



MINUTES

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September 2026 at its meeting place at the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge Commissioner Justin Beckendorff at 9:01 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Absent: Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Jones
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag recited by: Commissioner Smith

1. Approval of Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon	– Absent	Commissioner Amsler	– Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
		Commissioner Jones	– Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Larry Parr

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 Minutes – August 19, 2026 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for Approval of Payroll Disbursements.
4. Request by County Auditor to Approve and/or Ratify 2026 Budget Adjustments and Departmental Line-Item Transfers.

5. Request from Sheriff's Office to declare miscellaneous vehicles as surplus property under Local Government Code 236.152 and auction said items.
6. Request by Procurement Director to advertise for bids for Reconstruction of Owens Road, Cochran Road, Flukinger Road, and Richards Road in Precinct 3. Advertisement to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notice & Printing].
7. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Comcast for a utility installation of a fiber optic line, and conduit, placed within the right of way of Morton Rd. Project #2026-952.
8. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from San Bernard Electric for the installation of utility poles within the right of way of Rice Rd. Project #2026-2794.
9. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from San Bernard Electric for the installation of utility poles within the right of way of Joseph Rd. Project #2026-2797.
10. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Dewberry Hills Section One and accept the Subdivision Bond in Precinct 3.
11. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Sunterra Lakes Stockdick Street Dedication Section One and accept the Construction Bond in Precinct 3.
12. Spread on the minutes the Texas Juvenile Justice Department Grant Salary Order effective September 01, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

Requests to approve payments on the following:

13. \$7,800.00 for Invoice dated August 3, 2026 to Schmidt Funeral Home funds to be paid from line item 125-401-540700 [Transport to Morgue].
14. \$3,300.00 for Invoice #USV S071394 to JLL Valuation & Advisory Services for appraisal services associated with GLO Contract No. 24-065-015-E172. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
15. \$4,572.50 for Invoice #INV28075 to Boxx Modular Inc. funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
16. \$70,055.35 for Invoice #7882-4 to B2Z Engineering for the Billing Period of July 01, 2026 through July 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
17. \$58,136.58 for Invoice #50821-15 to BGE, Inc. for Professional Services rendered June 27, 2026 to July 24, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
18. \$17,532.18 for Invoice #84543-15 to Civil Corp for Professional Services rendered through July 26, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].

19. \$10,142.50 for Invoice #GG-1810-12 to Gradient Group for Professional Services rendered July 01, 2026 to July 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
20. \$45,588.53 for Invoice #206122-15 to HR Green for Professional Services rendered from July 01, 2026 through July 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
21. \$276,580.56 for Invoice #202636845 to LJA Engineering, Inc. for Professional Services rendered through July 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
22. \$105,476.40 for Invoice #304200.00-16 to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for Professional Services from June 29, 2026 to August 02, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
23. \$422.18 for Invoice #51859 to LDD Blueline to be paid from line item 606-606-545407 [Professional Services/Vehicle Maintenance Garage].
24. \$2,615.62 for Invoice #52150, and \$68,118.75 for Invoice #51860 for a total of \$70,734.37 to LDD Blueline to be paid from line item 606-606-581840 [Professional Services Pct. 2].
25. \$110,632.50 for Invoice #51861, and \$80,762.22 for Invoice #51959, \$40,481.60 for Invoice #52071, and \$32,858.37 for Invoice #52150, for a total of \$264,734.69 to LDD Blueline to be paid from line item 606-606-581840 [Professional Services Precinct 3].
26. \$22,387.00 for Invoice #58121 to Imperia Woodworks to be paid from line item 606-606-581842 [Soft Cost 3rd Floor Courthouse].
27. Request by County Engineer to Approve and/or Ratify Accounts Payable.
 Motion to approve **Consent Agenda** made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon	– Absent	Commissioner Amsler	– Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
		Commissioner Jones	– Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

28. Discuss and take action to approve Change Order #3 for DVL Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$9,000.00 for Riley Road Bridge Replacement for additional Cost for PCMS-portable changeable message signs. Funds to be paid from line item 110-530-59000 [Bridge Replacement]. **and**
 29. Discuss and take action to approve Change Order #5 for DVL Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$34,146.96 for Riley Rd Bridge Replacement for additional Cost for Closeout Quantity Reconciliation. Funds to be paid from line item 110-530-59000 [Bridge Replacement].
- Motion to **approve items 28 and 29** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 3-0 vote.
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| Judge Trey Duhon | – Absent | Commissioner Amsler | – Absent | Commissioner Smith | – Yes |
| | | Commissioner Jones | – Yes | Commissioner Beckendorff | – Yes |

Advanced to Agenda Item 49

49. Presentation by the County's broker, ANCO Insurance, regarding recommendation of insurance plans for the plan year December 01, 2026 through November 30, 2027.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

