

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JULY 13, 2016**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 9:00 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*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Truett Bell commented on the events during the April "Tax Day" and May floods that occurred in Pattison as well as thanked everyone involved for their assistance, including Commissioner Beckendorff.
2. Dr. Denise Mattox addressed agenda item #10, the Elections Administrator, and the current shootings that have occurred in our country.
3. Rosa Harris addressed the court regarding racial issues and concerns she has for Waller County.

**CONSENT AGENDA (2-4 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.

2. **Approval of the minutes – July 6, 2016 Regular Session**

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

(a) \$1,065.00 for Invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH012171 and \$2,887.00 for Invoice # AH012170 for a total of \$5,774.00 to Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].

~~(c) \$5,824.33 for Invoice # 0003405 to Johnston, LLC from line item 600-600-587520 [Community Center] Invoice WITHDRAWN.~~

(d) \$28.72 for Invoice to First National Bank from line item 125-411-540600 [Depository Charges].

(e) \$ 80.00 for Invoice # 16547407 [Courthouse, Hold-up Alarm],  
\$50.00 for Invoice #16544907 [Courthouse Burglar Alarm],  
\$960.00 for Invoice # 16112407 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance],  
\$155.00 for Invoice # 16323607 [JP #1 Hold-up Alarm],  
\$204.50 for Invoice # 16111607 [JP #2 Burglar Alarm / DVR System],  
\$280.00 for Invoice # 16540907 [JP #3 DVR],  
\$120.00 for Invoice # 16520107 [JP #4 Burglar, Hold-Up, Access Control, DVR Monitors]

for a total of \$1,849.50 to be paid from the following line items: \$1,719.50 from 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security] and \$130.00 from 123-431-568425 [Justice Court Building Security/Misc. Security].

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

Motion to **approve consent agenda items #2-4** 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 JUDGE

5. **Presentation** of the Distinguished Service Award to the Waller County Historical Commission awarded by the Texas Historical Commission.

**No action required.**

(Judge Duhon presented the award to members of the Waller County Historical Commission)

6. **Presentation** by Tetra Tech on long-term Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant opportunities for Waller County.

**No action required.**

7. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution to Support Stepping Up to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails.

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*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8. **Public Hearing:** on the submission of the application to the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas Community Development Program Grants.

**Public Hearing began at 10:58 a.m.**

Vince Yokom, Director with the Waller County Economic Development Program gave presentation.

**Public Hearing ended at 11:17 a.m.**

9. **Presentation** of quarterly report by Vince Yokom.

**No action required.**

## TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign one tax resale deed for the private tax resale of one property currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.

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

**Motion carried.**

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Klecka – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## COUNTY COURT AT LAW

11. 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

12. Discuss and take action to approve one-time access agreement for drainage work at 38356 Wiggins Rd.

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*

## AUDITOR

13. Discuss and take action for approval of quarterly reimbursement of Juror Payments.

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. **Spread** upon the minutes the Certification of Funds for Constable, Precinct 1, 2016 LEOSE Funds in the amount of \$659.00.

**No action required.**

15. Discuss and take action to amend the 2016 Budget to accommodate Constable Precinct 1, 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*

16. Discuss and take action to amend the 2016 Budget to accommodate donations to Constable, Precinct 2, not spent in 2015.

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*

17. Discuss and take action to amend the 2016 Budget to accommodate donations to Constable, Precinct 3, not spend in 2015.

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

18. Discuss and take action to amend the 2016 Budget to accommodate donations to the Library, not spent in 2015.

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

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

Court **convened** to Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.

Court **reconvened** from Executive Session at 1:23 p.m.

20. Interview Yancy Scott for the position of County Engineer and deliberate appointment of County Engineer pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074 [Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting].

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

Motion **made** by Commissioner Klecka, seconded by Commissioner Amsler to hire Mr. Yancy Scott at the salary of \$115,000.00 with Cell Phone Allowance of \$1,200.00 starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as the County Engineer.

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

## ADJOURN MEETING

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

**Motion carried.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

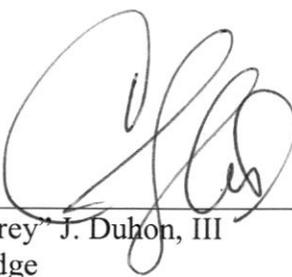
Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 1:25 p.m.

**APPROVED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

  
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Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge

ATTEST:

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