

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 28, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Waller County Judge Trey Duhon at 9:01 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  
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk  
Absent: Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3

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.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Absent</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.com/live>.

1. Dr. Denise Mattox discussed her concerns with the local election that is taking place.
2. Douglas and Gayle Brown addressed the court regarding the bright lights that are coming from a baseball field in Precinct 3.

**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 21, 2020 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
  - (a) \$615.00 for invoice dated October 14, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for San Bernard Electric Coop., Inc. to add three poles and anchor guide wire in the right-of-way of Cochran Road.
6. Request by IT Department for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.

Motion to approve consent agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

7. **Presentation** by Lisa Murphy with AP Solar on a proposed solar farm in partnership with Rice University. *No action required.*
8. **Presentation** by Vince Yokom on Waller County Economic Development. *No action required.*
9. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 201028-09 regarding compliance with the City of Houston’s Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan for land located at the northeast intersection of James Muse Parkway and U.S. Highway 290.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

10. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding flag lot over flag lot and an access easement right-of-way is 30ft. instead of 40 ft. from Mr. & Mrs. John Wallace.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

11. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding shared easements for multiple single division tracts from Mr. Valenzuela Jr.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

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

12. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding only a portion of the major thoroughfare building set back from Mr. Karl Brounkowski.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.