



MINUTES

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY – JULY 22, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July 2026 at its meeting place at the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Waller County Judge Trey Duhon at 9:08 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Stephanie Tompkins, County Clerk Chief Deputy

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4

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	– Yes	Commissioner Amsler	– Absent	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
Commissioner Jones	– Yes	Commissioner Beckendorff	– Absent		

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 Minutes – July 8, 2026 Regular Session
3. Request by County Treasurer for Approval of Payroll Disbursements.
4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Monthly Report.

5. Request by County Treasurer to approve disbursement of funds for State Quarterly Reports.
6. Request by County Treasurer to approve disbursement of funds for Retiree Insurance Premiums.
7. Request by County Auditor to Approve and/or Ratify 2026 Budget Adjustments and Departmental Line-Item Transfers.
8. Request by County Auditor to approve official documents and all monthly reports.
9. Request by County Engineer to approve the Amending of Plat No. 6, for Houston Oaks Section 6 in Precinct 2.
10. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Bellamina Section 1 and accept the Construction Bond in Precinct 3.
11. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Ezee Fiber Texas LLC for a Fiber Optic Cables and accessories to be installed within the right of way of Richard Frey Rd. - Project #2026-1925.
12. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Ezee Fiber Texas LLC for a Fiber Optic Cables and accessories to be installed within the right of way of Richard Frey Rd, Schmidt Rd, Cochran Rd, Hoover Ln - Project #2026-2382.
13. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Consolidated Communications for a Fiber Optic Cable, Bore and accessories to be installed within the right of way of Schlipf Rd - Project #2026-2383.
14. Request by the County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from A T& T Communications for a Fiber Optic Aerial and Buried Cables and accessories to be installed within the right of way of Hoover Ln, Penick Rd, and Berry Ln - Project #2026-2384.
15. Request by County Engineer to place roads in Maple Woods Section 2 into the developer's one-year maintenance period, effective July 22, 2026, and reduce the maintenance bond.
16. Request by County Engineer to place Serenada - Section 1 into a one year warranty period effective July 22, 2026 and reduce the maintenance bond.
17. Request by County Fire Marshal to accept a sports drink donation for the Waller County Fire Marshal's Office from Costco valued at \$375.00.
18. Request by County Fire Marshal to accept the donation of 176 cases of 16 oz. HOIST RTD bottles for the Waller County Fire Marshal's Office from HOIST valued at \$7,000.00.
19. Request by Sheriff's Office to amend the amount for out of state travel for three detectives to attend "Cellebrite Certification" to \$1,552.20 to be paid from line item 125-509-563000 [Training & Conference].

Requests to approve payments on the following:

20. \$1,200.00 for Invoice dated June 25, 2026, \$1,200.00 for Invoice dated July 1, 2026, \$1,150.00 for Invoice dated June 29, 2026, for a total of \$3,550.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
21. \$500.00 for Invoice dated June 25, 2026 to Clay's Mortuary and Cremations from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].
22. \$10,400.00 for Invoice #1696 to Fort Bend Medical Examiner from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
23. \$605.00 for Invoice #1035, and \$1,264.00 for Invoice #1041, for a total cost of \$1,869.00 to J&M Cabling Solutions to be paid from line item 125-600-581620 [Justice Center Modular Building Design Fees].
24. \$2,048.96 for Invoice #72 to King Architectural Consulting Service, PLLC to be paid from line item 604-604-545405 [Professional Services].
25. \$2,440.00 for Invoice #7772, and \$400.00 for Invoice #7771, for a total of \$2,840.00 to The Randle Law Office to be paid from line item 125-411-540000 [Legal].
26. \$100.00 for Texas SmartBuy Dues to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].
27. \$8,250.00 for Invoice #10231 to Brazos Valley Council of Governments from line item 125-525-546900 [BVCOG].
28. \$2,620.51 for Invoice #S42948 to SylogistGov, Inc. to be paid from line item 307-504-545000 [Maintenance].
29. \$5,452.40 for Invoice #8282350028 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for equipment purchased pursuant to the Homeland Security Grant Program (Grant #5424701). Funds to be paid from line item 243-516-581700 [Equipment].
30. \$123,991.30 for Invoice #8282352087 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for equipment purchased pursuant to the Homeland Security Grant Program (Grant #5424701). Funds to be paid from line item 243-516-581700 [Equipment].
31. \$3,106.60 for Invoice #8282350806 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for equipment purchased pursuant to the Homeland Security Grant Program (Grant #5424701). Funds in the amount of \$2,106.62 to be paid from line item 243-516-581700 [Equipment]. Remaining funds in the amount of \$999.98 to be paid from line item 125-411-569900 [Transfer to Grant Fund].
32. \$74,227.75 for Invoice #82749-13 to Civil Corp for Professional Services through May 24, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
33. \$66,716.60 for Invoice #85206-01-08 to GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for Professional Services from May 01, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].

