



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024, 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, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, 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 March 25, 2024 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 March 11, 2024 as presented.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**3. Consider and act upon application to amend Lots 6, 7 and 8 of Frio Cielo Ranch subdivision:**

The Frio Cielo Ranch Subdivision owners filed an application to amend Lots 6, 7 and 8 of the original plat. The plat has been filed, the fees have been paid and Dirksen Surveying has filed the required plat for approval. Ken Dirksen recommended the amended plat for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve amended plat.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**4. Consider and act upon approving archival of county records as recommended by County Clerk:**

Donna M. Williams, County Clerk, recommended approval of archival project related to preservation and imaging of probate records on file in her office. Cathy Drolet and Lance Gonzalez of Kofile Technologies outlined the proposal. All costs will be paid by utilizing record archive funds collected by the clerk's office.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve archival project.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon granting historic incentives to qualifying property owners:**

The County has historically joined the City of Uvalde in granting tax incentives to historic designated properties which is authorized through the Texas Property Tax Code Section 11.24. The incentive allows for a 25% exemption on property improvements for 2023. Attached is a resolution designating the eligible properties.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the incentive.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve ban on outdoor burning.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**7. Consider and act upon authorizing sale of fireworks for Cinco de Mayo:**

The Commissioners Court considered an order authorizing the sale of fireworks in the county for Cinco de Mayo fireworks period which begins on May 1 and ends at midnight on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to deny request to authorize the sale of fireworks for Cinco de Mayo.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**8. Consider and act upon television contract for county jail:**

The contract for inmate television services at the jail has expired. The cost will be funded by the Commissary account.

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

**9. Consider and act upon Texas Association of Counties 2024 Cybersecurity Awareness Training:**

Any employee or official who utilizes the county's internet system is required to have annual cybersecurity awareness training. The training is provided by the Texas Association of Counties. Alice Chapman, County Auditor, outlined and recommended adoption of the training.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve Cybersecurity Awareness training.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**10. Consider and act upon addendum 16 to LGS contract to add users at District Attorney's office:**

Alice Chapman, County Auditor, outlined this addendum to add 2 new users to LGS contract, and recommended adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve addendum.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

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

Report presented by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick for 3/7/2024 – 3/20/2024.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept Road Administrators Report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

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

No items presented.

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**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 Garza.

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

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

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

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

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

Mike H. Mirelez †  
Judge Larry Walton †  
Cruz “Sonny” Hernandez Jr. †  
Armando P. Valdez †  
Juan Caballero †  
Jim Stateczyn †  
Ester R. Ybarra †  
Javier Gomez Rangel Sr. †  
Dr. Rose Marie Gonzalez Weaver †

With no further business, the meeting of March 25, 2024 was adjourned at 10:25 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.