



MINUTES

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY – MARCH 4, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner’s Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 4th day of March 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 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

- John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1
- Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
- Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
- Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4 – *Presiding Judge*
- Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon III, County Judge

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Amsler
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag by: Commissioner Smith.

1. Approval of Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon	– Absent	Commissioner Amsler	– Yes	Commissioner Smith	– Yes
		Commissioner Jones	– 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 Minutes – February 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. *(no backup submitted)*

5. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Centerpoint Energy Gas for a 4" IP Pla Gas Line installation within the right of way of Morton Rd. (Project # 2025-2718).
6. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Sabine Springs Waller County M.U.D. NO. 65 Water Plant NO.1 in precinct 2.
7. Request by County Procurement Director to approve Amendment to Agreement with DRC Emergency Services LLC, pursuant to RFP 23-03-014 for renewal of debris removal services for the term May 10, 2026 through May 9, 2027.
8. Request by Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 to approve Fixed Asset Transfer to the Maintenance and I.T Department.
9. Request by County Fire Marshal to approve Fixed Asset Transfer of a 2013 Black Chevrolet Tahoe to Constable, Precinct 3.
10. Spread upon the minutes a 2025 Certificates of Compliance for County Treasurer Joan Beaty as prescribed in Section 83.003 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 2256 of the Texas Government Code.
11. Spread upon the minutes submission of the Waller County Constable, Precinct 4, Annual Racial Profiling Report for the reporting period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, required by Article 2.132 CCP Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling.
12. Spread upon the minutes the Waller County Sheriff's Office Federal Forfeiture (Equitable Sharing) Fund 2025 Final Report.

Requests to approve payments are as following:

13. \$1,125.00 for Invoice dated December 31, 2025, and \$1,125.00 for Invoice dated January 28, 2026 for a total of \$2,250.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-54070 [Transport to Morgue].
14. \$10,400.00 for Invoice #1527 to Fort Bend Medical Examiner to be paid from line item 125-423-540702 [Autopsy].
15. \$1,560.00 for Invoice #23959 to Texas Association of Counties to be paid from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].
16. \$247,326.00 for Invoice #2132026GWA to Waller County Appraisal District to be paid from line item 125-437-540500 [Tax Appraisal District].
17. \$1,920.00 for Invoice #7480 and \$2,480.00 for Invoice #7481 for a total of \$4,400.00 to The Randle Law Office to be paid from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].
18. \$950.00 for Invoice #26020301 to CapRisk Consulting Group from line item 125-411-540901 [Actuarial Valuation/Pro Srv].

19. \$2,154.50 for Invoice #12321 to Wald Relocation Services to be paid from line item 125-442-544400 [Facility Renovations].
20. \$2,228.13 for Invoice #333493 to ICS to be paid from line item 125-600-581620 [Justice Center Modular Building Design Fee].
21. \$21,175.00 for Invoice #333491 to ICS to be paid from line item 604-604-581839 [Soft Costs].
22. \$3,712.50 for Invoice #51432, and \$3,712.50 for Invoice #51578, for a total of \$7,425.00 to LDD Blueline to be paid from 606-606-581841 [Professional Services Pct. 3].
23. \$704.52 for Invoice #51580 to LDD Blueline to be paid from line item 606-606-545407 [Prof. Services/Vehicle Maintenance].
24. \$2,812.50 for Invoice #51579 to LDD Blueline to be paid from line item 606-606-581840 [Professional Services Precinct 2].
25. \$494.99 for Invoice #66360, \$8,152.17 for Invoice #62522, \$20,567.00 for Invoice #66316, \$10,899.98 for Invoice #67108, and \$1,973.00 for Invoice #65672 for a total of \$42,086.15 to be paid from line item 606-606-581839 [Vehicle Maintenance].
26. \$263.17 for Invoice #67 to King Architectural Consulting Services to be paid from line item 604-604-545405 [Professional Services].
27. \$3,219.00 for Invoice #194838 to UES Professional Services 44, LLC to be paid from line item 606-606-581839 [Vehicle Maintenance].
28. \$43,286.19 for Invoice #14703 to Edminster Hinshaw Russ & Assoc. dba EHRA Engineering for Professional Services for the date ending December 31, 2025. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
29. \$11,656.12 for Invoice #6503000-1125-09 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Professional Services Rendered December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
30. \$41,454.96 for Invoice #25-001.007 to Trilogy Engineering Services LLC for Professional Services from December 01, 2025 through January 05, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
31. \$20,537.77 for Invoice #81708-01-5R to GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for Professional Services from November 01, 2025 through November 30, 2025. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
32. \$5,525.05 for Invoice #39881 to BGE, Inc. for Services current from December 27, 2025, through January 23, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
33. \$14,734.46 for Invoice #39882 to BGE, Inc. for Services current from December 27, 2025, through January 23, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].

