



## MINUTES

The Uvalde County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 2014, in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse with the following members present:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*  
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner Pct. #2*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct #3*  
Raul T. Flores, *Commissioner Pct #4*  
Ramona Esquivel Hobbs, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court*

Also present were *County Auditor Alice Chapman, County Treasurer Joni Deorsam, County Attorney John Dodson and Road Administrator Jesse Garcia.*

**1. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of January 13, 2014, to order; gave the invocation; led the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America and Texas flags.

**2. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION OF “FRIEND OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AWARD” TO TEXAS STATE SENATOR CARLOS URESTI:**

- The Texas Association of Counties selected Uvalde County to honor Senator Carlos Uresti with the presentation of the “Friend of County Government” award.
- An overview of the Senator’s leadership and efforts were outlined.
- Senator Carlos Uresti was presented the award by County Judge William R. Mitchell.
- No action required on agenda item. (Copy attached.)

**3. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION OF CAFR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012:**

- For the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been presented to Uvalde County, for FY ending September 30, 2012.
- County Auditor Alice Chapman and County Treasurer Joni Deorsam were presented the award by County Judge William R. Mitchell
- No action required on agenda item. (Copy attached.)

(Recess of Commissioners Court/Refreshments served)

**4. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2013 MINUTES:**

- Upon motion of Commissioner Pargas.
- Second by Commissioner Bates.

The Court (4-0) approved the Minutes of December 9, 2013.

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ROAD CONDITION REPORT PER TRANSPORTATION CODE SECTION 251.018, COMPLYING WITH FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF ANY ROAD, CULVERT, OR BRIDGE DEGRADATION AS COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 251.005:**

- Presentation by Carl Esser, outlining the Annual Report requirements:
  - a. Composite of Monthly reports submitted by Road Administrator Jesse Garcia.
  - b. Part of requirement for Grant Project application.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Flores.

The Court (4-0) approved the road condition Annual Report, per Transportation Code Section 251.018, complying with fiscal year end September 30, 2013, the primary cause of any road, culvert, or bridge degradation as compliance with Section 251.005. (Copy attached.)

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**6. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A PRIORITIZED LIST OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED AND AS REQUIRED TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM:**

- Presentation by Carl Esser, overview of SB 1747 Prioritized Project List:
  - a. TXDOT recognized Uvalde County as an economically disadvantaged county.
  - b. Application for a CETRZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone grant).
  - c. Outlined prioritized project list of each precinct, after visiting with each Commissioner and identified the road for rehab.
  - d. Funding of grant divided into four parts.
  - e. County contribution, approximately \$22,000.00.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved the prioritized list of transportation infrastructure projects to be submitted and as required to the Texas Department of Transportation for County transportation infrastructure fund Grant Program. (Copy attached.)

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**7. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AWARD LETTER FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COLONIA CONSTRUCTION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00:**

- Presentation by Carl Esser, overview of Construction Colonia Grant:

- a. Award received from Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in support of sewer improvements for identified sites in the colonias of Uvalde Estates and Utopia.
- b. Recommendation, acknowledge receipt of the grant in the amount of \$500,000.00.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Pargas.
- Second by Commissioner Bates.

The Court (4-0) accepted the award letter from Texas Department of Agriculture for Colonia Construction Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00. (Copy attached.)

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**8. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FORM AND RESOLUTION FOR TxCDBG 713115:**

- Presentation by Carl Esser:
  - a. Requirement of grant, set authorize signatories and set up a fund depository.
  - b. Recommendation of authorized signers: County Judge William Mitchell, County Auditor Alice Chapman and County Treasurer Joni Deorsam.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Pargas.
- Second by Commissioner Bates.

The Court (4-0) approved authorized signature form and resolution for TxCDBG 713115. (Copy attached.)

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**9. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENTS:**

- The following office space leases are up for renewal:
  - a. Lalo Zamora, County Service Officer  
419 South Bates, Uvalde, Texas
  - b. W. Patrick Dodson, County Attorney’s Office  
318 East Nopal, Uvalde, Texas
  - c. Michael Story, Justice of the Peace Pct. #2 Office  
211 Front Avenue, Sabinal, Texas
  - d. Bill Schaefer, Justice of the Peace Pct. #3 Office  
Main Street, Utopia.

- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Flores.

The Court (4-0) approved the lease agreements. (Copies attached.)

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**10. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON INSPECTION REPORT BY TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS:**

- An official inspection of the Uvalde County Jail was conducted on December 16, 2013 by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.
- Certificate of Compliance has been issued by the Commission.
- No action required on agenda item. (Copy attached.)

**11. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ROAD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

- Presentation and Report submitted by Road Administrator Jesse Garcia.
- No action required on agenda item. (Copy attached.)

**12. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

- None presented, no action required on agenda item.

**13. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved payment of bills, as presented. Copies of the same attached.

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**14. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- Monthly reports, as presented:

County Treasurer: *County Clerk Office Deposits Receipts November 18- December 31, 2013 and Compliance Office Deposit Receipts December 2-18, 2013. Indebtedness Report for November 2013.*

County Auditor: *County Clerk Audit Report November 2013. Auditor Report Elected Officials and Department Heads November 2013, Auditor’s County Monthly Report November 2013.*

Compliance Office: *December 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30-31, 20-31, 2013, and January 1-3, 2014.*

County Clerk: *December 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30-31, December Monthly Report, 2013, January 1-3, 2014.*

District Clerk: *Monthly report for December 1-31, 2013.*

Sheriff’s Office: *Compliance/ Release/Commit Audit Report December 2-9, 9-16, 16-30, 2013; December 30, 2013- January 6, 2014: Inmate Charge December 9,16,and 30, 2013 and January 6, January 6 (Updated), 2014.*

JP #1: *December 1-6, 9-13, 2013.*

JP #2: *December 1-6, 7-13, 14-20, 21-31, 2013.*

JP #3: *December 9-13, 16-20, 23-31, 2013.*

JP #4: *November 12-15, December 2-6, 9-13(No Signature), 9-13, 16-30, 2013.*

JP #6: *December 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 2013.*

- Upon motion by Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Scheide.

The Court (4-0) approved the Monthly Reports submitted by the County Clerk’s office.

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**15. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PAYROLL APPROVAL:**

- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved the payroll for payment.

<i>Commissioner Scheide</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Flores</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Pargas</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Bates</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**16. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

The Court approved resolutions in honor of the following individuals, with the meeting being closed in their memory.

Commissioner Danny Sanchez  
J.D. "Dutch" Brown  
Esther Pruneda  
Lillie Mae DeRusha  
Refugia "Cuca" Cuellar  
Glenda Walts Gates  
Kathleen Odelia James  
Lenox Melvin Horton  
Enriqueta F. Jimenez  
Karl Ray Alspaugh  
Marcos Gutierrez Hernandez  
Colleen Bownds

With no further business, the meeting of January 13, 2014 adjourned.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, 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 01-13-14)

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

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Randy Scheide, 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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Raul T. Flores, Commissioner Pct. #4

(SEAL)

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

Ramona Esquivel Hobbs, County Clerk  
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas