



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11th of December, 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, *District Attorney* Christina Mitchell, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick

Absent: 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 December 11, 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 November 27, 2023, as presented.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

3. Consider and act upon presentation from Texas Association of Counties:

Cheraun Blankenship, Human Resources Consultant with the Texas Association of Counties, gave a review of the role of her position with TAC and how she can be of benefit to the County.

No action taken.

4. Consider and act upon approval of 38th Judicial District SART annual report:

District Attorney, Christina Mitchell, outlined the SART annual report which needs to be approved by the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept of 38th Judicial District SART annual report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

5. Consider and act upon SB 22 Implementation:

Last month the Court authorized the submission of a grant application for SB 22 funding. The implementation process was outlined by the County Auditor, Alice Chapman.

No action taken.

6. Consider and act upon Clean River Report by Texas Hill Country River Region:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept Clean River Report by Texas Hill Country River Region.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

7. Consider and act upon award of bid:

Road Administrator, Dee Kirkpatrick, outlined 7 bids received. Kirkpatrick recommended to reject all bids and resubmit with new specifications in 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to reject award of bid.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

8. Consider and act upon Ecumenical Center Contract expiration:

County Auditor, Alice Chapman, outlined the Ecumenical Center contract. Chapman recommended not to renew contract in order to keep/bring services local.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to accept recommendation of non-renewal of Ecumenical Center contract.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

9. Consider and act upon 38th Judicial District CSCD statement of financial position for FY23:

The 38th Judicial District filed an annual Statement of Financial Position with the Court as required.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept 38th Judicial District CSCD statement of financial position for FY23.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

10. Consider and act upon restriction of fireworks during Christmas/New Year season:

Pursuant to Section 352.051 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court authorized to restrict, during drought conditions, the possession and sale of certain fireworks during the Christmas/New Year season. Fireworks restricted are “skyrockets with sticks” and “missiles with fins”. Violation of the “ORDER” will be a Class C Misdemeanor.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve restriction of fireworks during Christmas/New Year season.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

11. Consider and act upon designating day of week for meetings of Commissioners Court:

Section 81.005 outlined that the Commissioners Court at its last meeting of the year shall designate a day of the week that the Court will meet during the next year. The Court selected Monday as the traditional day of the week to meet.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve designating day of week (Monday) for meetings of Commissioners Court.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

12. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

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Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept Road Administrators Report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

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

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

14. 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 Pargas.

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

15. 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)

16. 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)

17. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Maria P. Cantu †
Braulio Castillo †
Josefa “Pita” R. Diaz †
Dolores M. Garcia †
Olivia R. Hinojosa †
Marta Aida Ruano †
Maria “Tita” E. Martinez †
Eddie R. Mata †
Rafael R. Vera Jr. †
Anita Ramirez †
Ricardo Morales †
Rosa L. Lopez †
Martha Aguero Ortiz †

With no further business, the meeting of December 11, 2023 was adjourned at 10:29 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.