

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 2, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February 2021 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 9:40 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Smith
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Jones

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT – *None*

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>.

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 27, 2021 Regular Session

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

(a) \$1,195.00 for Invoice dated January 11, 2021 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$7,500.00 for Invoice #07195 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG] for quarterly payment as allocated in the 2021 Budget.

(c) \$3,078.75 for Invoice dated January 8, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. *Removed from Consent Agenda.*

Commissioner Smith made motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - (a) \$26,650.00 from line item 125-600-581610 [Pct. 4 Building]
 - (b) \$77,662.40 from line item 125-600-587526 [Library]
 - (c) \$56,660.68 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg Purch. Const. or Improv. Jail-Judicial]
 - (d) \$48,937.51 from line item 602-602-545405 [Professional Services/Jail-Judicial]

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

6. Discuss and take action to approve Interlocal Agreement for Approval of Enterprise Project Nomination with the City of Katy.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER

7. Discuss and take action to approve proposal from Sun Coast Land Services, Inc. for Woods Road widening right-of-way acquisition. Funding to be paid from line item 110-530-545800 [Prof. Consult./Flood Plain].

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

8. Discuss and take action to authorize the District Attorney's Office to seek grant funding for the Victims' Assistant position in the office for the state fiscal year 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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