34. \$37,963.73 for Invoice #78804-9 to Civil Corp for Professional Services through Sunday, January 25, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
35. \$40,296.50 for Invoice #198518 to HR Green for Professional Services from December 27, 2025, through January 30, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
36. \$44,396.59 for Invoice #ARIV1049727 to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Professional Services through December 31, 2025. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
37. \$213,030.26 for Invoice #202605059 to LJA Engineering, Inc. for Professional Services Rendered January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
38. \$19,698.33 for Invoice #203330-8 to TEDSI Infrastructure Group for Professional Services from January 01, 2026, through January 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
39. \$55,839.00 for Invoice #25-001.008 to Trilog Engineering Services LLC for Services from January 05, 2026 through January 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
40. \$74,609.43 for Invoice #801005-8 to Volker Associates for Professional Services rendered November 22, 2025, through January 13, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
41. \$84,429.27 for Invoice #30420000-10 to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for Professional Services from December 29, 2025, through February 01, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Prof. Services].
42. Request by County Auditor to Approve and/or Ratify Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve **Consent Agenda** made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

PROCLAMATION

43. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation recognizing Caroline and John Polansky for their hard work Keeping Waller County Beautiful.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Amsler.

(Commissioner Beckendorff read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

44. Discuss and take action to approve Proclamation designating March 2026 as American Red Cross Month in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
(Commissioner Beckendorff read Proclamation)

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Advanced to Agenda Item 49

49. Discuss and take action to approve the Major Thoroughfare Plan Amendment for Kickapoo Road.

Commissioner Smith explained the Thoroughfare Plan Amendment.

County Engineer Ross McCall presented comments from concerned residents he received via mail and email.

Public Comment received from the following public members regarding Agenda Item 49:

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| 1. Denny Hair | 6. Larry Wedeking | 10. Bill Hubbard |
| 2. Carolyn Wedeking | 7. Geri Cobb | 11. Kay Ayala |
| 3. Chance Curry | 8. Shannon Birkelbach | 12. Brenda Rivera |
| 4. Justin Wedeking | 9. Daniel Ayala | 13. Mrs. Sheri |
| 5. Dwayne Wedeking | | |

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

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

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

Proceeded with Agenda Item 45

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

45. **Presentation** of January 2026 Collection Report.

No action required.

COUNTY COURT AT LAW II

46. Discuss and take action to approve contract for Indigent Criminal Defense Attorney in County Court at Law Two

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3

47. Discuss and take action to approve the rental of the Community Center on the second Monday of each month in 2026 for a Senior Citizens Luncheon hosted by Precinct 3 Constable's Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion to amend to remove or waive the rental fee made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Amendment carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Amended Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler

– Yes

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones

– Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

COUNTY ENGINEER

- 48. Request by County Engineer to approve the following recommendations of engineering firms as the most highly qualified to perform the engineering services of Construction Management and Inspection for the below identified Mobility Bond Projects, and to authorize the County Engineer to enter into contract negotiations with the most highly qualified firms for the associated projects:

Penick Road – Woolpert, Inc.

Mathis Road – Woolpert, Inc.

Double Culvert Road South of Railroad – IEA, Inc.

Cedar Creek Road and Double Culvert Road North of Railroad – IEA, Inc.

Adams Flatt Road – BGE, Inc.

Robichaux Road – BGE, Inc.

Owens Road – WSB, LLC

Cochran Road – WSB, LLC

Richards Road – WSB, LLC

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler

– Yes

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones

– Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

- 49. ~~Court addressed Agenda Item 49 earlier in this meeting (page 5)~~
- 50. ~~Discuss and take action to approve an Easement Agreement and a Right of Way Agreement for Prairie Legacy Partners, Inc. Developers of the Residential Subdivision of Lakeview, Section 4. Item WITHDRAWN.~~
- 51. ~~Discuss and take action to approve acceptance of the roads in Lakeview – Sections 1-4, into County maintenance and release the appropriate sections bond. Item WITHDRAWN.~~

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3

- 52. Discuss and take action to approve out of state travel for JP3 Clerk to attend the Tyler Technology Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 7th - 10th. Total cost of \$4,826.62 to be split between line items 125-420-563000 [Training & Conference] and 125-420-581817 [Technology Enhancements].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler

– Yes

Commissioner Smith

– Yes

Commissioner Jones

– Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff

– Yes

GRANT MANAGER

- 53. Discuss and take action to approve acceptance of a grant from The NRA Foundation in the form of 10,000 rounds of training ammunition for the Sheriff's Office valued at \$3,349.25. *and*

54. Discuss and take action to authorize the submittal of a FY26 State Homeland Security Program-Regular Projects grant application to the Public Safety Office in the Office of the Governor.

Motion to **approve items 53 and 54** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

55. Discuss and take action on bills of sale with Enterprise Fleet Management for thirty-one (31) vehicles in the amount of \$20,242.64. Funds to be paid from line item 125-516-587523 [Fleet Lease Payments]. **and**
56. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of vehicle equipment and upfitting from Dana Safety Supply, Inc., utilizing TIPS contract #240100 for five (5) vehicles, in the amount of \$104,651.63. Funds to be paid from line item 125-518-581700 [Equipment]. **and**
57. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of one (1) turn-key Tahoe from Lake Country Chevrolet, utilizing TIPS contract 240901, for MUD 55/Grange, in the amount of \$82,543.65. Funds to be paid from line item 125-518-581700 [Equipment] and pursuant to Interlocal Agreement with Waller County MUD 55 approved on January 21, 2026. **and**
58. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of mobile radios from Motorola Solutions, utilizing TXWARN contract 38451, for MUD 55/Grange Tahoe, in the amount of \$6,431.55. Funds to be paid from line item 125-518-581700 [Equipment] and pursuant to Interlocal Agreement with Waller County MUD 55 approved on January 21, 2026. **and**
59. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of toughbooks and accessories from PCN Strategies, utilizing TIPS contract 01-97, for MUD 55/Grange Tahoe, in the amount of \$6,405.03. Funds to be paid from line item 125-518-581700 [Equipment] and pursuant to Interlocal Agreement with Waller County MUD 55 approved on January 21, 2026. **and**
60. Discuss and take action to approve purchase of Rocket in-car video communication platform, from Utility Associates, Inc., for MUD 55/Grange Tahoe, in the amount of \$4,869.00. Funds to be paid from line item 125-518-581700 [Equipment] and pursuant to Interlocal Agreement with Waller County MUD 55 approved on January 21, 2026. **and**
61. Discuss and take action to approve renewal agreement with Smarsh for archival services, in the amount of \$41,927.95 for the term March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027. Funds to be paid from line item 125-411-542505 [Internet Services]. **and**
62. Discuss and take action to approve agreement with Xerox Business Solutions, for the lease of one (1) Epson Plotter for Road & Bridge, in the amount of \$198.00 for sixty (60) months. Funds to be paid from line item 110-530-547518 [Engineering Expenses].

Motion to **approve items 55 thru 62** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

FIRE MARSHAL

- 63. Discuss and take action to authorize the County Judge to execute a no-cost agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC relative to digital bulletin signage. **and**
- 64. Discuss and take action to approve out of state travel for Shawna Willke to attend the National Association of Fire Investigators Conference to obtain CFEI Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator and Certified Fire Investigation Instructor certifications. Total cost of \$1,635.08 to be paid from line item 125-509-563000 [Training & Conference Expense]. *(no backup submitted)*

Motion to **approve items 63 and 64** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

TREASURER

- 65. Discuss and take action to approve renewal of Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) agreement with Texas Association of Counties. **and**
- 66. Discuss and take action to approve Salary Order Amendment 2026.3 effective March 15, 2026.

Motion to **approve items 65 and 66** made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

- 67. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$271,229.52 for Application #5 to Gullo Commercial. Expense to be paid from line item 606-606-545407 [Vehicle Maintenance Garage].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

- ~~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 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**~~
- ~~69. 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

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

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:59 a.m.
Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.

- 73. 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 Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Absent

Commissioner Amsler – Yes
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Smith – Yes
Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:15 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

APPROVED this the 18th day of March 2026.

 Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III
 County Judge

