

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 14th 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 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 – *Presiding Judge*
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 made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Denise Mattox representing Rosa Harris, Democratic Party Chair addressed the court regarding Elections.

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** – October 7, 2020 Regular Session

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

(a) \$32,500.00 for invoice # 1988 to Waller County Economic Development as allocated in the 2020 Budget from line item 125-411-547200 [Economic Development].

(b) \$85.00 for invoice # 20547410 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 20112410 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total \$1,080.00 payable

to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

4. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
5. Request for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.

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

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

PROCLAMATION

6. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
(Representative with Focusing Family read the Proclamation)

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

7. Discuss and take action to assign Tax Abatement Agreement with Clay Partners to Exeter.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER

8. Award Bid for “Kelley Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Clear Creek.”

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion that we approve WadeCon, LLC for the Kelley Road replacement bridge, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

9. Award Bid for “McAllister Rd. Bridge Replacement Over Brookshire Creek.”

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to amend that we award the bid to WadeCon, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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