Proceeded with Agenda Item 30

COUNTY JUDGE

30. Discuss and take action regarding the 2026 Tax Rate.

I, Commissioner Jones move that the Waller County Commissioners Court propose to adopt a total tax rate of **\$.558466** cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate being a combination of rates for the Waller County General Fund rate of **\$.428905** per \$100 valuation and the Farm to Market Flood control rate of **\$.023116** and to the Debt Service Fund rate of **\$.106445** and to schedule the Public Hearing for the 2026 tax rate on September 16, 2026 at 9:00 am at the Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead, Texas, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

31. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to publish the Notice of 2026 Tax Year Proposed Tax Rate for Waller County in the Katy Times, Waller Times, The Waller County Express, and on the County Website. Funds to be paid from line item 125-401-544100 [Bid Notices and Printing]. **and**
32. Discuss and take action to approve the Waller County Salary Grievance Committee's recommendation to set the salary for our elected constables at \$80,000.00 for FY 2027. **and**
33. Discuss and take action to set salaries, expenses and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers.

Motion to **approve items 31, 32, and 33** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

SHERIFF

34. Discuss and take action to approve the 2027 Sheriffs' and Constables' fees as recommended by the County Sheriff. **and**
35. Discuss and take action to ratify travel dates and the increase of \$3,284.10 to the total amount for Cellebrite Certification of three deputies from August 17, 2026, through August 23, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 125-516-563000 [Training & Conference]. **and**
36. Discuss and take action to approve out-of-state travel in the amount of \$3,617.50 for the Sheriff to attend International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Orlando, FL, with dates of travel between October 22, 2026, and October 27, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 125-516-563000 [Training & Conference]. **and**

37. Discuss and take action to approve out-of-state travel in the amount of \$2,646.20 for a deputy sheriff to attend Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute training, with dates of travel between November 29, 2026 through December 4, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 125-516-563000 [Training & Conference].

Motion to **approve items 34, 35, 36, and 37** made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

CHIEF OF STAFF

38. Discuss and take action to add Justin Beckendorff as an alternative in the event of a commissioner vacancy on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

FIRE MARSHAL

39. Discuss and take action to approve Burn Ban.

Commissioner Jones made motion to implement the Burn Ban, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

40. Discuss and take action to grant authorize the Fire Marshal to lift burn ban upon approval of conditions.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

GRANT MANAGER

41. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to execute a termination agreement with the City of Brookshire relative to an interlocal agreement associated with Contract ID 230409-08 for the Waller County Regional Detention Facility (GLO Contract 24-065-015-E172). **and**

42. Discuss and take action for the County Judge to accept a grant award in the amount of \$50,222.00 from the Houston-Galveston Area Council pursuant to the FY27 Solid Waste Implementation Grant program. **and**

43. Discuss and take action for the County Judge to accept a grant award in the amount of \$45,468.75 from the Texas Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division pursuant to the FY27 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. Required local match in the amount of \$15,156.25 paid from line item 125-411-569900 [Transfer to Grant Fund].

Motion to **approve items 41 thru 43** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Yes

PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

44. Discuss and take action on award recommendation of Bid 26-012, Prairie View Water Plant #2 Generator Project for Waller County, GLO Contract No 24-065-016-E173, to Texan Municipal and Industrial, LLC, low bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$329,169.00. **and**
45. Discuss and take action on award recommendation of Bid 26-011, Reconstruction of Adams Flat Road, to Durwood Greene Construction., low bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$4,815,435.00. Fund to be paid from line 605-605-582810 [Road Construction]. **and**
46. Discuss and take action to approve bill of sale from Enterprise Fleet Management for one (1) vehicle for Fire Marshal in the amount of \$1,491.05. Funds to be paid from line item 125-516-587523 [Fleet Lease Payments]. **and**
47. Discuss and take action on approval of Policy for Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services.

Motion to **approve items 44 thru 47** made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

TREASURER

49. Court addressed Item 49 earlier in the meeting. (page 4)
48. Discuss and take action to approve employer matching increase for Texas County and District Retirement System Plan Year 2027. **and**
50. Discuss and take action to approve Salary Order amendment 2026.10 effective September 14, 2026.

Motion to **approve items 48 and 50** made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

51. Discuss and take action to approve the Final Plat of Waller County Justice Center, and authorize its recordation in the Deed Records of Waller County, Texas.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

52. Discuss and take action to retain Husch Blackwell to represent the County in legal matter involving ML Dev that has been removed to bankruptcy court.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

53. Discuss and take action to set maximum number of reserve deputy constables each Constable may carry with their department.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Beckendorff made motion to amend by making it 20 as the max for Reserve Deputies for the Constables Department, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Amended Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

54. ~~Approve deliberation of business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney's Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
55. ~~Approve deliberation of business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney's Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to contract negotiations for it would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION

56. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real properties pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.~~
57. ~~Deliberate business and financial issues related to contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code 551.0725.~~
58. ~~Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.~~
- No Executive Session needed**

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent	Commissioner Amsler – Absent	Commissioner Smith – Yes
	Commissioner Jones – Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:11 a.m.

I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as
Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.

Debbie Hollan, Waller County Clerk

By: _____
Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the 16th day of September 2026.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge

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