



MINUTES

The Uvalde County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on December 9, 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, County Tax Assessor-Elections Administrator Maggie Del Toro, County Auditor Alice Chapman, 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 December 9, 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 25, 2013:

- Commissioner Scheide noted correction needed on agenda item #9 (b), ending date of funding changed to August 31, 2014.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved the Minutes of November 25, 2013, with correction.

<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 PRESENTATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES BY TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES:

- Presentation by Victor Ovalle, representative of Texas Association of Counties:
 - a. Overview of services and future regional visits with updates on legislature.
 - b. Provided a contact directory of TAC employees.
- No action required on agenda item. (Copy attached)

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

- Review of previously tabled item, Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zones:
 - a. Roman numeral VII appears on pages 6 and 7. Update the Roman numeral VII to VIII on page 7.
 - b. Language changes needed on pages 2 and 3, in reference to striking/deleting the “historical” references.
 - c. Removal of page 12 and attachment at end of the document in reference to Exhibit A: Schedule of Tax Abatement.
 - d. Document effective for two years.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Flores.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved adoption of establishing Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement. (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 RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH UVALDE COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER:

- Presentation by Debbie Esser:
 - a. Funding available for home delivery/meals served at the Nutrition Center.
 - b. Title 19 and 20, grant amount \$8,500.00.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Pargas.
- Second by Commissioner Flores.

The Court (4-0) approved the resolution to contract with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services in conjunction with Uvalde County Nutrition Center. (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 ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY’S RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN FOR 2014:

- Presentation by Joni Deorsam, County Treasurer:
 - a. Annual requirement to set the amount of retirement contribution.
 - b. Recommendation: no changes on revision, total required rate without COLA 10.03%.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Scheide.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved adoption of the County’s Retirement System Plan for 2014. (Uvalde County-331, 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 OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:

- Recommendations presented:
 - a. Bid No. 2013-01 County Morgue: Rushing-Estes Knowles

- b. Bid No. 2013-02 Petroleum Products: Items 1-8 Maxey Energy
Items 9-18 Tandem Petroleum
- c. Bid No. 2013-03 Networking Engineering: HTS
- d. Bid No. 2013-04 Vehicle: Griffith Ford

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

The Court (4-0) approved the awards of bids as outlined. (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 TOURISM PROMOTION SERVICES AGREEMENT:

- Proposed service agreement from Hill Country Rivers:
 - a. Agreement effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved the Tourism Promotion Services Agreement. (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 RATIFICATION OF SOLID WASTE GRANT APPLICATION:

- Ratification requested for Regional Solid Waste Grant Program application for year 2014-2015, submitted by Uvalde County for Friends of Garner State Park to Middle Rio Grande Development Council and resolution.
- Amount of Federal grant: \$13,307.00
- Upon motion of Commissioner Flores.
- Second by Commissioner Bates.

The Court (4-0) approved ratification of Solid Waste Grant Application. (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 APPROVAL OF BOND:

- Court approval needed for Official Bond and Oath of Jimmy Mangum, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Constable Pct. 3.
- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

The Court (4-0) approved bond. (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>

11. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ROAD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

- Presentation by Road Administrator Jesse Garcia.
- No action required on agenda item.

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 deposits November 1-15, 2013 and Compliance Office deposits November 1-19, 2013.*
 District Clerk: *Monthly Report for November 2013*
 County Clerk Office: *November 18-22, 25-27, November Monthly Report, 2013.*
 Compliance Office: *November 18-22, 25-29, 2013*
 Sheriff’s Office: *Commit/Release Report November 11-18, 11-25, November 25-December 2, 2013; Inmate Charge Roster November 18, 25, and December 2, 2013; Compliance Report November 11-18, 11-25, November 25- December 2, 2013.*
 J.P. #1: *November 11-29, 2013*
 J.P. #2: *November 16-30, 2013*
 J.P. #3: *November 18-22, 25-27, December 2-6, 2013*
 J.P. #4: *November 18-22, 25-27, 2013*
 J.P. #6: *November 18-27, 2013*
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- Upon motion of Commissioner Bates.
- Second by Commissioner Pargas.

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.

Randy “George” Gleason
 Leonor Pargas
 Mary Louise Veltmann
 Opal Wall
 Jay Horner

With no further business, the meeting of December 9, 2013 adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this, the _____ day of _____, 2013, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of _____, 2013, 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 12-09-13)

APPROVED BY: _____

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

Raul T. Flores, Commissioner #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

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