MINUTES

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 14th day of October 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 9:05 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
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk

Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Smith
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. Approval of Agenda.

   Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
   Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Dr. Denise Mattox
2. Commissioner Beckendorff and Judge Duhon thanked everyone that attended the County Fair and supported the kids.

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 – September 30, 2026 Regular Session

3. Request by County Auditor to Approve and/or Ratify 2026 Budget Adjustments and Departmental Line-Item Transfers. *(no backup submitted)*

4. Request by County Treasurer for Approval of Payroll Disbursements.

5. Request by County Treasurer for approval of Monthly Report.

6. Request by County Treasurer to approve disbursement of funds for Retiree Insurance Premiums.

7. Request by County Auditor to approve Quarterly Reimbursement of Juror Payments.

8. Request by Precinct 1 Constable's Office to accept a donation of four (4) vehicle printers for the Waller County Constable Precinct 1 from Waller County Crime Stoppers valued at $3,978.71.

9. Request by Precinct 2 Constable's Office to accept a donation of two (2) handheld radios for the Constable's Office from Waller County Crime Stoppers valued at $5,362.98.

10. Request by Waller County Fire Marshal's Office to accept a donation of four (4) vehicle printers for the Waller County Fire Marshal's Office from Waller County Crime Stoppers valued at $4,117.54.

11. Request by Procurement Director to advertise for request for proposals for Jail Food Services, and request for bids for Morton Road Phase 2 in Precinct 4. Advertisements to be paid from line item 125-[illegible]-5441[illegible] [Bid Notices & Printing].

12. Request by County Engineer to transfer [illegible] Computers, laptops and desktops, to the IT Department.

13. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from A T & T Texas for a utility installation of aerial and buried fiber optic line, placed within the right of way of Mathis Rd. (Project #202[illegible]3034).

14. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from A T & T Texas for a utility installation of a fiber optic line, and conduit, placed within the right of way of Penick Rd, Berry Ln and Mathis Rd. (Project #2026-2901).

15. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Centric Fiber LLC for a utility installation of a fiber optic line, placed within the right of way of Flukinger Rd. and Mayer Rd. (Project #2026-3086).

16. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from CenterPoint Energy for a utility installation of a 1" service gas line placed within the right of way of Pappas Dr (Project #2026-2521).

17. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from CenterPoint Energy for a utility installation of a 8" HP Stl gas line, placed within the right of way of Schlipf Rd. (Project #2026-2522).

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18. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Comcast of Houston, LLC for a utility installation of a fiber optic line, placed within the right of way of Morton Rd. for service to 459 Silver Moon Way(Project #2026-2598).

19. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Comcast of Houston, LLC for a utility installation of a fiber optic line, and conduit, placed within the right of way of Kingsland Blvd (Project #2026-3131).

20. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Fidium for a utility installation of a fiber optic line, placed within the right of way of Buller Rd. (Project #2026-3085).

21. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Si Energy for a utility installation of a 6" HDPE Pipeline, placed within the right of way of Neuman Rd. (Project #2026-1638).

22. Request by County Engineer to accept a Formal Notice from Astro Sunterra LP for proposed safety improvements installation placed within the right of way of Sunterra Shores Dr (Project #2026-2851).

23. Request by County Engineer to release the bond for the roads in Lakeview Section1 – Private Road into county maintenance. As private roads, they will not be accepted at this time.

24. Request by County Engineer to accept the roads in Lakeview Section 3 into county maintenance and release the bond.

25. Request by County Engineer to place roads in Bartlett Road Street Dedication and Reserves into the developer's one-year maintenance period, effective October 14, 2026, and reduce the maintenance bond.

26. Request by County Engineer to place roads in Lakes of Cane Island - Lake Champlain Drive into the developer's one-year maintenance period, effective October 14, 2026, and reduce the maintenance bond.

27. *Item 27 removed from the Consent Agenda for the court to take action separately. (page 5)*

28. ~~Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Lakes of Cane Island Section 9 and accept the Construction Bond in Precinct 4~~. **WITHDRAWN**

29. Spread upon the minutes the August 20, 2026 Juvenile Board approval of leased cargo van from Enterprise Fleet Management, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract #030122-EFM, in the amount of $1,181.06 per month. Funds to be paid from line item 125-506-587523 [Fleet Management Lease Payment].

Requests to approve payments on the following:

30. $2,160.00 for Invoice #7940 to The Randle Law Office LTD. to be paid from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

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31. $1,635.00 for Invoice #3870931, $862.50 for Invoice #3885048, $4,735.00 for Invoice #3903962, $4,427.50 for Invoice #3922255, $5,002.50 for Invoice #3949033 and $6,705.00 for Invoice #4056624, for a total of $23,367.50 to Husch Blackwell, LLP. Funds to be paid from line-item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

32. $1,800.00 for Invoice dated July 6, 2026 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-411-561502 [Pauper Burial Expense].

33. $1,200 for Invoice dated September 2, 2026 and $1,200.00 for Invoice dated September 2, 2026, for a total of $2,400.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

34. $1,150.00 for Invoice dated September 15, 2026, $1,150.00 for Invoice dated September 15, 2026, and $1,200.00 for Invoice dated September 22, 2026, for a total of $3,500.00 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

35. $781.00 for Invoice #202652998 to National Association of Counties from line item 125-120-036000 [Prepaid Items].

36. $1,560.00 for Invoice #103493 to Texas Association of Counties from line item 125-120-036000 [Prepaid Item].

37. $286,083.37 for Invoice #20264650[illegible] to LJA Engineering, Inc. for Professional Services rendered through August 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605-545405 [Professional Services].

38. $33,969.12 for Invoice #20[illegible]464-[illegible] to TEDSI Infrastructure Group for Professional Services rendering August 01, 2026 through August 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605545405 [Professional Services].

39. $212,467.65 for Invoice #[illegible]644[illegible]35-4 to Tetra Tech, Inc. for Professional Services rendered June [illegible], 2026 through August 21, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605545405 [Professional Services].

40. $7,323.70 for Invoice #[illegible]2610993-3 to Tetra Tech, Inc. for Professional Services rendered May 23, 2026 through June 26, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605545405 [Professional Services].

41. $36,136.84 for Invoice #ARIV1077057-07 to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Professional Services rendered August 01, 2026 through August 31, 2026. Funds to be paid from line item 605-605545405 [Professional Services].

42. Request by County Auditor to Approve and/or Ratify Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve **Consent Agenda** with Item 27 removed and Item 28 withdrawn made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

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Court addressed Consent Agenda Item 27

27. Request by County Engineer to approve the Final Plat of Azalea Section 2 and accept the Maintenance Bond in Precinct 3.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 3-0 vote with 1 Abstained.

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

PROCLAMATION

43. Discuss and take action to approve the Proclamation declaring October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Waller County.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
(Judge Duhon read Proclamation)
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

44. Discuss and take action on honoring the Katy High School students.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
(Commissioner Beckendorff read Proclamation)
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

COUNTY JUDGE

Advanced to Agenda Item 46

46. **Presentation** and update on CASA, CPS and Waller County Child Welfare Board.
No action required.

Proceeded with Agenda Item 45

45. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Michelle Gonzales to the Waller County Child Welfare Board for a three (3) year term.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

(Judge Duhon administered Oath)

46. *Court addressed Item 46 earlier in the meeting. (page 5)*

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

47. **Presentation** of a delinquent tax and fine and fee collection report by Otilia Gonzalez with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP. *No action required.*

48. Discuss and take action to approve a private tax resale to Ms. Andrea Roberson in the amount of $3,365.44 for the following properties: Lot 54, Block 1, Deerwood Lakes Estates Section 4, tax account R17615; and Lot 55, Block 1, Deerwood Lakes Section 4, tax account R17617.

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Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

AUDITOR

49. **Presentation** from the audit firm of Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, PC of the fiscal year 2025 Waller County Financial Audit Report. *No action required.*

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

50. Discuss and take action on an updated road assessment.

    Commissioner Jones moved to authorize staff to negotiate a contract amendment with LJA to have them perform an updated road assessment, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
    Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

51. Discuss and take possible action to authorize staff to evaluate the feasibility of establishing one or more Transportation Reinvestment Zones pursuant to Chapter 222 of the Texas Transportation Code, including identification of potential transportation projects, proposed geographic areas, projected tax increment revenues, financing alternatives, and coordination with TxDOT and other regional transportation partners.

    Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
    Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

52. ~~Recognition, honoring, and welcoming of Antonio Ford as Chief Deputy of the Waller County Constable's Office, Precinct 3~~. **Item WITHDRAWN.**

COUNTY ENGINEER

53. Discuss and take action to approve Supplement No. 3 to the Construction Engineering and Inspections Services Agreement with IEA for Riley Road bridge additional contract value in the amount of $14,000.00. ***and***
54. Discuss and take action to accept the General Plan of Wildflower Meadows in Precinct 2.

    Motion made to **approve Items 53 and 54** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
    Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

CHIEF OF STAFF

55. Discussion on the 2027 legislative session.
    No action required.

Judge Duhon temporarily left meeting at 11:29 a.m.

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56. Discuss and take action to transfer $8,300.00 from contingency to pay for The Charles A Kalkomey Regional Detention Pond Groundbreaking.

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*

PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

57. Discuss and take action on award recommendation of Bid 26-017, Above Ground Storage Tank Removal, to Sunbelt Industrial Services, only bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of $252,307.94. Funds to be paid from line item 110-530-547522 [Health, Safety & Hazard]. ***and***
58. Discuss and take action on request to negotiate with the most highly qualified respondent for RFP 26-010, All Hazards Preparedness, Planning, Consulting, & Recovery Services. ***and***
59. Discuss and take action on request for price increase from Rock Ridge Transport, LLC and Texas Star Transport, LLC for Bid 26-001, Term contract for road base and construction materials. Funds to be paid from line item 110-530-587505 [Road Materials].

Motion to **approve Items 57, 58, and 59** made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Judge returned to meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

TREASURER

60. Discuss and take action to approve annual distribution of Available School Funds to school districts within Wilbarger County.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

61. Discuss and take action to authorize firework sales for Diwali.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

62. Annual Review of the following Departments:
    Library
    Environmental
    Director of Facilities

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63. ~~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.**

64. ~~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

65. Deliberate the consideration of a complaint, or the evaluation, employment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

66. Consultation with District Attorney related to advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer.

67. 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.

68. Deliberate business and financial issues related to contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code 551.0725.

69. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session needed for Items 65 - 69.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.
Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

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

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:35 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

COMMISSIONERS COURT WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS

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APPROVED this the 28th day of October 2026.

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Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III
County Judge

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