

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 6, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 6th day of December 2017 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 9:00 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
Russell Klecka, 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 Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. TJ Johnson provided comments regarding the proposed Highway 36 Project, Magellan Pipeline, High Speed Rail, and Ren Fest.

CONSENT AGENDA (2-4 Items)

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 29, 2017 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Elections Payroll.**
5. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$3,285.00 for three (3) invoices dated November 15, 2017 and \$1,095.00 for one (1) invoice dated November 22, 2017 for a total of \$4,380.00 payable to Magnolia Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport].
6. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**
7. **Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit within the ROW of Clapp Road for the San Bernard Electric Coop.**

Motion to **approve consent agenda items** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8. **Presentation** of quarterly report by Vince Yokom. *No action required.*

9. Discuss and take action to approve the 2018 Agreement between Waller County and the Waller County Economic Development Partnership.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Item #17

TREASURER

10. Discuss and take action to approve to pay Brown County Appraisal District \$548.10 for Waller County School Land 2017 taxes from Available School Fund revenue.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to approve to distribute balance of Available School Funds to the three school districts within Waller County in accordance with Texas Education Code.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

12. Discuss and take action for annual review and approval of Investment Policy.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

13. Discuss and take action to approve the following line item transfer within the Treasurer Budget:

\$400.00 from line item 125-436-563000 [Training & Conference Expense] to line item 125-436-581800 [Furniture & Equipment].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3

14. Discuss and take action to approve the following line item transfers within the Constable Three Budget:

\$1,355.00 from 125-513-530200 [Supplies and Stationary]
\$300.00 from 125-513-531400 [Postage]
\$1,900.00 from 125-513-563000 [Training and Conference Expense]
\$825.00 from 125-513-581700 [Equipment]
\$675.00 from 125-513-581800 [Furniture & Equipment]
\$920.00 from 125-513-581816 [Air Card/Wireless]
For a total of \$5,975.00 to line item 125-513-568400 [Miscellaneous].

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.
Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried - Item TABLED.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes *Commissioner Amsler - Yes* *Commissioner Klecka - Yes*
Commissioner Barnett - Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes*

15. Discuss and take action to approve the donation of a check for \$250.00 from the Waller County Fair Association to be placed in line item 125-513-568400 [Miscellaneous].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes *Commissioner Amsler - Yes* *Commissioner Klecka - Yes*
Commissioner Barnett - Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes*

COUNTY CLERK

16. Discuss and take action to approve payment in the amount of \$1,157.63 to Tyler Technologies for Annual Connectivity Software Support. Funds to be paid from line item 115-426-545512 [County Clerk’s Records Preservation Fund].

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes *Commissioner Amsler - Yes* *Commissioner Klecka - Yes*
Commissioner Barnett - Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes*

Proceeded to Agenda Item #18

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Discuss and take action to approve letter to Suzanne Bernard, Director for CDBG Grant Programs in reference to the termination of Texas Capital Fund Contract #7216162.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon - Yes *Commissioner Amsler - Yes* *Commissioner Klecka - Yes*
Commissioner Barnett - Yes *Commissioner Beckendorff - Yes*

Returned to Agenda Item #10

18. Discuss and take action to approve a resolution expressing intent to reimburse expenditures to be incurred by Waller County, Texas.

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

Motion FAILED.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – No

Commissioner Klecka – No

Commissioner Barnett – No

Commissioner Beckendorff – No

19. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution that distributes votes for the Board of Directors of the Waller County Appraisal District.

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

Motion made by Judge Duhon, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff to approve 1,100 votes to John Amsler, 111 votes to James Henderson, and 111 votes to David Neel.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Abstained

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

20. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:28 a.m.

21. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken from Executive Session

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:28 a.m.

APPROVED this the 13th day of December 2017.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

ATTEST:

Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners'
Court of Waller County, Texas

