

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 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 9:00 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  
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy 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 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*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**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 29, 2020 Regular Session

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

(a) \$7,500.00 for Invoice # 06806 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG) for quarterly payment as allocated in the 2020 Budget.

(b) \$1,015.00 for invoice dated January 27, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

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

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*

## PROCLAMATION

5. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation observing February as Black History Month.

Motion to **approve** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.  
(Commissioner Barnett read Proclamation)

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

*Judge Trey Duhon – Yes*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4

6. Discuss and take action to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear Program between Waller County and Texas Department of Public Safety.

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*

## SHERIFF

7. Discuss and take action to authorize the Sheriff's Office to seek Justice Assistance Grant funding from the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Office of the Governor through Houston-Galveston Area Council. The purpose of grant is to fund the purchase of equipment to promote public safety and reduce crime.

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*

8. Discuss and take action to authorize the Sheriff's Office to seek funding from the State Homeland Security Program through Houston-Galveston Area Council. The purpose of grant is to fund the purchase of equipment to address WMD and terrorism risks to Waller County and to respond and recover from catastrophic threats.

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*

## AUDITOR

9. Discuss and take action to certify the Durkin Road donation from the City of Pattison in the amount of \$46,736.54 and amend the 2020 Road & Bridge budget.

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 line item transfer to correct input error on 2020 adopted budget.

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

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