

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 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 Justin Beckendorff 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  
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*  
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge  
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3

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

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 3-0 vote.

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

**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://wallercountytx.swagit.com/live>.

The following public members made public comment:

Frank D. Jackson Denise Mattox Rosa Harris Kendrick Jones

**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** – August 26, 2020 Regular Session.

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

(a) \$1,215.00 for invoice dated August 24, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(b) \$1,145 for invoice dated August 19, 2020 and \$1,145.00 for invoice dated August 20, 2020 for a total of \$2,290.00 to Magnolia Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$32,934.29 for invoice # 37R to Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects from line item 601-601-545405 [Professional Services Jail].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request by Elections Administrator for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.
6. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 3-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Absent*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

7. Discuss and take action to approve Tax Abatement Agreement with Brookshire Drying Company, Inc. aka Brookshire Rice Dryer and Texas Rice Milling Inc. Brookshire Drying Company, Inc. applied for a tax abatement for property owned by Brookshire Drying Company, Inc. The property, located at 1019 Bains, in Brookshire, has been designated as Waller County Brookshire Rice Dryer Reinvestment Zone 7. Brookshire Drying Company, Inc. will construct a rice milling facility on the property at an estimated cost including real and personal property of \$6,300,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 3-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Absent*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **Public Hearing:** on the adoption of an Amended Resolution for 911 Rural Addressing Standards.

**Public Hearing began at 9:19 a.m.**

Dr. Denise Mattox asked for summary

**Public Hearing ended at 9:21 a.m.**

9. Discuss and take action to adopt Amended Resolution for 911 Rural Addressing Standards.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

**Motion carried** by 3-0 vote.

*Judge Trey Duhon – Absent*

*Commissioner Amsler – Yes*

*Commissioner Smith – Yes*

*Commissioner Barnett – Absent*

*Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes*

## **TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR**

10. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to sign nine resale deeds for the private tax resale of properties currently held in trust by Waller County pursuant to Section 34.05(h)(2) of the Texas Tax Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.