



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, 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, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer, *Elections Administrator* Melissa Jones, *County Consultant* Carl Esser, *Sheriff* Ruben Nolasco and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: John Dodson, *County Attorney*

### **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 November 8, 2021 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 25, 2021.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0).

### **3. Consider and act upon Fairplex Rental Agreements:**

Fairplex Director Wendy Speer requested approval of the proposed Fairplex rental fees and outlined the proposed changes to the Commissioners Auditorium, Kitchen, North Arena, Stalls, RV spaces and provided the Court an overview of the responsibilities and requirements in the rental contract with an effective date of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the proposed Fairplex rental fees. Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion carried (4-0).

**4. Consider and act upon receiving and awarding Sheriff Jail Commissary contract:**

This agenda item was not considered by the Court due to a conflict with the advertising due date of December 8, 2021 and will be placed for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Court.

No action taken.

**5. Consider and act upon RFP Proposal on Jail Commissary License Agreement for the Sheriff's office:**

This agenda item was not considered by the Court due to a conflict with the advertising due date of December 8, 2021 and will be placed for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Court.

No action taken.

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

Pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section §6.03 a five member Board of Directors is nominated and elected by the authorized taxing units participating within the Uvalde County Appraisal District (UCAD) to serve a two year staggered term effective January 1, 2022 for fiscal years 2022-2023. The Court considered casting their 981 votes to be shared equally for a total of 327 votes each to the County of Uvalde nominated candidates including; J. Allen Carnes, Howard B. Kingsberry and Tony T. Moreno.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to share equally the 981 votes to the County of Uvalde nominated candidates; J. Allen Carnes, Howard B. Kingsberry and Tony T. Moreno.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**7. Consider and act upon approval of LGS addendum:**

The Court considered an Addendum 9 to Contract # LGS17-00132 by and between Uvalde County and Local Government Solutions, L.P. to amend the existing contract for data processing services to include the addition of one (1) full District Court user for the District Attorney's office at an additional cost of \$160.00 per month.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve LGS addendum for the District Attorney's office.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**8. Consider and act upon final approval of Subdivision Plat Hill Country Houses, LLC:**

Final approval was considered by the Court for the Crusher Heights Subdivision owned by Hill Country Houses, LLC located at 4379 County Road 301 in Knippa, Uvalde County, Texas.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to authorize final approval to the Crusher Heights Subdivision.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**9. Consider and act upon Resolution Border Prosecution Unit Program Operation Lone Star:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested approval of Uvalde County Resolution 2021 FY 2022 Border Prosecution Unit Program Operation Lone Star from the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) with an award amount of \$180,000.00 for a two year period beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023 to fund an investigator position with the District Attorney's office to assist in prosecuting border crimes.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Resolution Border Prosecution Unit Program Operation Lone Star.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**10. Consider and act upon Cooksey Park Angler Access Project:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested approval of the Cooksey Park Angler Access Project with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Habitat and Angler Access Program in the amount of \$30,000.00 plus an in-kind match from the County of Uvalde in the amount of \$25,000.00 to construct a 150 linear foot bank shoreline and angler access ramp with handrail that meets the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at Wes Cooksey Park on the Nueces River approximately thirty miles northwest of the City of Uvalde on State Highway 55 in a public park owned by the County of Uvalde.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept the Cooksey Park Angler Access contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**11. Consider and act upon DSHS COVID 19 Health Disparities Grant & Work Plan:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested approval from the Court for Contract No. HHS001057600043 for a Covid-19 Health Disparities Grant with the Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$290,000.00 to enhance vaccination efforts and identify, target and address community disparities caused by Covid-19 beginning September 1, 2021 through April 30, 2023. No match is required for this two year grant.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept the Department of State Health Services Covid-19 Health Disparities Grant and work plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**12. Consider and act upon canvassing of the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election:**

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones presented to the Court the official canvass results for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election including the Cumulative Results Report and the Canvass Results Report. Uvalde County Elections Administrator Melissa Jones certified the figures on the tally sheets corresponded with the figures on the returns and requested the Court canvass the November 2 Uvalde County Constitutional Amendment Election returns as presented to the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept the canvass results as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**13. Consider and act upon adopting Justice of the Peace, Constable and Elections Precinct lines:**

