

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 20, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 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 – *present via online*  
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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

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

**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.swagit.com/live>.

The following Public Members made public comment:

1. Dr. Denise Mattox – County Jail

**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 13, 2021 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$37,500.00 for Invoice # 2088 to Waller County Economic Development for 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly payment as allocated in the 2021 Budget from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].

(b) \$200.00 for Invoice # 239595 to Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for Texas Judicial Academy Membership from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Request by County Clerk for approval of Fixed Asset Transfer to the Maintenance Department.
7. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.
8. Request by County Treasurer for approval of state quarterly fees.

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

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

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

## **COUNTY JUDGE**

9. **Presentation** and overview by Liz Cassin with the American Flood Coalition.  
*No action required.*
10. Discuss and take action to approve membership for Judge Duhon and Waller County to join the American Flood Coalition. *(no backup submitted)*

Judge Duhon made motion to approve membership for Waller County to join the American Flood Coalition, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Motion carried** by 3-1 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – No	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Absent
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to ratify Belfor Property Restoration Contract for the emergency repairs in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

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

## **506<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT JUDGE**

12. Discuss and take action to approve request for ARP funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

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

13. Discuss and take action to approve the designation of a representative from Commissioners Court to serve on the Waller County Court Security Committee.

Judge Duhon made motion to approve and designate Commissioner Jones to serve on the Waller County Court Security Committee, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

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