



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of January, 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*
Valerie Del Toro Romero, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Commissioner's Court*

Also present were: *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita C. Verstuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson, Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1* and Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner Pct. #2*.

1. Consider and act upon call to order, invocation and pledge of allegiance:

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of January 13, 2020 to order at 10 AM followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (2-0).

3. Consider and act upon Uvalde Memorial Hospital construction update by Administrator Tom Nordwick:

Uvalde Memorial Hospital Administrator Tom Nordwick provided the Court with a construction update of the new \$91 million dollar state of the art facility along with a Uvalde Memorial Hospital Community Impact 2019 Year in Review including financials, charity care, community partnerships and regional cancer services.

No action taken.

4. Consider and act upon approving surveying contracts awarded per Texas Community Block Grants 7218145 and 7218155:

County Consultant Carl Esser requested approval from the Court for two engineering service contracts with D.G. Smyth & Company for surveying in conjunction with the Texas Community Development Block Grants #7218145 (First Time Sewer Service) and #7518155 (First Time Water Service) for the Flores Street, Uvalde, Texas, Colonia Construction. The Court had previously awarded the engineering service contracts to D.G. Smyth & Company, Inc. on November 12, 2019. A separate vote was recorded for each contract.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve contract #7218145.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve contract #7218155.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0).

5. Consider and act upon accepting grant award from USFWS per CR 348 at Bear Creek:

County Consultant Carl Esser outlined the award of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CFDA Program Grant in the amount of \$125,000. The funds under this award are to be used to help replace the current low water crossing on County Road 348 over Bear Creek with a goal to replace the existing culverts with a fish friendly flow through structure. The construction project will be managed by the Uvalde County Road Department with a required grant completion date of five years.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Grant award.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0).

6. Consider and act upon resolution per Stonegarden Grant:

County Consultant Carl Esser requested consideration and approval on Resolution 2020-1 in support of the Uvalde County application for the Homeland Security Grant Program for the Uvalde County Operation Stonegarden FY 19 in the amount of \$217,125. This is a twelve month grant with a start date of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 to assist the Uvalde County Sheriff with overtime pay for enhanced patrol, night vision equipment, car radios, hand held radios and any equipment used for border operations. No County match is required.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

7. Consider and act upon Joint Primary Election Services Contract with Republican Party:

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham requested consideration and approval on a Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Uvalde County Republican Party Chairman James Jeffrey Santleben as authorized by Section 31.092(b) of the Texas Election Code for the purpose of conducting the Uvalde County Joint Primary Election on March 3, 2020 and the Uvalde County Joint Runoff Election, if necessary, on May 26, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Republican Party.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0).

8. Consider and act upon Joint Primary Election Services Contract with Democratic Party:

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham requested consideration and approval on a Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Uvalde County Democratic Party Chairman Carlos Lopez as authorized by Section 31.092(b) of the Texas Election Code for the purpose of conducting the Uvalde County Joint Primary Election on March 3, 2020 and the Uvalde County Joint Runoff Election, if necessary, on May 26, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Democratic Party.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

9. Consider and act upon contract between Department of Informational Services and Uvalde County related to the use of DIR shared services:

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham requested consideration and approval of a contract between the Department of Informational Services and Uvalde County to conduct a cyber security elections assessment for the purpose of providing aggregate data to the Secretary of State Elections Division.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the Department of Informational Services Contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

10. Consider and act upon donation from Stephen Rambie for use at Nutrition Center:

The Court considered and officially accepted a \$500 donation from local resident Stephen Rambie to be used at the Uvalde County Nutrition Center.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept donation from Stephen Rambie.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

11. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Uvalde County Road Department worked on installing two cattle guards on County Road 335, Mulching on County Roads 102, 349 and 413. Cutting brush and grass on County Road 312 A. Currently waiting on permits from the Texas Parks & Wildlife and U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers to remove gravel from river to repair County Road 416 crossing.
No action taken.

12. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined line item budget amendments presented to the Court for consideration and approval to close out fiscal year 2019.
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve line item budget amendments.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (2-0).

13. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.
Motion carried (2-0).

14. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented for approval.
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (2-0).

15. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (2-0).

16. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:

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

Angelita G. Aguinaga †
Elizabeth Davenport †
Lina M. Gonzales †
Santiago Guzman †
Thomas Harwood †
Julian N. Kelly †
Cindy Ellis King †
Reynaldo Mojica †
Joyce Moore †
Charles Raine †
Anita Rodriguez †
Elisa P. Rodriguez †
Rodolfo Rodriguez †
Trinidad Ruiz, Jr. †
Lora J. Sanderlin †
Minnie P. Schlortt †
Helen Strait †
Robert Strout †
Lula I. Williamson †
Charles K. Wootton †

With no further business, the meeting of January 13, 2020 was adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the 27th day of January, 2020, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of January 13, 2020, 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 03-12-12)

APPROVED BY: _____

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

Randy Scheide, Commissioner Pct. #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3

Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
of Uvalde County, Texas