

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – JUNE 17, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 at its meeting place in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge Commissioner Jeron Barnett at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

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  
Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler  
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

**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://wallercountytx.swagit.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** – June 10, 2020 Regular Session

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

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

(a) \$2,096.21 for invoice # 0520WCA1801 and \$89.18 for invoice # 4825 for a total of \$2,185.39 to Blueline from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

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

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **PROCLAMATION**

6. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation observing the Juneteenth holiday.

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **PRESENTATION**

7. **Presentation** by Tim and Sidney Chipman on the recent “Super Site Food Give-Out” event hosted by the House of Help. *No action required.*

## **SHERIFF**

8. Discuss and take action to approve transfer of a 2013 Ford Explorer from the Sheriff’s Office to the Fire Marshal’s Office.

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

9. Discuss and take action to approve the AmeriPower Contract for Electrical Services at the new Precinct 4 building.

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

10. Discuss and take action to ratify the Services Contract with Trinicom Communications for elevator and fire alarm panels for the New Justice Center.

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

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

11. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.  
*Discussion only - No action taken.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 12. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.
- 13. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

*No Executive Session needed.*

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

**Motion carried** by 4-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:31 a.m.

I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as  
Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.



*Debbie Hollan*

Debbie Hollan  
Waller County Clerk

**APPROVED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

*Trey Duhon*

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge