

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 9:03 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  
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.

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

Ricardo Jones was a poll worker for the recent election and addressed his concerns to the court on the lack of training he received.

Jeffrey Scott, resident of Mellman Road commented about the need for road maintenance on Mellman.

Denice Mattox addressed the court with her concerns and issues regarding the recent election.

**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 9, 2020 Regular Session**
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
  - (a) \$59,077.50 from line item 602-602-581610 [Precinct 4 building].
  - (b) \$7,930.80 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg Purch, Const. or Improv/Jail - Judicial].
  - (c) \$76,587.00 from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].
6. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
7. Request for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.
8. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Communications Construction Inc. (Comcast) to place a fiber cable in the right-of-way of Clapp Rd., Sterling Rd., Stenzel Rd., Wilpitz Rd., Apache Ln., Blackhawk Ln., Creek Rd., and Pontiac Dr.
9. Request by County Engineer to approve the acceptance of existing right-of-way on Peach Ridge and House Rd. dedicated by Arandu Farms, LLC.

Motion to approve consent agenda 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*

***Advanced to Sheriff's Agenda Items #15-17***

**SHERIFF**

15. Discuss and take action to approve a donation to the Sheriff's Office from Manuel Zamora in the amount of \$300.00 to be used for Deputy Vasquez's display case.

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*

16. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Waller County Sheriff's Office and Aaron Buzzard, MD. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

17. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Waller County Sheriff's Office and Waller County Volunteer EMS, Inc. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

***Proceeded with Agenda Item #10***

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

10. **Presentation** by AgriLife and Cooperative Extension Agents on the 2020 results and efforts of the Waller County Office of Texas A & M AgriLife Extension (TAMU) and Cooperative Extension Program (PVAMU).

*No action required.*