

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 19, 2022**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 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 9:02 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  
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: 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 made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Jones – 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://wallercountytexas.com/swagit.com/live>.

1. Tim Gibson    2. Sheriff Troy Guidry    3. Tommy Davis    4. Dr. Denise Mattox    5. Robert Pechukas

**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 12, 2022 Regular Session

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

4. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Elections Payroll.**

5. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of quarterly State Comptroller Reports.**

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

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

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### **COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

8. Discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Development Agreement with Bluestem Development Company for the Bluestem subdivision presented by Brad Sweitzer.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### **SHERIFF**

9. Discuss and take action to approve DEA Task Force Overtime Agreement for their fiscal year 2023. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### **ELECTIONS**

10. Discuss and take action to approve Temporary Early Voting location to include Fieldstore, PVAMU MSC, Pattison, and Katy.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

11. Discuss and take action to create a part-time investigator position in the D.A's office at the rate of \$25.00 per hour. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Absent*

*Commissioner Jones – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

### **FIRE MARSHAL**

12. ~~Discuss and take action on Burn Ban.~~ Item WITHDRAWN.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 13. Discuss and take action to approve the Gulf Coast Rail District’s Concurrent Ordinance: 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes                      Commissioner Amsler – Yes                      Commissioner Smith – Absent*  
*Commissioner Jones – Yes                      Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

- 14. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$493,928.05 to Amazon pursuant to the Chapter 381 Economic Development Incentive Agreement. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-561315 [Amazon 381 Agreement] as allocated in the 2022 Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes                      Commissioner Amsler – Yes                      Commissioner Smith – Absent*  
*Commissioner Jones – Yes                      Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 15. ~~Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.~~
- 16. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes                      Commissioner Amsler – Yes                      Commissioner Smith – Absent*  
*Commissioner Jones – Yes                      Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:36 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.**

*Trey Duhon*  
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Trey Duhon, III  
County Judge