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones requested the Court approve the Proposed 2022-2031 Justice of the Peace Precincts and the Proposed 2022-2031 Voting Precinct to define the area annexed from county commissioner precinct one into county commissioner precinct two by the Court when the Court adopted the county commissioner single member voting precinct plan on September 13, 2021 in order to remain compliant with the Texas Election Code Section §42.005 “Relationship to Districts and Justice and Commissioners Precincts”. “Subsection (a) a county election precinct, including a consolidated precinct, may not contain territory from more than one of each of the following types of territorial units; (1) a commissioners precinct (2) a justice precinct (3) a congressional district (4) a state representative district (5) a state senatorial district (6) a state board of education district”. In accordance with Texas Election Code Section §42.001 “The precincts must be compact and contiguous” and must be approved prior to the deadline of November 13, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the proposed 2022-2031 Justice of the Peace Precincts and the proposed 2022-2031 Voting Precincts as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department bladed and patched roads throughout the county, placed caliche on County Road 305, placed millings on County Road 355, mowed right of ways, re-installed road signs on various roads, picked up 3 roll offs full of trash at Uvalde Estates and installed fixed culverts on County Road 371. No action taken.

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

County Treasurer Joni Deorsam outlined the proposed line item budget amendments to the Court for consideration and approval.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0). Exhibit A

**16. 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).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Geneva Bustamante †  
Hilda Ramirez †  
Jose Servantes †

With no further business, the meeting of November 8, 2021 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.



010-366-415	REVENUE	JP TPW	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,247.10	\$ 4,247.10	
010-366-420	REVENUE	JP OVERPAYMENT	\$ -	\$ 14.07	\$ 14.07	
010-366-422	REVENUE	JP PRIVATE COLLECTOR FEE	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 59,939.26	\$ 14,939.26	
010-366-423	REVENUE	JP OMINBASE	\$ 700.00	\$ 4,608.00	\$ 3,908.00	
010-366-424	REVENUE	JP FTA OMNI	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,088.00	\$ 2,588.00	
010-366-426	REVENUE	JP TIME PAYMENT	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 805.00	
010-370-404	REVENUE	HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 1,239,790.63	\$ 439,790.63	
010-375-172	REVENUE	CTY TREASURER FEES	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	
010-375-400	REVENUE	CTY TREASURER INTEREST	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,440.93	\$ 440.93	
010-380-464	REVENUE	CCF FUTA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,995.23	\$ 2,995.23	
010-380-480	REVENUE	EL PROGRESSO	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,486.66	\$ 6,486.66	
010-423-994	TRANSFER	EMPLOYEE INS FUND 18	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	
010-423-996	TRANSFER	NUTRITION FUND 47	\$ 38,322.00	\$ 309,584.18	\$ 271,262.18	
010-601-337	EXPENSE	ACCOUNTING SERVER CPU	\$ -	\$ 13,987.67	\$ 13,987.67	010-601-334
010-641-141	EXPENSE	DCT INDIGENT ATTYS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 131,100.71	\$ 31,100.71	
010-641-142	EXPENSE	CT EVALUATIONS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,616.00	\$ 616.00	
010-641-271	EXPENSE	COURT REPORTERS	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,065.90	\$ 1,065.90	
010-641-796	EXPENSE	SALARY ASSIGNED JUDGES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,181.10	\$ 181.10	
010-652-956	EXPENSE	EL PROGRESSO UTILITY	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,486.66	\$ 6,486.66	
010-675-595	EXPENSE	HOTEL TAX CONTRACTOR	\$ 792,000.00	\$ 1,252,212.42	\$ 460,212.42	
010-675-596	EXPENSE	HOTEL TAX ADMIN	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,648.61	\$ 4,648.61	
010-680-460	EXPENSE	LONGEVITY INS	\$ -	\$ 187.49	\$ 187.49	
010-680-677	EXPENSE	PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 72,200.20	\$ 37,200.20	
010-680-679	EXPENSE	EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 183,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	
010-680-782	EXPENSE	LONGEVITY RETIREMENT	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 18,665.10	\$ 185.10	
010-680-836	EXPENSE	LONGEVITY SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 13,770.00	\$ 14,040.95	\$ 270.95	
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of November 8, 2021 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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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

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

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