

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 3, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 3rd day of February 2016 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
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** 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. TJ Johnson announced there will be a meeting concerning the proposed high speed rail on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Prairie View A&M University in the Criminal Justice Building at 1:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA (2-5 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** – January 27, 2016 Regular Session
3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of payroll.**
4. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) \$990.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (b) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH011132
\$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH011134
\$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH011135
\$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH011136
for a total of \$11,548.00 to Harris County Auditor from line item 125-423-540702 [Transport to Morgue].
5. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

Motion to **approve** consent agenda items #2-5 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

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

6. Discuss and take action on the occurrence of outdoor signs on public rights-of-way, including the possible appointment of a person to remove said signs in accordance with section 393.003 of the Texas Transportation Code.

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

Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Klecka, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried – Item TABLED.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

DISTRICT CLERK

7. Discuss and take action to approve the transfer of fixed assets to the Maintenance Department.

Motion to **approve** 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

COUNTY COURT AT LAW

8. Discuss and take action to approve the transfer of fixed assets to the IT Department.

Motion to **approve** 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

COUNTY ENGINEER

9. Discuss and take action to approve the following transfers within the 911 Addressing Budget:

- \$500.00 from line item 125-526-531400 [Postage] to line item 125-526-530100 [Supplies].
- \$1,800.00 from line item 125-526-540900 [Prof Consultant Services], \$545.00 from line item 125-526-562500 [Dues, Training, Travel] for a total of \$2,345.00 to line item 125-526-583500 [Computer Software, Equipment].

Motion to **approve** 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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1

10. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$1,000.00 to Tyler Technologies for the registration fee for Brandy Smith and Samantha Snyder to attend Odyssey 2016 User Conference March 28-March 30, 2016 in Austin Texas. Payment to be taken from line item 119-429-581817 [Technology Enhancements].

Motion to **approve** 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

11. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$639.40 to Hilton Austin for lodging expenses for Brandy Smith and Samantha Snyder to attend Odyssey 2016 User Conference March 28-March 30, 2016 in Austin, Texas. Payment to be taken from line item 119-429-581817 [Technology Enhancements].

Motion to **approve** 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

MISCELLANEOUS

12. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$15,000.00 for invoice # ECN-022021 from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts] for CodeRED extension for 1/23/16 – 01/22/17.

Motion to **approve** 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

13. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$525.00 for Invoice # 105934 to Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal] Pintail Landfill.

Motion to **approve** 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

14. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$3,412.50 for Invoice # 105935 to Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal] Objection to CenterPoint Power Lines.

Motion to **approve** 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Consultation with District Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation.
16. Consultation with Attorney JD Head of Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC, via telephone conference call, regarding contested case hearing in SOAH Docket

No. 582-14-3597, and 2011 Landfill Ordinance [Executive Session as requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

17. Consultation with Attorney JD Head of Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC, via telephone conference call, regarding pending or contemplated litigation with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC [Executive Session as requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].
18. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

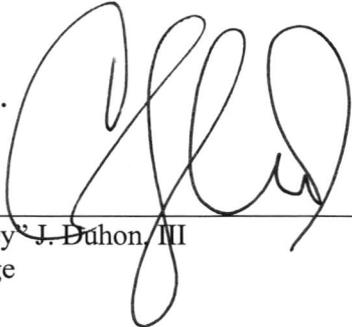
Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED this the 10th day of February 2016.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

ATTEST:



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

