

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 19th day of September 2018 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 9:01 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
Russell Klecka, 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 to **approve** agenda by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

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 12, 2018 Regular Session.

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

(a) \$24,458.56 for Invoice # 0818WCA1801 to Turner Duran Architects from line item 125-600-581610 [Precinct 4 Building].

(b) \$1,400.00 for Invoice to Singleton & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

(c) \$607.50 for Invoice # NRDD-0003873 and \$2,455.00 for Invoice # NRDD-0003862 for a total of \$3,062.50 to Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool from line item 125-411-560300 [Ins Equip/Build/Pub Liab.]

4. **Request by County Judge for approval to pay \$804.41 for reimbursement for expenses pertaining to High-Speed Rail meeting in Washington, D.C.**

5. **Request by County Treasurer for approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report.**

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

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Public Hearing – 2019 Proposed Budget.

Public Hearing began at 9:03 a.m.

No public comments received. Judge Duhon gave a brief summary on the 2019 Budget.

Public Hearing ended at 9:16 a.m.

8. Discuss and take action to adopt the 2019 Budget.

Motion to **adopt** the 2019 Budget by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

9. Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2019 Budget.

Commissioner Barnett, moved to ratify the property tax increase that is reflected in the 2019 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. Discuss and take action to adopt the Tax Rate for 2018.

Commissioner Barnett, moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of **\$0.686856**, which is effectively a 7.00 percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Yes

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

In adopting this 2018 total tax rate, the court orders the total tax rate to be levied as follows for the following funds:

\$0.032878 per \$100 of taxable property for the Farm-to-Market Roads

\$0.577765 per \$100 of taxable property for maintenance and operation of the General Fund

\$0.076213 per \$100 of taxable property for interest and sinking fund of the General Fund

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11. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of technology equipment and supplies for a total of \$8,011.25 to be paid from the following line items:

\$6,000.00 from line item 125- 420-581817 [Technology Enhancements] and \$2,011.25 from line item 119-429-581815 [Technology Fund].

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

Motion to **table** agenda item by Commissioner Beckendorff. *No second received.*

Motion to table FAILED due to lack of Second.

Motion carried to approve agenda item.