

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 7, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 7th day of October 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 8:30 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

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

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – 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.swagit.com/live>.

The following public member(s) made public comment via teleconference:
Denise Mattox spoke to the court regarding elections and polling locations.

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 30, 2020 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Payroll.
4. Request by County Treasurer to approve Fixed Asset Transfers.
5. Request by County Engineer for the approval of an Access Easement from Carolyn Gray for the purpose of cleaning an outfall ditch on Buller Road.

6. Request to approve payment on the following:
 - (a) \$1,720.00 for Invoice dated September 28, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial].
 - (b) \$675.00 for Invoice to Lewis Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
 - (c) \$2,887.00 for Invoice # 1926 and \$1,476.00 for Invoice # 1933 for a total of \$4,363.00 to Harris County from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
7. Request by County Tax Assessor Collector to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with section 31.11 Texas Tax Code.
8. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion made 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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9. **Presentation** by Lisa Murphy with AP Solar on a proposed solar farm in partnership with Rice University. *No action required.*
10. ~~Discuss and take action to approve variance from the Waller County Tax Abatement and Incentives Policy as requested from Lisa Murphy with AP Solar.~~
Item **WITHDRAWN.**

COUNTY ENGINEER

11. **Open** Competitive Bids for “Kelley Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Clear Creek.”
The following bids were submitted and opened by the Court:
 1. Earth Builders received on October 6, 2020 at 1:25 p.m.
 2. WadeCon, LLC received October 6, 2020 1:41 p.m.
 3. Harper Brothers Construction received October 6, 2020 1:38 p.m.
12. **Open** Competitive Bids for “McAllister Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.”
The following bids were submitted and opened by the Court:
 1. WadeCon, LLC received October 6, 2020 1:41 p.m.
 2. Earth Builders received October 6, 2020 1:25 p.m.
 3. John Reed & Co. received October 6, 2020 1:28 p.m.
 4. Harper Brothers Construction received October 6, 2020 1:38 p.m.
13. **Open** Competitive Bids for “Robin Hood Ln. Bridge Replacement Over Brushy Creek.”
The following bids were submitted and opened by the Court:
 1. TLC Construction Contract Services received October 6, 2020 1:13 p.m.
 2. Harper Brothers Construction received October 6, 2020 1:38 p.m.
 3. WadeCon, LLC received October 6, 2020 1:41 p.m.