

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 14th day of October 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 9:00 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 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

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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live>.

Denise Mattox representing Rosa Harris, Democratic Party Chair addressed the court regarding Elections.

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 7, 2020 Regular Session**

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

(a) \$32,500.00 for invoice # 1988 to Waller County Economic Development as allocated in the 2020 Budget from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].

(b) \$85.00 for invoice # 20547410 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 20112410 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total \$1,080.00 payable

to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

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

Motion to approve consent agenda 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>

PROCLAMATION

- Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
(Representative with Focusing Family read the Proclamation)

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>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Discuss and take action to assign Tax Abatement Agreement with Clay Partners to Exeter.

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>

COUNTY ENGINEER

- Award Bid for “Kelley Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Clear Creek.”

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion that we approve WadeCon, LLC for the Kelley Road replacement bridge, 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>

- Award Bid for “McAllister Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.”

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to amend that we award the bid to WadeCon, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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>

10. Award Bid for “Robin Hood Ln. Bridge Replacement Over Brushy Creek.”
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
 Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to reject all bids on Robinhood Lane, 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

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11. Discuss and take action approve Agreement with Consolidated Communications to add IP addresses for the Precinct 4 Building.
 Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
 Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend to pay from line item 125-411-542501, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

12. Discuss and take action to approve additional Water Well costs for Precinct 4 Building.
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
 Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend to be paid from line item 125-600-581610, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
13. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$70,289.26 for Application # 13 to Collier Construction, LLC from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].
 Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
14. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$677,063.47 for Application # 25 to Sedalco, Inc. 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

MISCELLANEOUS

15. Discuss and take action to approve Designation of Representatives for Houston-Galveston Area Council 2021 General Assembly and Board of Directors.
Commissioner Beckendorff made motion that we approve the Designation of Representatives for the HGAC as follows: Judge Duhon as our Representative for the Board of Directors, Myself – Commissioner Beckendorff as the Alternate, Alternate for the General Assembly #1 Commissioner John Amsler, and Alternate 2 for the General Assembly Commissioner Walter Smith, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.
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 Agreement between Waller County and Fort Bend Family Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Access Health and payment of \$25,000.00 from line item 125-411-542250 [Fort Bend Family Health Center] as allocated in the 2020 budget.
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
17. Discuss and take action to approve 63 month Lease Agreement with Quadient for the postage machine located in the County Clerk’s Office. Monthly payment of \$214.99 to be paid from line item 125-411-531400 [Postage].
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
18. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with TISA Software for the Waller County Veterans Memorial Website.
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to table #18, seconded by Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
19. ~~Discuss and take action to approve final costs for the Waller County Veteran’s Memorial.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**
20. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$24,999.50 for Invoice # 113103 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].
Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
21. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.
No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 22. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 23. 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

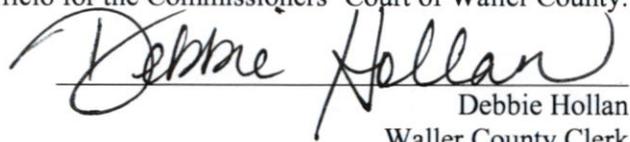
Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:13 a.m.

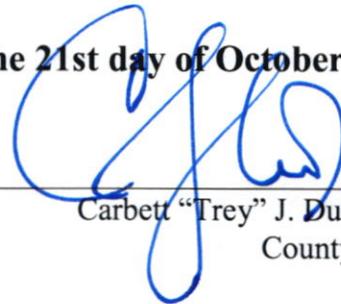
I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.



Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk



APPROVED this the 21st day of October 2020.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge