

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 8, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 9:02 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 to **approve** 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*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Mr. Yancy Scott, Waller County Engineer announced the Sign Foreman and his team are in the process of doing their night inspections and asked public to be careful.
2. Mr. Danny Rothe, Waller County Construction Manager announced there will be a little party at the Library this Friday, the community is invited from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. Contractors will be there to talk about the demo.

**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** – January 2, 2020 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
  - (a) \$2,887.00 for invoice # AH021080 and \$3,967.00 for invoice # AH021081 for a total of \$6,854.00 to Harris County Treasurer from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy]
  - (b) \$2,766.00 for invoice # 116091 to Alpha Testing from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].
  - (c) \$150.00 for invoice # 25861 to Metro Container LLC from line item 600-600-587521 (Library).
4. **Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.**

5. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to place a pole within the right-of-way of Emily Way.

Motion to **approve** consent agenda by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **COUNTY ENGINEER**

6. The **introduction** of Mr. Sherman Henderson as the Interim Road Superintendent.  
*No action required.*

## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

7. Discuss and take action to approve the following line item transfer:

\$15,000.00 from 125-416-510101 [Part Time] and

\$10,000.00 from 125-416-540925 [Prof Consult/Witness Fee]

to 125-416-510005 [Staff Salary]

And, to authorize the County Treasurer to amend the 2020 Salary Order to increase the salary of Prosecutor III an additional \$25,000.00 effective January 12, 2020.

Motion to **approve** 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*

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

8. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. and approve payment of \$5,000.00 as allocated in the 2020 Budget. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-547320 [Colorado Valley Transit].

Motion made by Judge Duhon to discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. and approve payment of \$5,000.00 as allocated in the 2019 and 2020 Budget, \$5,000 each year. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-547320 [Colorado Valley Transit], seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

**Motion carried** by 5-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

9. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$44,356.44 for invoice # 111144 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

Motion to **approve** 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*

10. Discuss and take action to approve Court Order setting the pay for Jurors in 2020 and providing food and lodging for Jurors in certain cases and instances.

Motion to **approve** 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*