

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 16th 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
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3 – *Presiding Judge*
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Stephanie Tompkins, Deputy County Clerk
Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2

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 Amsler.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Veda Brown requested a definitive description of what constitutes a Mass Gathering.

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 9, 2019 Regular Session

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

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

(a) \$80.00 for invoice #19547410 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 19112410 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1,075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

(b) \$200.00 for invoice # 239595 payable to Texas Judicial Academy from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

(c) \$100.00 for invoice payable to Texas State Directory Press from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

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

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

- 6. Discuss and take action to approve Load Zoned Road Analysis (Round 2) contracts with Raba Kistner for the amount of \$66,500.00, to be funded from line item 110-530-545800 [Professional Consultants].

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 7. Discuss and take action to approve proposal for replacement of Morton Road Bridge at Buffalo Bayou Draw, by Big R Bridge for the amount of \$27,960.00, to be funded from Line Item 110-530-590000 [Bridge Replacement].

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TREASURER

- 8. Discuss and take action to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from line item 125-436-581813 [Copier/Printer] to 125-436-581800 [Furniture & Equipment].

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

SHERIFF

- 9. 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.

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Absent

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 10. 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.

Deputy Chief Manuel Zamora with the Sheriff’s Department explained the grant proposal.

No motion was made on Agenda Item #10.

FIRE MARSHAL

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- 12. Discuss and take action to approve the Lease Extension Amendment with the State of Texas for the Health and Human Services Commission to occupy part of the Waller County hospital.

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 13. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution on the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 14. Discuss and take action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County for public defender services for capital cases.

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

- 15. Discuss and take action to approve the continued receipt of the share of bingo prize fee funds from each licensed authorized organization conducting bingo within the County’s jurisdiction.

Legal Counsel explained agenda item.

No motion was made on Agenda Item #15.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

- 16. **Update** on Precinct 4 Annex Project. *No action required.*

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

AUDITOR

- 18. **Spread** upon the minutes the Certification of Funds for Grant Donations to the Waller County Library. *No action required.*

- 19. Discuss and take action to amend the 2019 Budget to accommodate the Grant Donations to the Waller County Library.

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
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Returned to Agenda Items #10 and #15 for the Court to make motion(s) and vote.

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Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
 Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 20. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 21. 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 Amsler.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Absent
 Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:46 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



By: Stephanie Tompkins
 Stephanie Tompkins, Deputy

APPROVED this the 23rd day of October 2019.

Trey Duhon
 Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III
 County Judge