

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 7, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner’s Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 7th day of December 2022 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
Kendric D. Jones, 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 Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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>.

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 30, 2022 Regular Session

3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$1,000.00 for Invoice to Post Oak RC&D Area, Inc. from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

(b) \$1,795.00 for Invoice dated November 23, 2022 to Magnolia 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 Treasurer for approval of longevity payroll.
6. Request by County Treasurer for approval of elections payroll.

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

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

7. Discuss and take action to approve Tax Abatement Agreement with Exeter 29789 Highway 90 LP, the tax abatement applicant and owner of the property located at 29921 Medline Lane in Katy, Texas. The property is in the reinvestment zone known as Waller County Clay Spec Reinvestment Zone 2, located west of Pederson Road and south of US Highway 90. Exeter 29789 Highway 90 LP and American Wire Group LLC build an approximately 200,000 square foot building and related improvements at an estimated cost of \$1,400,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

8. **Presentation** and quarterly update by the WCEDP.
No action required.
9. Discuss and take action to approve contract with the Waller County Economic Development Partnership for 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

SHERIFF

10. Discuss and take action to approve the reclassification of both civilian cook positions to “Jailer II” with a salary of \$18.73 per hour. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

11. Discuss and take action to declare three vehicles no longer in services as surplus or salvage property and to enlist the services of Rene Bates Auctioneers to auction the vehicles.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

12. Discuss and take action for contract option for medical services for the county jail.
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
Motion and Second WITHDRAWN.
Discussion only – No action taken.
13. Discuss and take action to approve the installation of a copier at the Precinct 4 Annex building on a monthly lease of \$169.06 to be paid from line item 125-516-581813 [Copier/Printer].
 Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TREASURER

14. Discuss and take action to approve Addendum to Positive Pay Service Agreement with Prosperity Bank.
 Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
15. Discuss and take action to approve acceptance of prior juror donations to the Veterans Service Office budget in the amount of \$590.00. *(no backup submitted)*
 Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

AUDITOR

16. Discuss and take action to approve various 2022 departmental line-item transfers.
 Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes
17. Discuss and take action to approve revised Odyssey contract and past due invoices.
 Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 5-0 vote.
Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

18. ~~Discuss and take action to deliberate business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney’s Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to contract negotiations would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

19. ~~Discuss and take action to deliberate business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney's Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. Deliberate the appointment of a Veterans Services Officer pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074.
21. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code 551.0725. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
22. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real properties pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
23. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.
Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:46 a.m.

24. ~~Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

ADJOURN MEETING

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

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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:46 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.



Debbie Hollan

Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk

APPROVED this the 14th day of December 2022.

Trey Duhon

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge