



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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*  
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 25, 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 September 11, 2023, as presented.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**3. Consider and act upon public hearing on proposed 2023-2024 Uvalde County Tax Rate:**

**Public Hearing began at 10:03 A.M.**

**Public Hearing ended at 10:04 A.M.**

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve public hearing on proposed 2023-2024 Uvalde County Tax Rate.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**4. Consider and act upon adoption of 2023-2024 Uvalde County Tax Rate:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the 2023-2024 tax rate to the Court and recommended adoption. The tax levy set for 2023 and ad valorem tax of \$0.5872 per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property within the county.

The adopted tax rate shall consist of the following components:

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|--|-----------------|
| General Fund Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate         | \$0.4194        |
| I & S Rate – Debt Service Tax Rate                     | \$0.0630        |
| Farm to Market-Flood Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate | <u>\$0.1048</u> |
| 2023 Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate                         | \$0.5872        |

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to adopt the 2023-2024 Uvalde County Tax Rate.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

Commissioner Yeackle: FOR  
Commissioner Pargas: FOR  
County Judge Mitchell: FOR

Commissioner Bates: FOR  
Commissioner Garza: FOR

**5. Consider and act upon adoption of 2023-2024 tax rate resolution:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt the 2023-2024 tax rate resolution.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

Commissioner Yeackle: FOR  
Commissioner Pargas: FOR  
County Judge Mitchell: FOR

Commissioner Bates: FOR  
Commissioner Garza: FOR

**6. Consider and act upon request of Rhonda Vigil to discuss presiding Judges for November 7 election:**

Item tabled until the meeting of October 16, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to table request to discuss presiding Judges for November 7 election.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**7. Consider and act upon District Judge's request to designate Event Center as an auxiliary courthouse:**

Pursuant to Section 292.004 and 292.0231 of the Texas Local Government Code, District Judge Camile DuBose requested the Commissioners Court designate the Event Center at the Fairplex as an auxiliary courthouse to be utilized for large court proceedings.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve District Judge's request to designate Event Center as an auxiliary courthouse.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**8. Consider and act upon public hearing concerning County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration plan of archived records for 2023-2024:**

**Public Hearing began at 10:21 A.M.**

**Public Hearing ended at 10:22 A.M.**

**9. Consider and act upon adoption of County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration plan:**

County Clerk Donna M. Williams outlined the 2023-2024 County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Records Archive Plan to the court, including an in house project. Williams recommended approval and acceptance of the archival plan.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to adopt County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration plan.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**10. Consider and act upon FY 2023-2024 Rental Agreement and Contract for Fairplex:**

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve FY 2023-2024 Rental Agreement and Contract for Fairplex.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

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

a. Roof repair at Uvalde County Justice Center

Carl Esser outlined the details for needed roof repair at the Uvalde County Justice Center. Esser added that some of the cost would be covered by insurance. Bid from Superior Contractors is \$46,500 for the repairs.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Superior Contractors for roof repair at Uvalde County Justice Center.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

b. County Morgue

Two bids received, one from Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary and one from Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home, both at \$0.00.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to award to Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

c. US 83/350

Bid received from River Rim Resort for \$1,100.00 per year.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the award of bid to River Rim Resort.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**12. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for Operation Lone Star program:**

Carl Esser detailed Operation Lone Star program to the court. A resolution is required for the grant to become active. As of September 1, 2023, the grant was still pending. Esser recommended approval of the application to the Lone Star program.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution to apply for Operation Lone Star program.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

**13. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for Operation Stonegarden program:**

Carl Esser detailed Operation Stonegarden program to the court. Esser recommended approval of the application to the Stonegarden program.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve resolution to apply for Operation Stonegarden program.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

**14. Consider and act upon Section 3 Goals of Uvalde County CDBG Contract CFC 22-0011:**

Carl Esser detailed Section 3 Goals of Uvalde County CDBG Contract CFC 22-0011 to the court. Esser recommended Court approval of the Goals.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Section 3 Goals of Uvalde County CDBG Contract CFC 22-0011.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**15. Consider and act upon appointments to El Progresso Memorial Library board of directors:**

Library Director Mendell D. Morgan, Jr. addressed the court by letter regarding the request for appointments to the El Progresso Memorial Library Board of Directors.

The Library Board of Directors nominated and approved the following individuals to join the El Progresso Library Board of Directors for 2023-2026:

1. Byron Capt                      2026
2. Dr. Gina Stokes                2026
3. Maricela Zamarripa        2026

The Library Director recommended approval and thanked the Court for their support.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve appointments to El Progresso Memorial Library Board of Directors for 2023-2026.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

**16. Consider and act upon HTS manage services contract:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the details of the HTS manage services contracts. Two contracts with HTS Voice and Data Systems were up for approval.

The first contract extends an existing 38<sup>th</sup> District Managed Services Agreement for Adult probation and CSCD Uvalde County/Real County for the annual period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

The second contract renews an existing Uvalde County IT Managed Services Agreement with HTS Voice and Data Systems for the annual period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

The County Auditor recommended approval of both contracts.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve HTS manage services contracts.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**17. 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)

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

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

**19. 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)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

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

Hugh Ned “Rusty” Jones †

With no further business, the meeting of September 25, 2023 was adjourned at 10:54 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.