child Welfare Board.

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

Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote – **Item TABLED.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes  
Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes  
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

*(Additional action taken on item #13 further in the meeting)*

**SHERIFF**

- ~~8. Discuss and take action to approve the submitted grant proposal seeking NRA Foundation Grant funds for the purchase of equipment to be used for tactical training of emergency response personnel. **Item WITHDRAWN.**~~
- ~~9. Discuss and take action to approve the submitted grant proposal to the Officer Down Memorial Program to fund a memorial for the purpose of exhibiting plaques and other items received from external stakeholders, citizens, and organizations in remembrance of fallen deputies. **Item WITHDRAWN.**~~

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

- 10. **Public Hearing** on the establishment of speed limit and installation of speed signs on the following road:

- Pappas Drive between Kinglands Blvd. and Redwood Peak Ln. – 30 mph

**Public Hearing began at 9:18 a.m.**

Mr. Yancy Scott, County Engineer explained the need for establishing the speed limit and signs.  
No public comments received.

**Public Hearing ended at 9:19 a.m.**

- 11. Discuss and take action to establish the speed limit and approve the installation of speed limit signs on the following road:

- Pappas Drive between Kinglands Blvd. and Redwood Peak Ln. – 30 mph

Motion to **approve** 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

## **FIRE MARSHAL**

12. Discuss and take action on Burn Ban. *No action taken - Burn Ban remains in effect.*

## **LIBRARY**

14. Discuss and take action to approve the grant donation of \$1,000.00 from The Montgomery Family Foundation to the Brookshire Pattison Library Branch to be deposited in line item 125-000-470100 [Donations/Library].

Motion to **approve** 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

## **AUDITOR**

15. Discuss and take action to amend the 2019-2020 Grant Budget to accommodate the VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program, Grant #1888611, for the Waller County District Attorney's Office.

Motion to **approve** 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

16. Discuss and take action to approve quarterly reimbursement of Juror Payments.

Motion to **approve** 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

17. **Spread** upon the minutes the Certification of Funds for the WF-Violence Against Women Formula Grant, Grant #3343603, in the amount of \$59,040.00 for Waller County Sheriff's Office. *No action required.*

18. Discuss and take action to amend the 2019-2020 Grant Budget to accommodate the WF-Violence Against Women Formula Grant, Grant #3343603, in the amount of \$59,040.00 for Waller County Sheriff's Office.

Motion to **approve** 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

## **TREASURER**

19. Discuss and take action to approve 2019-20 CJD VAW Grant Salary Order.

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

20. Discuss and take action to approve 2019-20 CJD CVA Grant Salary Order.

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

21. Discuss and take action to approve \$3,410,610.67 for invoice # 11053 to Sedalco, Inc. from line item 601-601-581000 [Bldg Purch. Cons., or Improv].

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

22. ~~Update on Precinct 4 Annex Project.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

23. ~~Discuss and take action to approve contract with Alpha Testing, Inc. for the Precinct 4 Annex Project.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

***Returned to Agenda Item #13***

13. Discuss and take action for new phone, voicemail, Internet services and email for Child Welfare Board.

Commissioner Barnett made motion to put item #13 back on today’s agenda, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to **amend** by being paid for out of line item 125-411-542501, amount not to exceed \$500.00, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Amendment carried** by 4-0 vote.

**Amended Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

25. 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 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*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:26 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*  
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Debbie Hollan  
Waller County Clerk

**APPROVED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.**

*Jeron Barnett*  
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Commissioner Jeron Barnett  
Presiding Judge