

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 13, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 13th 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 9:02 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** agenda with the withdrawal of agenda item #5 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. Pat Bruegger commented on the Waller County CPS Christmas party.
2. Mr. Yancy Scott, County Engineer announced his employee of the month – Mr. Wayne Karstadt, as well as the retiring of two employees, Mr. Winford Roberts and Mr. John Peterek.

CONSENT AGENDA (2-3 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 – December 6, 2017 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Longevity Payroll.
4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Elections Payroll.
5. ~~Request by County Treasurer for approval of the 2018 Salary Order. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
6. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,870.00 for Invoice to Lewis Funeral Home and Chapel from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].
 - (b) \$1,350.00 for invoice to Lewis Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport].

- (c) \$1,095.00 for invoice to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].
- (d) \$338.71 for invoice #NRDD-0003071 and \$2,500.00 for invoice # NRDD-0003097 for a total of \$2,838.00 to Texas Association of Counties from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip/Build/Pub Liab].
- (e) \$80.00 for Invoice #17547412 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for Invoice # 17112412 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total of \$1075.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].
- (f) \$31,308.44 for Invoice # 4 to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton from line item 125-600-581605 [Jail].
- (g) \$1,728.20 for Invoice # 2018-12 to H-GAC from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].

7. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

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

Motion carried.

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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

506TH DISTRICT JUDGE

8. Discuss and take action to approve the Contract Indigent Defense attorneys for Waller County for Calendar year 2018, and authorize the County Judge to sign the contracts on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried.

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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

COUNTY JUDGE

9. Discuss and take action to approve transfer of \$200.00 from line item 125-440-568400 [Miscellaneous] to line item 125-440-581816 [Air Card/Wireless].

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

Motion carried.

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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign a 12 month rental contract with Neopost for an IS-330 mailing system for the Justice Court Precinct 4 office. Monthly rate is \$25.84 to be paid from line item 125-421-581817 [Technology Enhancements].

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

Motion carried.

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| <i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Klecka – Yes</i> |
| | <i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i> | <i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i> |

COUNTY ENGINEER

16. Discuss and ~~take action to~~ open Competitive Bids per the bid notice as advertised for the Road and Bridge Department.

Numerous bids were submitted and opened by the Court.

MISCELLANEOUS

17. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Order prohibiting or restricting certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Waller County.~~

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

Motion and Second withdrawn – **Item WITHDRAWN.**

18. Discuss and take action to approve the 2018 Appointment for the HGAC Transportation Policy Council.

Motion to **re-assign the current members for 2018** 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

19. Discuss and take action to approve the 2018 Appointment for the HGAC Technical Advisory Committee.

Motion to **re-assign the current members for 2018** by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

20. Discuss and take action to approve an order authorizing the issuance of “Waller County, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017”; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the County to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and the assessment and collection of such taxes; authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said bonds.

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

Court postponed on vote, waiting for more information. Advanced to Executive Session.

Court returned to Agenda Item #20

Court recessed at 10:32 a.m. – Commissioner Barnett dismissed from meeting.

Court reconvened at 10:57 a.m. to continue with agenda item #20

Motion to **accept** bid from Wells Fargo with a 2.777 interest rate and approve Order by Commissioner Klecka, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:07 a.m.

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

Court reconvened to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

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

No action taken from Executive Session.

Returned to Agenda Item #20

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:14 a.m.

APPROVED this the 20th day of December 2017.

Jeron Barnett
~~Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III~~
~~County Judge~~

Jeron Barnett
Presiding Judge

ATTEST:

Debbie Hollan

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

