

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 30, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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  
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler  
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Barnett

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**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 23, 2019 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of fixed asset transfers.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
  - (a) \$54,825.53 for invoice # 26 and \$33,461.83 for invoice # 27 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects for a total of \$88,287.36 from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].
  - (b) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated October 22, 2019 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**
6. **Request by County Engineer to authorize the County Judge to sign a credit application to open an account with Warren Truck & Trailer, LLC.**

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

**WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE**

- 7. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.  
*No action required.*

**PRESENTATION**

- 8. **Presentation** by Prairie View A & M University Toyota Research Team on the Waller County Mobility Solutions project. *No action required.*

**COUNTY JUDGE**

- 9. Discuss and take action to approve expenses for out of state travel to Washington, D.C. for the County Judge.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

- 10. Discuss and take action to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from line item 125-411-569600 [Contingency] to 125-440-563000 [Training & Conference Expense].

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

- 11. Discuss and take action to order the following equipment for 2020:  
One (1) John Deere 210G LC FT4 Excavator with hydraulic thumb in the amount of \$196,500 from Doggett Heavy Machinery through BUYBOARD.  
One (1) John Deere 620G Motor Grader with rear scarifier in the amount of \$244,950 from Doggett Heavy Machinery through BUYBOARD.  
One (1) John Deere 333G compact track loader with 9 inch Auger, 78 inch root rake, 30 inch cold planer in the amount of \$100,195 from Doggett Heavy Machinery through BUYBOARD.  
Two (2) International HV613 6x4 with Warren 14 yard dump body, Allison Transmission, 2 @ \$119,186 plus \$1000 HGAC process fee for a total amount of \$239,372 from Santex Truck Centers through HGACBuy.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## JUVENILE PROBATION

12. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a refund check for unused 2019 Grant funds for \$25,992.13 to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3

13. Discuss and take action to approve the transfer of \$500.00 from line item 125-420-531400 [Postage] to line item 125-420-568426 [Office Security].

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## FIRE MARSHAL

14. ~~Discuss and take action on Burn Ban.~~ **Item WITHDRAWN.**

15. Discuss and take action to allot not more than five (5) volunteer positions to the Waller County Fire Marshal's office.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

16. Discuss and take action to provide Workers Compensation Insurance to One (1) Volunteer of the Waller County Fire Marshal's office.

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

Motion to **amend** for approval to add Optional Coverage Endorsement for Volunteers – Fire Fighters to the Workers' Compensation policy by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Amendment carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**Amended Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

17. **Open** Competitive Sealed Proposals for the renovation of the Waller County Library in Hempstead.

The following proposals were submitted and opened in Court:

1. Uretek Gulf Coast for leveling, received October 29, 2019 at 1:02 p.m., bid amount \$60,772.00.
2. Dahvar Construction and Design, received October 29, 2019 at 12:57 p.m., bid amount \$744,880.00.
3. M Scott Construction Inc., received October 29, 2019 at 1:56 p.m., bid amount \$849,000.00

18. Discuss and take action to approve contract with Alpha Testing, Inc. for the Precinct 4 Annex Project.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

19. Discuss and take action to approve the payment of \$8,488.64 for invoice # 0919WCA1801 and \$41.47 for invoice # E0919WCA1801 for a total of \$8,530.11 to Turner Duran Architects from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **AUDITOR**

20. Discuss and take action to approve official documents and all monthly reports.

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

21. Discuss and take action to approve leases for the following vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management:

Twelve 2020 Ford Police Interceptors

Five 2020 Ford F-150s

One 2020 Ford F-250

One 2020 Chevrolet Trax

One 2020 Ford Expedition

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

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **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.**

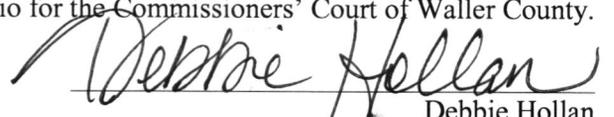
**ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:56 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.

  
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Debbie Hollan  
Waller County Clerk



**APPROVED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

  
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Commissioner Jeron Barnett  
Presiding Judge