



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 22nd day of July, 2019, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner #1*
Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner #2*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner #3*
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner #4*
Valerie Del Toro Romero, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Commissioner's Court*

Also present were *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita C. Verstuyft and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson and *County Auditor* Alice Chapman

1. Consider and act upon call to order, invocation and pledge of allegiance:

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of July 22, 2019 to order at 10 AM followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019 and July 9, 2019.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

3. Consider and act upon resolution in award of grant writing/administration contract per the 2019/2020 TxCDBG Colonia Construction fund:

The Court received responses from D. Austin Colina and Esser and Company. Upon review and evaluation, it was recommended to the Court that Esser and Company be awarded the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept recommendation.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

4. Consider and act upon resolution in award of engineering services per the 2019/2020 Colonia Construction Fund:

Proposals were received from the following firms; TRC, Southwest Engineers, Dunaway and Sun Belt Engineers. Upon review and evaluation it was recommended to the Court that Dunaway be awarded the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept the recommendation.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

5. Consider and act upon discussion and possible selection of election equipment:

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham provided the Court with three voting equipment options. Option #1 Ballot on Demand with 14 Pcts. similar to the current system in place that will allow the option to select a paper ballot or vote electronically. Option #2 Ballot Marking Devices with 14 Pcts. This option requires the use of a touchscreen device requiring the voter to make and review their selection and a paper ballot is printed upon completion and is available for vote centers. Option #3 Ballot Marking Devices with 10 Pcts. requires the use of a touchscreen device and reduces the number of polling precincts to 10 and is available for vote centers.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve Option #1 Ballot on Demand with 14 Precincts.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

6. Consider and act upon adoption of Commissioners Court rules of decorum:

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, new legislation changes require the Court to allow individuals the opportunity to address any item on the Commissioners Court agenda. A proposed set of rules regarding the change were considered and approved by the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to accept the rules of decorum as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

7. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department will begin paving CR 355 and that he purchased a tractor and vacuum trailer at auction in Alice, Texas in the amount of \$33,733.94.

No action taken

8. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

No amendments were presented to the court for consideration at this time.

No action taken.

9. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

10. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

11. Consider and act upon monthly reports:

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented for approval.
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

12. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:

The Court approved resolutions in honor of the memory of the following individuals:

John A. Bitter, III †
Jack Calk †
Soila Samora Castillo †
Doris Herndon †
Macky Keeton †
Consuelo Luna †
Nora T. Martinez †
Guadalupe Mirelez †
R.L. Montgomery, Jr. †
Allen Glen Tucker †
Ann Walker †
Donald C. Welch †

13. Executive session (as permitted by section 551.073, Texas Government Code):

A. Discussion with Attorney regarding national opioids litigation.

Due to the absence of the County Attorney John Dodson the Court did not enter into executive session. This agenda item will be considered at a future date.

14. Convene in regular session and take action, if any:

No action taken.

With no further business, the meeting of July 22, 2019 was adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the 12th day of August, 2019, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of July 22, 2019, as prepared by the Clerk of the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the foregoing be recorded and entered for record in the UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, as required by law. (ORDER 03-12-12)

APPROVED BY:

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

Ronnie Garza, Commissioner #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
of Uvalde County, Texas



RULES OF PROCEDURE, CONDUCT AND DECORUM AT MEETING OF THE UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

- I. All Regular, Special, Emergency and Executive Session Meeting of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court will be called and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Opens Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.
- II. Regular, Special and Emergency Meetings of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court are open to the public and to representatives of the press and media. Executive Sessions of the Commissioners Court are not open to the public, the press or the media and only those individuals expressly requested or ordered to be present are allowed to attend Executive Sessions.
- III. The Uvalde County Commissioners Court meets in Regular Session on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. In order for a matter or issue to appear as an agenda item on the Agenda of any Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court, a request must be filed and approved by at least one member of the Commissioners Court and/or the County Judge by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Tuesday immediately preceding the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court.
- IV. The business of Uvalde County is conducted by and between the members of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court and by those members of the County staff, elected officials, department heads, consultants, experts and/or member of the public requested to be present and participate. While the public is invited to attend all meetings of the Commissioners Court (except Executive Sessions) the public's participation therein is limited to that of observers unless a member (or members) of the public completes a Public Participation Form and submits the same to the County Clerk prior to the time the agenda item (or items) is addressed by the Court.
 - A. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Time for each speaker shall be maintained by the County Clerk or such other designated representative of the Commissioners Court.
 - B. Maximum discussion on any agenda item, regardless of the number of numbers of the public wishing to address the Commissioners Court on such agenda item (or items), shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes. In the event that more than six (6) members of the public wish to address a particular agenda item (or items), then members of the public recognized to speak shall be divided equally between those members of the public wishing to speak for the agenda item (or items) and those members of the public wishing to speak against the agenda item (or items).

- C. In matters of exceptional interest, the Court may, by the majority vote of the members of the Court in attendance at the meeting, either shorten or lengthen the time allocated for all members of the public and/or the amount of time allocated for all agenda items and/or a specific agenda item.
- D. It is the intention of the Court to provide an open access to the citizens of Uvalde County to address the Commissioners Court and express themselves on issues of County Government. Members of the public are reminded that the Uvalde County Commissioners Court is a Constitutional Court, with both judicial and legislative powers, created under Article V, Section 1 and Section 18 of the Texas Constitution. As a Constitutional Court, the Uvalde County Commissioners Court also possesses the power to issue a Contempt of Court Citation under Section 81.024 of the Texas Local Government Code. Accordingly, members of the public in attendance at any Regular, Special and/or Emergency Meeting of the Court shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in speaking to, and/or addressing the Court; in participating in public discussions before the Court; and in all actions in presence of the Court. Proper attire for men, women and children is mandatory. Those members of the public who are inappropriately attired and/or who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting. Refusal to abide by the Court's Order and/or continued disruption of the meeting may result in a Contempt of Court citation.
- E. It is not the intention of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court to provide a public forum for the demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Court to allow a member (or members) of the public to insult the honesty and/or integrity of the Court, as a body, or any member or members of the Court, individually or collectively. Accordingly, profane, insulting or threatening language directed toward the Court and/or any person in the Court's presence and/or racial, ethnic, or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. These rules do not prohibit public criticism of the Commissioners Court, including criticism of any act, omission, policy, procedure, program or service. Violation of these rules may result in the following sanctions:
1. Cancellation of speaker's remaining time;
 2. Removal from the Commissioners Courtroom
 3. A Contempt Citation; and/or
 4. Such other civil and/or criminal sanctions as may be authorized by the Constitution, Statutes and Codes of the State of Texas.
- V. The County Judge is the presiding officer of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court and is a fully participating member thereof. In the event of the absence of the County Judge, the senior member of the Commissioners Court (in terms of total number of years as an elected representative) present at the Regular, Special, Emergency Meeting or Executive Session, shall serve as the Judge Pro-Tem of the Court. However, nothing herein shall prevent the senior member of this Commissioners Court from delegating this duty to another member of the Commissioners Court.
- VI. The County Judge (or the designated Judge Pro-Tem of the Commissioners Court), as presiding officer of the Commissioners Court, is responsible for conducting all meetings. Members of the public who have properly completed a Public Participation Form and submitted same to the County Clerk, must wait to be recognized before they will be allowed to address the Court.

VII. Special Rules for the Press and Media:

- A. No media personnel or equipment, including lights, cameras or microphones will be located on the Commissioners Court bench nor closer than five (5) feet in front of the Commissioners Court bench.**
- B. Reporters and media technicians are required to structure their movements, equipment set-up and take-down and adjustments, etc. in such a manner as to not disrupt the Commissioners Court deliberations or the ability of the public to see, hear, and participate in the proceedings.**
- C. Interviews shall not be conducted inside the Commissioners Courtroom during the time the Court is in session**
- D. Media interviews which are conducted outside the Commissioners Courtroom should be conducted in such a manner that the interview does not disturb, impede or disrupt the proceedings of any Regular, Special, Emergency and/or Executive Session meeting of the Court.**

VIII. The Sheriff of Uvalde County, Texas, or his designated deputy, shall serve as the Bailiff at all Regular, Special and Emergency Meetings of the Court. However, in the event of the absence of the Sheriff, or in the event that there exists a conflict of interest between the Sheriff, any member of the Sheriff's office, and the Commissioners Court, or in the event of an Executive Session of the Court in which the Sheriff is not an authorized participant, then the Court shall appoint another commissioned peace officer to serve as Bailiff as may be necessary.

IX. From time to time, the Commissioners Court shall conduct town meetings and public hearings. These rules of procedure, conduct and decorum shall also apply to such town meetings and public hearings, however, the Commissioners Court may adopt such additional and supplemental rules for such meeting as may be necessary and appropriate to conduct such meetings in an orderly, efficient and proper manner.

X. These Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at meetings of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Court and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Uvalde County Commissioners Court.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME:

HOMEADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE:

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:

Do you represent any particular group or organization? _____

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

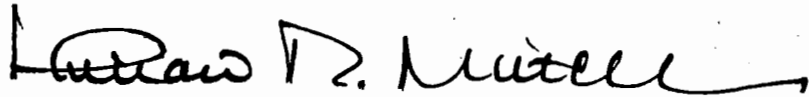
Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? _____

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature:

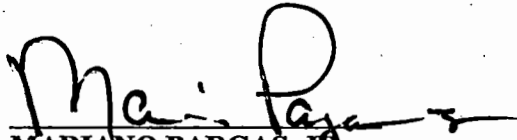
NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time that the agenda item (or items) you wish to address are discussed before the Court.

ADOPTED BY THE UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THIS THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2019.



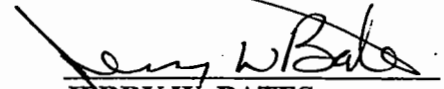
WILLIAM R. MITCHELL
UVALDE COUNTY JUDGE

RANDY SCHEIDE
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

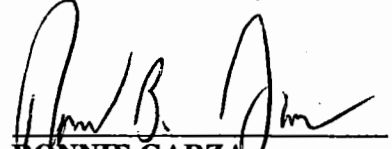


MARIANO PARGAS, JR.
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

JERRY W. BATES
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3



RONNIE GARZA
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4



Attest:

Valerie Del Toro Romero
VALERIE DEL TORO ROMERO
UVALDE COUNTY CLERK

