

## **MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, 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
John Yeackle, Commissioner Pct. #1
Mariano Pargas, Commissioner Pct. #2
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 conference utilizing Zoom were: County Treasurer Joni Deorsam, County Auditor Alice Chapman, Tax Assessor Collector Rita Vertuyft, Sheriff Ruben Nolasco, Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick, Elections Administrator Melissa Jones, ABEI Development Manager Trey Patton, Texas Hill Country River Region Executive Director Annabell McNew and Julye Keeble with Uvalde Leader News.

Absent: None

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of May 24, 2021 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 Pargas to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Bates. Motion carried (4-0).

#### 3. Consider and act upon application of ABEI Energy for tax abatement:

The Court considered an application for a tax abatement submitted by ABEI Energy related to the construction of a solar farm south of US 90 located between Knippa and Uvalde located within the Nightfall Solar Project Reinvestment Zone approved by the Court on April 12, 2021. The application process to approve the tax abatement requires notice to the affected taxing units and a scheduled public hearing on this tax abatement application.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve and accept the tax abatement application from ABEI Energy.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

# 4. Consider and act upon receiving first draft of 2020 Commissioner Precinct Redistricting as presented by consultant Rolando Rios and Associates:

The Court considered the first draft of the 2020 commissioner precinct redistricting as provided by county consultant Rolando Rios and Associates using the 2020 census to redraw the commissioner precinct lines. Additional maps will be provided to the Court for comparison with the existing and proposed commissioner precinct lines.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the first draft of the 2020 commissioner precinct redistricting.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

## 5. Consider and act upon Texas Hill Country River Region presentation by Executive Director Annabelle McNew:

Texas Hill Country River Region Executive Director Annabell McNew provided a slide presentation to the Court outlining; tourism boost during pandemic, economic impact of tourism in Uvalde County, legislative efforts for clear rivers, river cleanup and an activity update by the river region of the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund revenue. No action taken.

## 6. Consider and act upon ratification to rescind ban on outdoor burning:

The Court approved a ban on outdoor burning on April 12, 2021 due to dry weather conditions. Uvalde County Judge William R. Mitchell signed an administrative order 2021-02 abolishing the burn ban on April 29, 2021. The Court was requested to ratify the action of the administrative order to rescind the ban on outdoor burning.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to ratify the order abolishing the burn ban.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

#### 7. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department had been working on cutting brush from right of ways, blading roads, checked the roads during the recent rain and placed barricades where needed, poured the concrete for the roadway at Bear Creek Crossing and removed the forms to open up the crossing to public traffic. No action taken.

## 8. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

County Auditor Alice Chapman presented and outlined the proposed line item budget amendments to the Court for consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the line item budget amendments as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0). Exhibit A

## 9. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

## 10. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

## 11. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

#### 12. Consider and act upon approval of resolutions/proclamations:

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

Yolanda Chapa †

Ruby R. Fry †

Doris Jechow †

Janie C. Lopez †

Santos Martinez †

Antonio Moreno †

Gilberto L. Riojas †

Erma Lee Smyth †

With no further business, the meeting of May 24, 2021 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.



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#### COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

May 24, 2021



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#### TRANSFERS AND/OR AMENDMENTS

		NAME OF ACCOUNT	CURRENT BUDGET				Comment
LINE ITEM	TYPE OF ACCOUNT			AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE DECREASE	TRANSFER FROM AMENDED	
073-500-702	EXPENSE	COMMISSARY SUPPLEMENT AJA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	s -	FUND 73	STAFF CHANGE
042-300-390	REVENUE	SERIES 2021 CO ISSUANCE	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	REVENUE CERTIFICATION	SERIES 2021 CO
041-365-402	REVENUE	SERIES 2021 CO ISSUANCE	\$ -	\$ 3,232.45	\$ 3,232.45	REVENUE CERTIFICATION	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-777	EXPENSE	JAIL SECURITY SYSTEM	s -	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-778	EXPENSE	COURTHOUSE ANNEX	\$ -	\$ 1,412,576.00	\$1,412,576.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-779	EXPENSE	FAIRPLEX STORAGE BUILDING	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-780	EXPENSE	FAIRPLEX 25 RV SPOTS	\$ -	\$60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-781	EXPENSE	EMERGENCY RADIO TOWER	\$ -	\$175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-782	EXPENSE	ROAD & BRIDGE SHOP ADDITION	\$ -	\$175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-783	EXPENSE	ROAD & BRIDGE EXCAVATOR	s -	\$272,441.00	\$ 272,441.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-784	EXPENSE	OLD JAIL DEMOLITION	s -	\$0.00	\$ -	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO
042-500-785	EXPENSE	JAIL TRANSPORT VAN	s -	\$64,983.00	\$ 64,983.00	REVENUE OFFSET	SERIES 2021 CO

FILED

This 24 day of May AD 2021

at 9:17 o'clock A M
VALERIE DEL TORO ROMERO
County Clerk, Uvalde County, Texas

By: Valeric Del Toro Romero
Uvalde County Clerk

S/F"

AUDITED BY
ALICE L. CHAPMAN
UVALDE COUNTY AUDITOR

#### **COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of May 24, 2021 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
		John Yeackle, Commissioner Pct. #1
		Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2
		Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3
		Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4
(SEAL)		
ATTEST:		mero, County Clerk and
	Ex-Officio Clerk of of Uvalde County, T	the Commissioners Court exas

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