

## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*  
John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*  
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #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 Vertuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer, *County Consultant* Carl Esser, *District Attorney* Christina Busbee, *District Clerk* Christina Ovalle, *Sheriff* Ruben Nolasco, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick and joining via zoom *County Attorney* John Dodson.

Absent: None

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell Uvalde County Judge called the meeting of January 24, 2022 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 Pargas to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022.  
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion carried (3-1) with Commissioner Garza abstaining his vote.

### **3. Consider and act upon accepting Operation Lone Star Grant:**

The Court considered the recommendation of District Attorney Christina Busbee to approve and accept a two year grant in the amount of \$3,301,932.91 as part of Operation Lone Star approved by the Governor of Texas and through collaborative efforts with the offices of the Uvalde Police Department, Sabinal Police Department, County Sheriff, County Attorney, District Judge, County Judge, District Clerk and County Clerk for the purpose of prosecuting border crimes including drug smuggling, human trafficking, criminal trespass and evading arrest and detention.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve and accept Operation Lone Star Grant.  
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion carried (4-0).

**4. Consider and act upon declaring local state of disaster:**

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 362.002(a), the Court considered a declaration of local state of disaster due to the increase in smuggling, human trafficking and related border crimes which has been occurring and increasing in volume along the border between the United States of America and Mexico.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the Declaration of Local State of Disaster.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**5. Consider and act upon bids received for road department shop addition:**

County Consultant Carl Esser outlined a bid tabulation for bids received and opened on Friday, January 21, 2022 for the construction of a shop addition to the Road Department. Bids were submitted by Love's Custom Welding in the amount of \$172,500.00 and Superior Construction in the amount of \$149,420.00. Mr. Esser recommended to the Court that the bid be awarded to Superior Construction which came in under budget and is to be paid from the Certificates of Obligation Series 2021 previously approved by the Court on May 10, 2021. Copies of all bids/proposals may be viewed and obtained from the office of the Uvalde County Judge William R. Mitchell.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve and award bid for road department shop addition to Superior Construction in the amount of \$149,420.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**6. Consider and act upon bids received for Fairplex metal storage building:**

County Consultant Carl Esser outlined a bid tabulation for bids received and opened on Friday, January 21, 2022 for the construction of a metal shop building for the Fairplex. Bids were submitted by Love's Custom Welding in the amount of \$140,600.00 and Superior Construction in the amount of \$123,750.00. Fairplex Director Wendy Speer recommended to the Court that the bid be awarded to Superior Construction. Copies of all bids/proposals may be viewed and obtained from the office of the Uvalde County Judge William R. Mitchell.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve and award bid for metal shop building for Fairplex to Superior Construction in the amount of \$123,750.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**7. Consider and act upon interlocal agreement with Regional Public Defenders Office:**

The Court considered the annual renewal of an Interlocal Agreement by and between the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation (RPDO) and Uvalde County to participate on behalf of Lubbock County to oversee and provide defense services to indigent defendants in Lubbock County and other counties which enter into interlocal agreements with the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation (RPDO).

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the interlocal agreement with the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation (RPDO) as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

**8. Consider and act upon certificate of completion awarded to District Clerk Christina Ovalle:**

The Court considered and acknowledged the certificate of completion awarded to District Clerk Christina J. Ovalle for completing the required annual twenty hours of continuing education for 2021 as prescribed in Section §51.605 of the Texas Government Code .

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept certificate of completion awarded to District Clerk Christina J. Ovalle.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**9. Consider and act upon certificate of completion awarded to County Clerk Valerie Romero:**

The Court considered and acknowledged the certificate of completion awarded to County Clerk Valerie Del Toro Romero for completing the required annual twenty hours of continuing education for 2021 as prescribed in Section §51.605 of the Texas Government Code .

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept certificate of completion awarded to County Clerk Valerie Del Toro Romero.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**10. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department cut brush from right of ways, bladed roads and patched potholes throughout the county. Dee provided an employee status on a staff of nineteen employees and only nine were available to work due to Covid.

No action taken.

**11. Consider and act upon line-item budget amendments:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined line item budget amendments presented to the Court for consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve line item budget amendments as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0). Exhibit A

**12. Consider and act upon approval of bills:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**15. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:**

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

Rachel Aguilar †  
Bo Allen †  
Nancy Caballero †  
Jane Chavez †  
Betty Fitzgerald †  
Teodosa Galan †  
Nellie Kothmann †  
Andrew Perez †  
Juan A. Rayas †  
Marilyn Riggs †  
Stella Romero †  
Maggie Servantes †  
James Clinton Surber †  
Jeanette Walthers †

**16. Executive Session (As permitted by Section 551.072 Texas Government Code)**

**a. Deliberation regarding real property**

The Court entered into Executive Session (As permitted by Section 551.072, Texas Government Code) at 10:37 AM.

**17. Convene in regular session and take action, if any.**

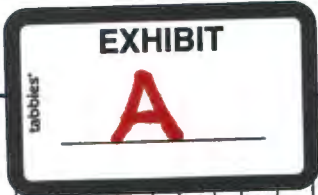
The Court reconvened into regular session at 10:51 AM after discussion with District Attorney Christina Busbee and County Attorney John Dodson regarding the purchase of a building and renovation expenses located at 524 East Nopal Street, Uvalde, Uvalde County, Texas utilizing funds awarded to the county from Operation Lone Star Grant to be used as the office of the District Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to proceed with purchase of building and renovation expenses located at 524 East Nopal Street Uvalde, Texas to be used as the office of the District Attorney.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

With no further business, the meeting of January 24, 2022 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.



COUNTY OF UVALDE

FYE 09/30/2022

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

January 24, 2022

AMENDMENTS

COMMENTS

LINE ITEM	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	NAME OF ACCOUNT	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE DECREASE	TRANSFER FROM AMENDED
119-500-591	EXPENSE	SUPPLIES & DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES	-	\$ 176,779.89	\$ 176,779.89	OLS GRANT
119-500-592	EXPENSE	CONSTRUCTION	-	\$ 654,183.30	\$ 654,183.30	OLS GRANT
119-500-593	EXPENSE	EQUIPMENT	-	\$ 1,102,800.00	\$ 1,102,800.00	OLS GRANT
119-500-835/782/450	EXPENSE	FRINGE BENEFITS	-	\$ 318,825.52	\$ 318,825.52	OLS GRANT
119-500-790	EXPENSE	PERSONNEL	-	\$ 576,115.67	\$ 576,115.67	OLS GRANT
					\$ 2,828,704.38	
119-300-300	REVENUE	OLS AWARD	-	\$3,300,000.00	\$3,300,000.00	OLS GRANT

FILED

This 24 day of January A.D. 2022  
 at 9:45 o'clock A.M.  
 VALERIE DEL TORO ROMERO  
 County Clerk, Uvalde County, Texas  
 By: Valerie Del Toro Romeros  
 Uvalde County Clerk

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of January 24, 2022 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:**

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William R. Mitchell, County Judge

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John Yeackle, 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

(SEAL)

**ATTEST:**

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