

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 11th day of September 2019 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 9:03 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
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3

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** agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Absent

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** – September 4, 2019 Regular Session

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

(a) \$2,086.00 for invoice to Schmidt Funeral Home, \$1,721.00 from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense] and \$365.00 from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

4. **Request by the IT Department for approval of Fixed Asset Transfers.**

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

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

7. **Request by County Engineer to approve the final plat of Pederson Road West Business Park.**

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **Public Hearing** – Proposed Tax Rate, second hearing.

Judge Duhon announced: The Waller County Commissioners are proposing to adopt a total tax rate of **\$.662225** cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate being a combination of rates for the Waller County General Fund rate of **\$.564298** and the Farm to Market Flood control rate of **\$.032098** and to the Debt Service Fund rate of **\$.065829**.

Commissioners Court will vote on the proposed tax rate on September 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at its meeting place in the Waller County Courthouse located at 836 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas.

Public Hearing began at 9:06 a.m.

The following public members addressed the court regarding the Proposed Tax Rate hearing:

- 1. Tracy Sebesta

Public Hearing ended at 9:38 a.m.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

9. **Discuss** effects of House Bill 3167 on Plat Review Process and possible impact on personnel requirements for County Engineer’s Office. *No action required.*

COUNTY ENGINEER

10. **Award** Competitive Bid for: McAllister Road Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to **reject** the bid on McAllister Road, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Motion carried – Bid Rejected

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Absent Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

11. Discuss and take action to approve the following line item transfers from within the Road and Bridge Department Budget:

- Transfer \$5,000.00 from 110-530-587400 [Contract Service/Mowing] to 110-530-547522 [Health, Safety & Hazard]
- Transfer ~~\$30,000.00~~ **\$45,000.00** from 110-530-587400 [Contract Service/Mowing], and \$30,000.00 from 110-530-587516 [Bridge Material] for a total of ~~\$60,000.00~~ **\$75,000.00** to line item 110-530-581815 [Equipment Rental].

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

Motion to **amend** by Commissioner Beckendorff to increase the \$30,000.00 for contract mowing to \$45,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Smith, making the total to \$75,000.00

Amendment carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Absent Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes Commissioner Amsler – Yes Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Barnett – Absent Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes