



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, 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 November 12, 2019 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 October 28, 2019.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (2-0).

**3. Consider and act upon presentation of Uvalde High School FFA:**

Members of the Uvalde High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America were not able to make their presentation of district competition at this meeting due to school attendance requirements.  
No action taken.

**4. Consider and act upon update by HTS regarding cybersecurity and ransomware:**

Sales Engineer Lydia McCloskey with HTS Voice & Data Systems provided an update on the Uvalde County security review of cybercrime and ransomware and the procedure in place

for Uvalde County to prevent malicious malware, phishing, identity theft and avoid compromised credentials to sensitive Uvalde County data, web page and email accounts to prevent a cyber-attack.

No action taken.

**5. Consider and act upon resolution awarding surveying services:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested consideration of a resolution to award professional surveying services for TxCDBG Contract #7218145 and #7218155 for first time water and first time sewer services in the Flores Street and North Hood Street area of Uvalde County. Proposals were submitted by D.G. Smyth & Co., Amistad Engineers and Dirksen Engineering with a recommendation to award the services contract to D.G. Smyth & Co. Copies of bids/proposals may be reviewed or obtained from the office of the Uvalde County Judge.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve resolution awarding D.G. Smyth & Co. the professional surveying services.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

**6. Consider and act upon canvass of November 5 election returns:**

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham provided to the Court the Cumulative Results and Canvass Results Report and certified the canvass was true and correct for the Uvalde County Joint General and Special Election held on November 5, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve canvass results.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0).

**7. Consider and act upon contract with Government Capital for financing road equipment:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the financing agreement resolution between Uvalde County and Government Capital Corporation for the financing of one pneumatic roller and two vibratory rollers for a total of three pieces of equipment for the Uvalde County Road Department previously approved by the Court for purchase. The total equipment cost is \$247,574.97 with an interest rate of 3.492% to be paid in the amount of \$88,172.28 per annual payment for three years.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve resolution with Government Capital Corporation.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

**8. Consider and act upon casting votes for the UCAD Board of Directors:**

Pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the County of Uvalde is a voting member of the Uvalde County Appraisal District and the Uvalde County Commissioners Court is entitled to cast 936 votes for the individual or individuals to serve as directors for the Uvalde County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The Court considered and voted

by Resolution to divide the total of 936 votes evenly among the Uvalde County nominees being J Allen Carnes, Howard Bruce Kingsbery and Tony T. Moreno receiving 312 votes each.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve Resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (2-0).

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

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Uvalde County Road Department finished County Road 374 up to Beaver's Knoll and chip sealed the back side of County Road 372 and have been checking roads and signs throughout the county.

No action taken.

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

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

No action taken.

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0).

**12. 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).

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0).

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

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

Emma J. Everett †  
Richard Eugene Gibson †  
Marjorie J. Hurley †  
Jerry H. King †  
James D. Reavis, Jr. †  
Lilla L. Rose †  
Antonio C. Silva †  
Thelma Thompson †  
Dorothy Willemin †

With no further business, the meeting of November 12, 2019 was adjourned.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of November 12, 2019, 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