



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23rd 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*  
John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
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 Commissioners Court*

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

Absent: County Attorney John P. Dodson

**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 23, 2023 to order at 10:00 AM, followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas  
Motion carried (4-0)

**3. Consider and act upon designating day of week for court meeting pursuant LGC 81.005:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to designate Monday as the day of the week in which to hold Commissioners Court.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0)

**4. Consider and act upon request to change time of commissioners court meeting:**

Public Participant, Rhonda Vigil spoke to commissioners and requested the Court change the time of the Commissioners Court meetings from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accommodate those in the community that would like to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Public Participant, Jesse Rizo also spoke and requested the time change to 6:00 p.m., citing the convenience to the public.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to leave meeting time set for 10 a.m.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to move meeting time to 6 p.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Commissioner Pargas and Bates voted against moving the meetings to 6:00 p.m., resulting in a tie vote.

Tie broken by Judge Mitchell, who voted against Motion to move meetings to 6:00 p.m.

Motion not carried (3-2). Meetings will remain at 10:00 a.m.

**5. Consider and act upon accepting \$22,266 donation from First Day Foundation:**

Fairplex Administrator, Wendy Speer, presented a \$22,266.00 donation from First Day Foundation. The funds were donated for the intended use of permanent electrical service to be installed at the Resiliency Center Mobile Mini Units currently housed at the County Fairplex. Speer recommended acceptance of the donation.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept donation of \$22,266.00 from First Day Foundation.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**6. Consider and act upon advertising for bank depository contract:**

The Court considered the need to seek proposals for a bank depository, as the current contract with First State Bank of Uvalde will expire on April 30, 2023. Invitation to bid: Bid # 2023-02

New proposals due in County Judge's office by 10 a.m./February 22, 2023. A recommendation will be made to the court for award on March 13 with an effective date of May 1, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to advertise for a bank depository.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to acknowledge the completion and certificate awarded to District Clerk, Christina J. Ovalle for required continuing education hours.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

**8. Consider and act upon 2022-2023 Capital Asset Policy:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the proposed Capital Asset Policy, and recommended adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt 2022-2023 Capital Asset Policy.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**9. Consider and act upon 2022-2023 Data Disaster Recovery Policy:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined details of the proposed Data Recovery Policy, and recommended adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to adopt 2022-2023 Data Disaster Recovery Policy.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**10. Consider and act upon HTS Technology Contract for 2104 East Main (Resiliency Center):**

Court considered proposal from HTS for the technology services required for the proposed Resiliency Center located at 2104 East Main. Funds for this installation are part of a State Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve HTS Technology Contract for 2104 E. Main (Resiliency Center).

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

**11. Consider and act upon ban on outdoor burning:**

Court considered the need to enact ban on outdoor burning.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to enact ban on outdoor burning.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**12. Consider and act upon Road Administrator’s Report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court of ongoing projects throughout the county. Public Participant Rhonda Vigil asked questions regarding new clerical position and pay rate in Road Dept. County Auditor Alice Chapman requested to explain the position, the hiring and pay.

No action on this agenda item.

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

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

Public Participant Laura Ligocky addressed the court and had questions regarding the line item budget amendment process and approval.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills and payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**16. Consider and act upon approval of 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 Garza to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

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

FRANCISCO RAMIREZ †  
ADELFA DE LEON †  
MARIA Y. ENRIQUEZ †  
DEBORAH REYNA †  
LOVINE JOHNSON †  
ROBERT NOLASCO †  
PATRICK CRAWFORD †

With no further business, the meeting of January 23, 2023 was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of January 23, 2023 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

**(SEAL)**

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

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