



MINUTES

The Uvalde County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on November 25, 2013, 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 Treasurer Joni Deorsam, District Judge Camile Dubose, Sheriff Charles Mendeke, Veterans Service Officer Everardo "Lalo" Zamora, County Tax Assessor/Elections Administrator Maggie Del Toro, County Attorney John P. Dodson, and Road Administrator Jesse Garcia.*

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of November 25, 2013, to order; gave the invocation; led the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America and Texas flags.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12 AND 13, 2013:

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

The Court (4-0) approved the Minutes of November 12 and 13, 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>

3. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADDENDUM TO INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT:

- Presentation by District Judge Camile Dubose:
 - a. Overview and outline of Texas Conference of Urban Counties TechShare Program Indigent Defense Resource Sharing Addendum:
 1. Installation of computer program, assistance in appointment of counsel to indigent applicants, and enhancement of program usage.
 2. No match needed from Uvalde County.

- 3. Terms of withdrawing from agreement.
 - b. Recommendation to accept amendments made to the contract.
 - Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
 - Second by Commissioner Pargas.
- The Court (4-0) approved addendum to Indigent Defense Grant. (Copy attached.)
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| <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> |

4. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CASTING VOTES FOR APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Official District ballot received with nominated candidates listed. The County has a total of 1,059 votes to cast in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 election:
 - a. Danny Dean
 - b. Kim Laning
 - c. John Rogers
- Upon motion of Commissioner Scheide to cast votes in three equal parts (353 each)
- Second by Commissioner Bates.

The Court (4-0) approved casting votes for Appraisal District Board of Directors. (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>

5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENTS:

- Presentation by County Attorney John Dodson in reference to OCI, solar energy developer, proposing to construct a solar farm east of Uvalde requesting a tax abatement from the County:
 - a. Draft of Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zones in accordance with Section 312 of the Tax Code, presented.
 - b. Overview in adopting the guidelines. (application, public hearings, and agreements.)
 - c. Introduction of Randy Sowell, consultant with OCI, in reference to Knippa and Uvalde Independent School Districts applications, invalid without designation of zone.
- Discussion of proposed site, Tax Code requirements, public hearings and corrections needed on draft presented.
- Agenda item tabled until next meeting. (Copy attached)

6. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION BY COUNTY CLERK ON E-RECORDING:

- Presentation by County Clerk Ramona “Mona” Esquivel Hobbs on e-recording:
 - a. Outline of proposed project provider, benefits, submitters, process and cost.
- No action required on agenda item. (Copy attached.)

7. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR VETERANS TRAVEL:

- Presentation by Veterans Service Officer Everardo “Lalo” Zamora in reference to increase of the reimbursement rate from \$22.00 to \$30.00 per trip.

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

The Court (4-0) approved the increase to the reimbursement rate for Veterans travel.

<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 CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CR 416 PROJECT:

- Presentation by Carl Esser:
 - Overview of progress on County Road 416 project.
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Contract ends December 9, 2013.
 - Recommendation for six month extension to June 9, 2014, for project completion.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Flores.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved the contract extension for CR 416 project. (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 RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL BORDER STAR GRANT APPLICATION FY 2014:

- Presentation by Carl Esser:
 - Details of Texas Homeland Security grant application, deadline December 13, 2013 with resolution. Grant amount: \$394,828.00.
 - Period of grant funding- January 17, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
 - State funding for 8 months for 22 employees.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved the resolution for Local Border Star Grant application FY 2014 (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>

10. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON OPENING OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:

- Networking Engineering Consultant Services: HTS
- Tourism Promotion Services:
- Petroleum Products: Tandem Petroleum
Maxey Energy
Pico Petroleum
- County Morgue: Rushing-Estes-Knowles
- Staff vehicle for District Attorney: Philpott Motors (Nederland, Texas)
Chaparral Ford (Devine, Texas)
Griffith Ford
Regency Chevrolet
Silsbee Ford
- Acknowledgments of bids received.
- No action taken on agenda item. (Copies 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 the bills, as presented. Copies of the same are 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’s Office Deposit Receipts October 14-31, 2013, Compliance Office Deposit Receipts October 18-31, 2013, County Indebtness Monthly report of October 2013.*

County Auditor: *County Clerk & Compliance Office Auditors Report October 2013, Uvalde County Auditors Monthly & Elected Officials and Department Heads Report October 2013.*

County Clerk Report: *November 4-8, 11-15, 2013.*

Compliance Office Report: *November 4-8, 11-15, 2013.*

Sheriff’s Office: *Commit and Release Audit Report October 28- November 12, 2013, Inmate Charge Roster November 12, 2013, Compliance Report October 21- November 12, 2013.*

JP #1: *November 1-8, 11-15, 2013.*

JP#2: *November 1-8, 9-15, 2013.*

JP #3: *November 1-8, 12-15, 2013.*

JP #4: *November 1-8, 12-15, 2013.*

JP #6: *November 1-8, 11-15, 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.

Belia Gonzales
Francisca Martinez
Pete Neutze
Serafin "Tino" Roman Jr.
Geronimo "Jerry" Chavez
Pedro Alvarez
Alicia Rodriguez Gonzales

With no further business, the meeting of November 25, 2013 adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this, the _____ day of _____, 2013, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of _____, 20____, 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 11-25-13)

APPROVED BY: _____

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

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

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