

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 18th day of November 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
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3 – *dismissed from Court at 12:24 p.m.*
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 made 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

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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live>.

1. Carrie Gourley addressed the court with concerns regarding the November 3, 2020 General Election.
2. Commissioner Barnett thanked everyone for the Veteran's Memorial dedication program last week.
3. Judge Duhon announced the ribbon cutting of the new Justice Center to take place November 21, 2020.

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** – November 10, 2020 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$119,900.00 for Invoice # 29513 to Santex Truck Center, LTD from line item 602-602-581100 [Construction Equipment].

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
 Motion to approve consent agenda by Commissioner Barnett, 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

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6. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with AT&T for antenna system located at the Justice Center.
 Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

SHERIFF

7. Discuss and take action to approve the following additional items for the Jail and the Justice Center for a total of \$75,456.75 to paid from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg./Purch./Const./or Improv. /Jail Project]
 (a) 30 UHF Radios, 6-unit chargers, speaker microphones and ear pieces - \$9,350.00
 (b) Jail mattresses, covers, and inmate clothing sets (deck shoes, t-shirts, uniform coveralls, briefs) - \$13,343.02
 (c) Guard1 PIPE Equipment and RFID Mobile Devices - \$17,825.98
 (d) Five (5) Air-Pak SCBA cylinder systems with harnesses, assembly, and carrying case - \$34,937.75
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #10 & #11

AUDITOR

10. Discuss and take action to approve R&B Department line item transfer, WC2020-50.
 Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
11. Discuss and take action to approve All Other Department – Legal line item transfer, WC2020-51.
 Motion made 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

Proceeded with Agenda Item #8