34. \$54,620.50 for Invoice #81708-01-09 to GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for Professional Services from May 01, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
35. \$27,910.00 for Invoice #ARIV1067301 to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Professional Services from May 01, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
36. \$124,883.12 for Invoice #ARIV1064120 to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Professional Services through April 30, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
37. \$10,402.48 for Invoice #304200.00-14 to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for Professional Services from May 04, 2026 to May 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
38. \$138,008.35 for Invoice #GG-1768-10 to Gradient Group for Billing Period May 01, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
39. \$130,432.77 for Invoice #81143-15 to DCCM Infrastructure, Inc. for Professional Services from May 01, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
40. \$120,639.60 for Invoice #01, \$117,113.10 for Invoice #02, and \$372,283.23 for Invoice #03, for a total of \$610,038.93 to Ford Construction Company, Inc. for Morton Overlay Construction, April 09, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
41. \$266,169.32 for Invoice #202032086 to LJA Engineering, Inc for Professional Services rendered through June 30, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
42. \$5,534.50 for Invoice #360149 to Cobb Fendley for period ending February 28, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
43. \$30,605.55 for Invoice #361132 to Cobb Fendley for period ending March 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].
44. Request by County Auditor to Approve and/or Ratify Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve **Consent Agenda** with Items 10, 15, and 16 withdrawn made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

Court reconsiders Consent Agenda to approve items 10, 15, and 16 later in meeting (page 8).

PRESENTATION

45. **Presentation** and update on the Waller County Child Welfare Board.
No action required.

EXTENSION OFFICE

46. **Presentation** by the Extension Office on Community and Economic Development.
No action required.

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

47. **Presentation** of the June 2026 Collection Report. *No action required.*
48. Discuss and take action on increasing the amount of funds in the cash box in the Tax Office.

Motion made by Judge Duhon to increase the amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

COUNTY ENGINEER

49. Discuss and take action on a Right of Way Agreement between Waller County and Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 45 for landscape improvements within the right of way of Waller County roads located within La Segarra Phase 2.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

50. Discuss and take action to approve a Variance Request to the Waller County Subdivision and Development Regulations regarding Access Easements to allow 40' access easement width instead of the standard 60'. The proposed access easements extend into the proposed plat from the East right-of-way line of Klaus Road in Precinct 1 by Douglas Burkhalter.

(Public Comment made by Joe Garcia)

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

51. Discuss and take action to approve the Final Plat of Bessies Creek Ranch Subdivision in Precinct 1.

Commissioner Smith made motion for conditional approval of the final plat pending a note being added to the plat prior to recordation that states no access shall be maintained off of that Cemetery Road, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

52. Discuss and take action to approve acceptance of roads in Sunterra Section 70 and recommend that Waller County maintain the road(s). **and**
53. Discuss and take action to approve acceptance of roads in Bluestem Section 2 and recommend that Waller County maintain the road(s). **and**
54. Discuss and take action to approve acceptance of roads in Bluestem - Section 3 and recommend that Waller County maintain the road(s).

Motion to **approve items 52 thru 54** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

55. Discuss and take action to approve Additional Services Request #3 for Pape-Dawson Engineers in the amount of \$500,000.00 for additional On-Call Engineering Services (PD Job Number 14042397-010).

Motion made by Judge Duhon, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 2-0 vote with 1 Abstained

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

56. Discuss and take action on the Second Amendment to Engineering Services Agreement between Waller County and DCCM Infrastructure Inc. (Clay Rd).

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

57. Discuss and take action to approve Interlocal Agreement with the City of Prairie View for road improvements on the following roads: Cochran Road (between Brumlow Road and Old Houston Highway), Linkinger Road (between Owens Road and Cameron Road), Owens Road (between University Road and 975 feet East of Briarmeadow Drive), and Richards Road (between US 290 Business to US 290).

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

Commissioner Jones made motion to amend to establish a cap on the utility relocation cost for the city, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 3-0 vote.

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

GRANT MANAGER

58. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment No. 1 with the Texas General Land Office relative to GLO Contract No. 24-065-015-E172 which extends the contract's end date to July 31, 2028.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

59. Discuss and take action to approve agreement with Xerox Business Solutions, utilizing Omnia Partners Contract #R191104 for lease of one (1) multifunction printer for third floor courtroom. Funds to be paid from line item 125-413-581813 [Copier/Printer].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

60. Discuss and take action to create positions for a Civil Paralegal I and an additional Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

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61. Discuss and take action to approve GIS Professional Services Agreement with XperNet at a monthly rate of \$7,885.00 to be paid from line item 125-441-540900 [Professional Services].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

DIRECTOR OF POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

62. Discuss and take action to approve amendment to Maple Grove Development Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote with 1 Abstained.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Abstained

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

63. Discuss and take action on Wanderers Gate Development Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

MISCELLANEOUS

64. Discuss and take action to approve an order recognizing that title to the Waller County Hospital reverted from Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority to Waller County on July 22, 1994.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

– Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Absent

65. Discuss and take action to approve Agreement between Waller County and Focusing Families and payment of \$20,000.00 from line item 125-411-547310 [Focusing Families] as allocated in the 2026 Budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

66. ~~Discuss and take action to approve Kifah Alnajjar's request for approval of Guardian Angels 2026 LLC, as a non-emergency medical transportation service.~~
Item WITHDRAWN.

Returned to Consent Agenda

Judge Duhon made motion to reconsider the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 2-0 vote with 1 Abstained.

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

Judge Duhon made motion to approve the Consent Agenda with 1, 15, and 16 removed, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

Judge Duhon made motion to approve Items 10, 15, and 16, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 2-0 vote with 1 Abstained.

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

Proceeded with Agenda Item 67

67. 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

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

68. ~~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

69. Consultation with District Attorney related to advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer.
70. 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.
71. Deliberate business and financial issues related to contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code 551.0725.

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:36 a.m.
Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:19 a.m.

72. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session. *No action taken.*

ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler
Commissioner Jones

– Absent
– Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Absent

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:21 a.m.

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

Debbie Hollan, Waller County Clerk

Stephanie Tompkins, Chief Deputy Clerk

APPROVED this the 5th day of August 2026.

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge