



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session via video conferencing utilizing Zoom. The following members were in attendance:

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

Also connected to video conference utilizing Zoom were: *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *Elections Administrator* Melissa Jones Bradham, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Assistant Auditor* Frankie Aguilar, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick and Julye Keeble with *Uvalde Leader News*.

Absent: Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of November 9, 2020 to order at 10:00 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 October 26, 2020.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (2-0).

**3. Consider and act upon casting votes for UCAD Board of Directors:**

Pursuant to Section §6.03 of the Texas Property Code, the County of Uvalde is a voting member of the Uvalde County Appraisal District. The Uvalde County Commissioners Court is entitled to cast 652 votes for the individual or individuals to serve as directors for the Uvalde County Appraisal Board of Directors for a two year term beginning January 1, 2021. The Court considered and voted by resolution to divide the total of 652 votes evenly among the Uvalde County nominees; John T. Buchanan and Javier Flores.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to divide the total of 652 votes evenly among the Uvalde County nominees; John T. Buchanan and Javier Flores for a total of 326 votes each.  
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion carried (3-0).

**4. Consider and act upon gift to county from Wal Mart:**

Fairplex Director Wendy Speer requested the Court's approval to accept a Walmart Community Grant awarded to the County of Uvalde in the amount of \$5,000.00. The following Walmart Stores submitted checks toward this grant award; Walmart #782 (Uvalde) \$2,500.00, Walmart #447 (Del Rio) \$1,000.00, Walmart #443 (Hondo) \$500.00, Walmart #5713 (Laredo) \$500.00 and Walmart #3518 (Laredo) \$500.00. The grant monies are to be used between the Uvalde County Fairplex and the Uvalde County Nutrition Center. Motion by Commissioner Pargas to accept the Walmart Community Grant funds. Seconded by Commissioner Bates. Motion carried (3-0).

**5. Consider and act upon mailing machine contract with Pitney Bowes:**

Assistant Auditor Frankie Aguilar requested consideration from the Court on a proposed lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a period of 36 months in the amount of \$144.65 per month for a postage machine to be located in the Sheriff's Office. Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the contract lease with Pitney Bowes. Seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried (3-0).

**6. Consider and act upon implementing NUMI agreement for inmate commissary:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined a proposed change in procedure regarding inmate commissary funds due to software upgrades and recommended approval of an agreement with NUMI Financial and Trinity O'Keefe a parent company of Swanson. Upon release of an inmate, a debit card will be issued with the inmate's commissary balance eliminating the issuance of a paper check. Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the NUMI Financial inmate commissary agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried (3-0).

**7. Consider and act upon report from Elections Administrator:**

Election Administrator Melissa Jones provided the Court with an update on the General Election held on November 3, 2020. A total of 10,435 votes were cast for a 60% voter turnout at this election. 190 provisional ballots were cast and 3 late mail in ballots were received for a total of 193 provisional ballots. These ballots will be reviewed by the Early Voting Ballot Board. The canvass of the General Election is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 12 Noon. No action taken.

**8. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department completed laying base on County Road 301, purchased a cab and chassis truck and worked on clearing right of ways and patching roads throughout the county.

No action taken.

**9. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:**

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

No action taken.

**10. Consider and act upon payment of bills:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

**11. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:**

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented for consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

**12. Consider and act upon payroll approval:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

**13. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:**

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

Norma Garcia †  
Candy Lopez Godoy †  
Stephen A. Diaz †  
Susan Noble †  
Jose Reyes, Jr. †

With no further business, the meeting of November 9, 2020 was adjourned.

Exhibits identified under a specific agenda item are included as supporting documentation of the action taken by the Uvalde County Commissioners Court and are placed after the minutes and before the last page titled Commissioners Court Order.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of November 9, 2020, 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

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Randy Scheide, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2

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Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3

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Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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