



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session via video conferencing utilizing Zoom. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*  
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*  
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*  
John Dodson, *County Attorney*  
Valerie Del Toro Romero, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of  
the Commissioner's Court*

Also connected to video conferencing utilizing Zoom were: *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita C. Verstuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick, *Julye Keeble with Uvalde Leader News, 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney* Mark Haby, *County Extension Agent* Samantha Shannon and *County Extension Agent* Molly Flores.

Absent: 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 May 11, 2020 to order at 10:00 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 April 27, 2020.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (3-0).

### **3. Consider and act upon agreement with AT&T for First Net Disaster services:**

The Court considered a request from the office of the Uvalde County Emergency Management for First Net Disaster Services with AT&T to provide telecommunication services during the course of a disaster. First Net Disaster services allows first responders to maintain their connectivity when service is affected or not available. 56 primary phones and 8 extended phones for a total of 64 phones at a monthly cost in the amount of \$3,263.85. Authorization from the Court was required to initiate the process and agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve agreement with AT&T for First Net Disaster services.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-1) with Commissioner Scheide voting no.

**4. Consider and act upon resolution supporting Border Prosecution Unit grant application:**

38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Mark Haby requested approval of a resolution supporting Region 2-Border Prosecution Unit grant application for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021. The two year grant is fully funded and does not require a match from the county and is administered through the office of the District Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**5. Consider and act upon order granting the sale of fireworks during Memorial Day period:**

The Court considered and approved an order authorizing the sale of fireworks during the Memorial Day period of May 22, 2020 through midnight May 27, 2020. Texas Occupations Code §2154.202(h) requires action from the Court before May 15, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Scheide to approve order authorizing sale of fireworks during Memorial Day period.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**6. Consider and act upon presentation by AgriLife Extension Agents Molly Flores and Samantha Shannon :**

County Extension Agent Ag and Natural Resources Samantha Shannon provided a presentation to the Court on the 2019 Uvalde County Livestock Producer Series and the 2019 Uvalde County Youth Water Program. County Extension Agent Consumer Health Resources Molly Flores provided a presentation to the Court on the 2019 Uvalde County Learn, Grow, Eat & Go, 2019 Child Passenger Safety, 2019 Medina & Uvalde County Child Abuse Prevention Summit and the 2019 Si, Yo Puedo Controlar Mi Diabetes. All presentations included relevance, response, results and acknowledgments.

No action taken.

**7. Consider and act upon update on disaster declaration:**

The Court was provided an update on the Emergency Disaster Declaration and it was recommended that regular hours be observed at Uvalde County Courthouse offices beginning May 18, 2020. As of May 6, 2020, Uvalde County was allowed to operate at 50% capacity per the attestation process with the Texas Department of State Health Services under executive order by Texas Governor Abbott. Modifications to courthouse doors and to customer counters to help protect employees were in process. Individuals entering the building to conduct business shall be encouraged to wear face covering. All individuals are encouraged to continue to wash hands, cover face when coughing, avoid touching your face, disinfect frequently used items and hard surfaces, wear face covering and practice social distancing.

No action taken.

**8. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the department worked on reinforcing bridges that are washed out downstream, repaired bridge on CR 336, repaired third crossing on CR 349, moved equipment over to CR 416 to begin repair at Fossil Creek crossing and obtained free boulders from the city landfill.

No action taken.

**9. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:**

No amendments were presented to the court for consideration at this time.

No action taken.

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

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**11. 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 (3-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**13. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:**

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

Garland Armstrong †  
Mary Davis †  
Jean Hall †  
Ben Harp †  
Maria De Jesus Hernandez †  
Joyce Winn †

With no further business, the meeting of May 11, 2020 was adjourned.

Exhibits identified under a specific agenda item are included as supporting documentation of the action taken by the Uvalde County Commissioners Court and are placed after the minutes and before the last page titled Commissioners Court Order.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of May 11, 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

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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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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