

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 10, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 10th day of March 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 9:04 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
Kendric D. Jones, 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 Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

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/swagit.com/live>.

Brian Cantrell and Judge Duhon gave update on COVID events, vaccine clinics, and testing sights.

Commissioner Jones announced he will be having his first town hall meeting March 20th at the Waller County Community Center in Prairie View at 10:00 a.m. with a food drive to follow.

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** – March 3, 2021 Regular Session

3. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.**

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

- (a) \$13,540.20 for Invoice #100400282465 to Otis Signature Service from line item 125-411-545001 [Maintenance Contracts].
 - (b) \$1,040.00 for Invoice dated February 22, 2021 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (c) \$136,928.25 for Invoice #021521GWA to Waller County Appraisal District from line item 125-437-540500 [Tax Appraisal District] as allocated in the 2021 Budget.
5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
 6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
 - (a) \$56,351.18 from line item 602-602-581000 [Bldg. Purch. Const. or Improv. Jail-Judicial].
 7. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for CenterPoint Energy to install 8" IP Plastic Pipe in the right-of-way of Clay and Pitts Rd.
 8. Request by County Engineer to approve a Utility Permit for Hurtado Construction Company to remove existing 42" RCP and replace it with 48" RCP in the right-of-way of Beckendorff Rd.
 9. Request by County Engineer to accept Right-of-way and/or Exclusive Easement dedications along Woods Rd, from IH-10 southward, necessary to expand the roadway.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXTENSION OFFICE

10. **Introduction** by Eric Zimmerman, District Extension Administrator, and approval of Ms. Candace Moeller, finalist for the Waller County Extension Agent Agriculture and Natural Resources position with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to amend the motion to add March 15th as her official start date, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Amendment carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Advanced to Agenda Items #12 & #13

COUNTY ENGINEER

12. Discuss and take action to approve a variance request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding an access easement right-of-way is 30 ft. instead of 40 ft. from Mr. Cole Young.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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