



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of January, 2023, 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*  
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*  
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*  
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of  
the Commissioner's Court*

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

Absent: John Yeackle, *County Commissioner Pct#1* and John P. 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 January 9, 2023 to order at 10:00 AM followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

**3. Consider and act upon approval of re-plat of Cookie Ranch subdivision, tract B.**

Owner Casandra Gonzalez filed a request to re-plat Track B of the Cookie Ranch Subdivision creating tract BA and tract BB. It was originally 2.494 acres and requested to have lots set at 1.247 acres each. Cookie Ranch subdivision is located in Uvalde Estates.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve request.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**4. Consider and act upon Ecumenical Center Uvalde contract addendum**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined recommended addendum to the current contract with the Ecumenical Center to operate the Uvalde County Resiliency Center.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the addendum.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon LGS contract addendum:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the proposed Addendum 12 to the non-exclusive license and services agreement between the County and LGS to add Operation Lone Star users

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve addendum.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**6. Consider and act upon award of bids:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick reported two bids were received for one ¾ ton pickup truck to be used in the Road Department. Bids were:

Cecil Atkission Motors \$ 45,009.00

Griffith Ford \$ 43,199.39

Kirkpatrick recommended the award be made to Griffith Ford.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to award to Griffith Ford.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

**7. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for FY 24 State Homeland Security grant:**

County Consultant Carl Esser outlined the need for a resolution supporting the county's application for a Homeland Security Grant application.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve resolution request.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**8. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant**

County Consultant Carl Esser outlined the need for a resolution supporting the County's application for a Edward Byrne Memorial Grant seeking funding for additional security cameras to be installed in county buildings.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**9. Consider and act upon report from Fairplex Director Wendy Speer**

Fairplex director Wendy Speer outlined some of the upcoming activities scheduled to be held at the Fairplex.

The report was received with no action taken by the Court. (See Attached)

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

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick reported the patching of roads, mowing, moving equipment and other routine maintenance items.

The report was received with no action taken by the Court. (See Attached)

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

County Auditor Alice Chapman presented line item budget amendments and recommended approval. (See Attached)

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve line item budget amendments.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (3-0).

**14. Consider and act upon monthly reports:**

Monthly reports that are 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 payroll.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (3-0).

**15. Consider and act upon official bonds of elected officials:**

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve official bonds of elected officials.  
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion carried (3-0).  
Public participation forms received from individuals who spoke on this agenda item include;  
Jesse Rizo, spoke against approval of bonds  
Berlinda Arreola spoke against approval of bonds  
Dr. Aide Escamilla spoke against approval of bonds

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

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

Cole Haby †  
John Dennis Link †  
Maria Elsa Melendez †  
Former County Attorney Pete Nieto †  
Henrietta Pike †  
Sarah Reagor †  
Richard Zamora †

With no further business, the meeting of January 9, 2023 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of December 12, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Yeackle, Commissioner Pct. #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4

**(SEAL)**

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

Donna M. Williams, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court  
of Uvalde County, Texas