



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11th of September, 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 (via zoom)*
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Clerk of
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, and *County 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 September 11, 2023 to order at 10:01 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 August 28, 2023, as presented.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

3. Consider and act upon request of Rhonda Vigil to discuss presiding judges for November 7 election:

Uvalde County Republican Chair, Rhonda Vigil, requested to address the court regarding a mix up or change with the list of appointment of election judges submitted for the November 7, 2023 election, which were approved by the Court during the meeting of August 28, 2023.

Item tabled until next meeting on Sept 25, 2023.

4. Consider and act upon resolution nominating individual to fill UCAD vacant board position:

UCAD board member Javier Flores has been recalled which created a vacancy on the UCAD board. As a member entity, the County of Uvalde has the opportunity to nominate an individual to fill that vacancy. Commissioner Garza nominated Rosenberg Risa. Public participant, Uvalde County citizen, Diana O. Karau, spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to authorize a resolution to nominate Rosenberg Risa to fill UCAD vacant board position.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

5. Consider and act upon presentation by Constable Precinct 3 regarding constable office:

Constable Bob Cook addressed the Court regarding his precinct. Constable Cook explained that Senate Bill 22 would be beneficial to Uvalde County, and to the constables. Cook provided information regarding his qualifications and about being a full-time patrolling constable who provides assistance to the citizens in Precinct 3, and to Uvalde County.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept presentation by Constable Precinct 3 regarding constable office and its benefit to the community.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

6. Consider and act upon Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Final Uvalde County Budget:

The Court held a public hearing to allow comments about the 2023-2024 Final County Budget. Uvalde County citizen Diana O. Karau, requested that the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget be tabled in order to allow additional time for commissioners to fully review the budget, and meet with department heads regarding their requests.

Uvalde County citizen, Adam Martinez requested information on the proper process in which to contact commissioners in order to voice concerns. Martinez stated that he has recently tried calling and emailing commissioners, without any response.

Uvalde County citizen Emma Trimble commented concerning a request for funding to assist with emotional counseling, and requested commissioners to take an active approach to responding to threats, and to consider the Parent Project for at-risk teens and families.

Public hearing began at 10:26 A.M.

Public hearing ended at 10:35 A.M.

7. Consider and act upon adoption of 2023-2024 Salary Fund:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the salary fund to the Court, and recommended adoption. Citizen speaker Diana O. Karau addressed the court about an open records request to obtain salary and pay information for all county employees. County Auditor advised to send requests to the County Treasurer.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept the 2023-2024 Salary Fund.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

8. Consider and act upon adoption of 2023-2024 Uvalde County Budget and take record vote:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the 2023-2024 Uvalde County Budget to the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve adoption of 2023-2024 Uvalde County Budget and take record vote.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion unanimously carried (5-0). (See Attached)

Commissioner Yeackle: FOR

Commissioner Pargas: FOR

County Judge Mitchell: FOR

Commissioner Bates: FOR

Commissioner Garza: FOR

9. Consider and act upon proposed 2023-2024 tax rate and set public hearing:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the proposed 2023-2024 The 23-24 Gen fund taxable value is \$ 2,488,114,607.00 taxable value.

General Fund Flood Farm to Market taxable value is \$ 2,472,916,116.00

The proposed new tax rate is .5872

The No new revenue rate .625107. Voter approval tax rate .561853 the De Minimis rate is .646818

The recommended proposed rate of .5872 consists of the 2 M&O rates for Gen Fund .4194 for Road and Bridge .1048 and for debt service is .0630 the total rate being .5872.

Recommended date for public hearing for the proposed tax rate is September 25 at 10 A.M.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve 2023-2024 proposed tax rate and set public hearing for September 25, 2023 at 10 A.M.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (5-0). (See Attached)

Commissioner Yeackle: FOR

Commissioner Pargas: FOR

County Judge Mitchell: FOR

Commissioner Bates: FOR

Commissioner Garza: FOR

10. Consider and act upon approval of 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreements:

Attached are copies of all interlocal agreements with agencies receiving funds from the county for 2023-2024.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreements.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

11. Consider and act upon interlocal agreement with Kerr County to provide mental health services:

When an individual is committed to the State Hospital in Kerrville, Kerr County conducts the necessary hearing and bills Uvalde County for services rendered. The attached Interlocal Agreement provides for such a function.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve an interlocal agreement with Kerr County to provide mental health services.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

12. Consider and act upon ratification of contract to replace copier destroyed in fire:

The recent fire at the TAC office damaged the copier machine. A contract entered for a replacement machine with Xerox Corp. The County Judge executed it and presented contract for ratification.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to ratify contract to replace copier destroyed in fire.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

13. Consider and act upon HTS contract and VoIP System maintenance:

The HTS Buyboard contract is for maintenance of the county's telephone system. County Auditor Alice Chapman recommended adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve HTS contract and VoIP System maintenance.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

14. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

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Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Road Administrators report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

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

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

16. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

17. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Monthly reports that are on file for review in the County Clerk’s office were presented to the court for consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

18. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

19. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

- Peter F. Gonzales †
- Frances Leal Lombrana †
- Linda Smith †
- Janet Ladley Carper †
- Mario M. Rodriguez †
- Wesley S. Boultinghouse †
- Indalecio “Lecho” Quiroga †

With no further business, the meeting of September 11, 2023 was adjourned at 11:10 AM. Exhibits identified under a specific agenda item are included as supporting documentation of the actions taken by the Uvalde County Commissioners Court, and are placed after the minutes and before the page titled Commissioners Court Order.