

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 25, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 25th day of March 2015 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
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

2. **Approval of the minutes – None**

No action required

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ray Rodgers addressed the court regarding the proposed electrical transmission lines in Waller County.
2. Commissioner John Amsler announced he will be sponsoring a County Workshop on April 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hempstead Theatre, "Consider the Possibilities" and will be having a Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 21st at the Hempstead Theatre.
3. Commissioner Justin Beckendorff invited everyone to the annual Royal FFA Show and Project Sale this weekend.

CONSENT AGENDA (3-4 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.

3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**

(a) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH009123, \$2,250.00 for Invoice # AH009122, and \$2,250.00 for Invoice # AH009133 with a total of \$7,387.00 to Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

(b) \$1,675.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].

(c) \$119.98 for Invoice # 69380/2, \$32.99 for Invoice # 69313/2, and \$32.99 for Invoice # 69306/2 with a total of \$185.96 to Hometown Hardware to be paid from the following line items: \$ 152.97 from 600-600-587519 [JP 3] and \$32.99 from 600-600-587518 [JP 3].

4. 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.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PROCLAMATION

5. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamations recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Waller County.

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

Jo Reaves, Program Director with CASA read one of the two Proclamations presented to Court. James Lebeck, Community Initiatives Specialist with Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards read the second Proclamation presented to Court.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

6. **Presentation** of Peace Officer of the Year Award by Waller County District Attorney.

No action required.

Mr. Elton Mathis, Waller County District Attorney presented the Peace Officer of the Year award to Jason Weathers, Peace Officer with the City of Katy Police Department.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

7. **Presentation** by Robert Holloman, Maintenance Supervisor regarding the status of Maintenance Projects for Waller County.

No action taken.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

8. **Presentation** by Chris Holtkamp of Holtkamp Planning on a comprehensive strategic plan for Waller County.

No action taken.

TREASURER

9. Request by County Treasurer for Commissioners' Court to appoint a depository committee.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff to **appoint** depository committee with the following members: District Attorney, County Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Assessor-Collector, and Commissioner Klecka.

Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK

- 10. **Spread** upon the minutes Certificates of Course Completion for training on the Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act for County Judge Trey Duhon, Commissioner Precinct 2 Russell Klecka and Commissioner Precinct 4 Justin Beckendorff as required by Government Code Sections 551.005 and 552.012. No action required.

COUNTY JUDGE

- 11. Discuss and take action to establish the hourly rate of \$30.00 per hour for the part time Emergency Management Planner.

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

Motion carried.

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

- 12. ~~Discuss and approve engagement with Guinn, Morrison law firm for the provision of Legal Services/Representation in connection with redrawing county precinct boundaries pursuant to Tex. Elec. Code sec. 42.031 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.~~

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

Judge Duhon advised Guinn, Morrison Law firm will not be able to do the redistricting project at this time.

Motion and second **WITHDRAWN.**

- 13. **Spread** upon the minutes the intent for the Waller County Election Administrator to enter into contractual agreements with the City of Brookshire, the City of Waller, and the Waller-Harris Emergency Services District #200 for election services in accordance with Texas Election Code 31.092.

No action required.

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

- 14. Discuss and approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.

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

Motion carried.

- 15. Discuss and take action to authorize County Judge to sign tax resale deeds for the private tax resale of two (2) properties currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05 (h) (2) of the Texas Tax Code.

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

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 16. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$17,000.00 to Waller County Historical Museum as allocated in the 2015 budget from line item 125-539-547326 [Museum].

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

Motion carried.

- 17. Discuss and take action to approve the advertising for notice of Public Hearing on consideration of the below described property as designation for a reinvestment zone in the News Citizen, **and Brookshire Times Tribune** for one week. Advertising to be paid from Line Item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing].

Approximately 6.5 acres located at 19750 FM 362, Waller, TX 77484 near Old Houston Hwy. and legally described as : Being a tract containing 14.12 acres of land situated in the H. Hedgeperth Survey, Abstract Number 139, Waller County, Texas; Said 14.12 acres being a portion of a call 44 acre tract of land recorded in the name of Robert G. Smith in Volume 255, Page 623 of the Waller County Deed Records (W.C.D.R.); Said 14.12 acres being portions of Blocks B,C, K & L and intervening portion of Castle Street, abandoned by ordinance No. 139 of the City of Waller and recorded in Volume 271, Page 145 of the W.C.D.R., of South Side Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 19, Page 112 of the W.C.D.R.; Said 14.12 acres being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: (bearings are referenced to the Teas Coordinate System of 1983, South Central Zone, based on GPS observations):

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

Motion to **amend** item by Commissioner Amsler, seconded by Commissioner Klecka by adding Brookshire Times Tribune.

Amendment carried.

Amended Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- 18. Request by County Auditor to **spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for the Sheriff, LEOSE Funds in the amount of \$4,573.00.

No action required.

- 19. Request by County Auditor to amend the 2015 Budget to accommodate Sheriff’s LEOSE Funds.

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

Motion carried.

- 20. Request by County Auditor to **spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for Constable Precinct 2, LEOSE Funds in the amount of \$653.00.

No action required.

21. Request by County Auditor to amend the 2015 Budget to accommodate Constable Precinct 2 LEOSE Funds.

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

22. Request by County Auditor to **spread** upon the minutes Certification of Funds for Constable Precinct 4, LEOSE Funds in the amount of \$659.00.

No action required.

23. Request by County Auditor to amend the 2015 Budget to accommodate Constable Precinct 4 LEOSE Funds.

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

24. Request by County Auditor for approval of official documents and all monthly reports.

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

25. **Presentation** by Aaron Bland with Newline Technology on videoing services for Waller County.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26. Consultation with District Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court **convened** to Executive Session at 11:22 a.m.

Court **reconvened** from Executive Session at 11:49 a.m.

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

No action taken.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

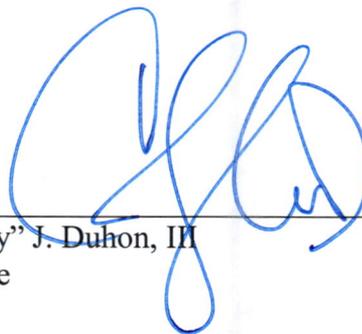
Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:49 a.m.

APPROVED this the 1st day of April 2015.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

ATTEST:



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

