

**MINUTES**  
**WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 9, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 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  
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 made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

**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://wallercountytexas.com/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 – December 2, 2020 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Longevity Payroll.
4. ~~Request by County Treasurer for approval of Elections Payroll.~~  
*Item removed from Consent Agenda, Court voted on separately (page 2)*
5. Request to approve payment on the following:
  - (a) \$1,742.00 for Invoice dated November 23, 2020 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 (Pauper Burial).

(b) \$85.00 for invoice # 20547412 [Courthouse, Hold-Up Alarm], and \$995.00 for invoice # 20112412 [Courthouse Camera Surveillance], for a total \$1,080.00 payable to TAC Security from line item 117-428-568425 [Courthouse Security/Misc. Security].

6. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.
7. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable for Construction Projects.
  - (a) \$1,591.97 from line item 602-602-581005 [Misc. Const. Costs/Jail-Judicial].
  - (b) \$41,325.10 from line item 125-600-587526 [Library].
8. Request by County Engineer to approve Change Order #1 to County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) grant program Contract # 02-237 for County road improvements to authorize updated labor standards requirements.
9. Request by County Engineer to approve the acceptance of existing right-of-way on Menke Rd. dedicated by Mr. Ortega.
10. Request by the 4H Horse Club to use the Community Center on a reoccurring monthly basis every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff to approve consent agenda without #4, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Elections Payroll.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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

## **506<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT JUDGE**

11. Discuss and take action to approve the Contract Indigent Defense attorneys for Waller County for Calendar Year 2021 and authorize the County Judge to sign the contracts on behalf of the County.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

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

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

### ***Advanced to Agenda Item #20***

20. Discuss and take action to approve the following private tax resale bids and authorize the County Judge to sign a deed for said properties to Mr. Thomas Coen:
  - (a) Lot 24, Block 4, of Deerwood Lakes, Section 6, Waller County, Texas, tax account R18355, in the amount of \$2,000.00 by Mr. Thomas Coen.
  - (b) Lot 25, Block 4, of Deerwood Lakes, Section 6, Waller County, Texas, tax account R18356, in the amount of \$2,000.00 by Mr. Thomas Coen.