

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021 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  
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 Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

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

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
		<i>Commissioner Jones</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i>	<i>– 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/swagit.com/live>.

The following public members made public comment:

1. Tracy Sebesta
2. Lesha Roberts
3. Judge Carol Chaney invited everyone to attend Cookies with Santa this Friday honoring our First Responders.

**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** – December 1, 2021 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.**

4. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$31,792.42 for Invoice # 116031 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].
  - (b) 1,720.00 for Invoice dated November 18, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].
  - (c) \$6,980.00 for Invoice #6560 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
  - (d) \$152,201.75 for Invoice # 112221GWA to Waller County Appraisal District from line item 125-437-540500 [Tax Appraisal District].
  - (e) \$5,000.00 for Invoice dated 11/29/2021 to Gulf Coast Rail District from line item 125-401-540900 [Professional Consultant Services].
  - (f) \$16,773.75 for Invoice # 15204647 to OnSolve LLC for CodeRed from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
6. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-Way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Rd., from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway. *(no backup submitted)*
7. Request by County Engineer for approval to advertise for the Public Hearing on the installation of “No Thru Trucks” signs on the following road:
  - Roehen Road – “No Thru Trucks”  
*(no backup submitted)*
8. Request by County Engineer for approval to advertise for Competitive Bids in the Katy Times, Hot Line Press, and Waller County Express, payment for advertising to be funded from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing] for
  - Mowing Contract
  - Gasoline & Diesel Fuels
  - Bridge Guardrail & Improvements  
*(no backup submitted)*

*No action taken on Consent Agenda (oversight)*

## COUNTY COURT AT LAW

9. Discuss and take action to approve the Contract Indigent Defense Attorneys for Misdemeanor/Juvenile cases for Waller County for Calendar Year 2022, and authorize the County Judge to sign the contracts on behalf of the County.

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*

**Advanced to Agenda Items #24-25, #29-31**