

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 20, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 20th day of April 2016 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
Russell Klecka, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jeron Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Klecka

Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Barnett

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Larry Parr addressed the court with his concerns on county buildings and other county issues.
2. Sylvia Cedilla encouraged the court to begin working on the accessibility to the public entrance.
3. Judge Duhon and Commissioner Beckendorff provided an update on the current flood issue in Waller County as well as thanked all the first responders, law enforcement, fire departments, EMS and all the volunteers who have assisted in the rescue efforts in Waller County.

CONSENT AGENDA (2-4 Items)

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** – April 13, 2016 Regular Session

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

(a) \$538.00 for Invoice # 0003354 to Johnston, LLC from line 600-600-587520 [Community Center].

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

Motion to **approve** consent agenda items #2-4 by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Barnett.

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PROCLAMATION

5. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Child Welfare Proclamation and recognize the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

6. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement with Waller County Child Welfare Board.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

7. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$15,000.00 to the Waller County Child Welfare Board from line item 125-411-547220 [Waller Co. Child Welfare Board] as allocated in the 2016 Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

8. Discuss and take action to allow the Waller County Veterans Memorial Committee to erect two 4x8 signs on the southeast corner of the County Courthouse lawn to announce the sight and future home of the “Waller County Veterans Memorial.”

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

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9. Discuss and take action to release Mr. James Rivera from his indigent defense contract effective April 30th, 2016; and to approve Contract Indigent Defense attorney Mr. Robert Cardenas for the remainder of Calendar Year 2016, and to authorize the County Judge to sign the contract on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

10. Discuss and take action to approve refunds in excess of \$500.00 in accordance with Article 31.11 State Property Tax Code.

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

Motion carried.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Klecka – Yes

Commissioner Barnett – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes