

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 23, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</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 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge  
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk  
Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Smith  
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 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Absent</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.com/live>.

Commissioner Barnett thanked everyone for the support and friendships over the years he served as Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Interim Sheriff Joe Hester thanked the Court and everyone for the support and assistance during the last few months serving as Sheriff.

**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 16, 2020 Regular Session**
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**
4. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.**

5. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$12,088.00 for invoice No 3088 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
7. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
  - (a) ~~\$172,722.90~~ **\$190,997.27** from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg Purch, Consts., or Improv/Jail – Judicial]
8. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Communications Construction Inc. (Comcast) to place a conduit/cable in the right-of-way of Owens Road.
9. Request by County Engineer to approve the acceptance of existing right-of-way on Penick Road dedicated by Frank Springer Jr.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend 7(a) to \$190,997.27, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Amendment carried** by 4-0 vote.

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

**Amended Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

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

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

10. Discuss and take action to approve publication in the Waller County Express of notice of a public hearing to establish a reinvestment zone at the Houston Executive Airport. Funding to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

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

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

11. **Public Hearing:** On the application for replat of Rosebud Subdivision, to partition Lot 5 into two lots, by Cristobel and Maria Ramos, Baudelio Marin Covarrubias, Sandra Vergara, Aquino and Maria Teresa Marin.

**Public Hearing began at 9:21 a.m.**

No public comments received.

**Public Hearing ended at 9:23 a.m.**

12. Discuss and take action to purchase one (1) CrackPro 260 DA Crack Sealer from SealMaster Houston through HGACBuy for the purchase of \$68,625.00, funding to be paid from line item 110-530-581100 [Construction Equipment] within the Road and Bridge Department Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.