

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 4, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 9:05 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  
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy 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** – 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** – February 26, 2020 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.**

~~4. **Request by Maintenance Supervisor to approve transfer of fixed assets.**~~

*Pulled from Consent Agenda – to be voted on separately.*

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

(a) \$ 2,190.00 for two invoices at \$1,095.00 each, dated February 24, 2020 to Magnolia Funeral Home Inc., from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$13,074.98 for Invoice # TH05055320 to Otis Elevator from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].

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

Motion to **approve consent agenda without #4** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

4. **Request by Maintenance Supervisor to approve transfer of fixed assets.**

Judge Duhon moved that we amend #4 to approve transfer of the fixed assets from the Library to Maintenance and to declare such assets as salvage so that they can be disposed, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

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

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

**COUNTY JUDGE**

7. **Presentation** of report on delinquent tax and fine and fee collection by Otilia Gonzales of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP. *No action required.*

8. Discuss and take action to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Waller County and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code, and authorize County Judge to sign the contract and the written findings as posted on the public notice. And for a 4 year term.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to approve approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Waller County and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code, and authorize County Judge to sign the contract and the written findings as posted on the public notice, for a four (4) year term, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**Motion carried** by 4-1 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – No</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

9. **Presentation** of the Texas Historical Commission Resources Survey Form by Truett Bell. *No action required.*

**TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR**

10. Discuss and take action to approve maintenance agreement with Cummins-Allison Corp for one JetScan. Annual cost of \$468.70 to be paid from line item 125-438-581800 [Furniture & Equipment].

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

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

<i>Judge Trey Duhon – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith – Yes</i>
	<i>Commissioner Barnett – Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes</i>

**SHERIFF**

11. **Spread** upon the minutes the Waller County Sheriff's Office 2019 Racial Profiling Report as presented to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. *No action required.*