



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of May, 2022, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*
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 Verstuyft, *Sheriff* Ruben Nolasco, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson and John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell Uvalde County Judge called the meeting of May 9, 2022 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 April 25, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.
Motion carried (3-0).

3. Consider and act upon preliminary approval of Hidden Meadow Subdivision:

A preliminary subdivision application submitted by Uvalde Allied Development, Inc. was outlined by managing member Jose Huerta. The proposed Hidden Meadow Subdivision is 11.8279 acres of land divided into ten (10) lots creating a cul-de-sac to be named Orchard Lane. The application will be placed on the agenda of May 23, 2022 for final approval.
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve preliminary application of Hidden Meadow Subdivision to Uvalde Allied Development, Inc.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0).

4. Consider and act upon approval of 2022 Inter Governmental Agreement with US Marshal:

The Court considered an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the U.S. Department of Justice United States Marshals Service Prisoner Operations Division and Uvalde County Agreement Number 80-12-0008 for the purpose of housing, safekeeping, subsistence and care of federal prisoners in the Uvalde County Jail at a rate of \$73.00 per day and an additional \$26.50 guard/transportation hourly rate plus mileage at the current General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Travel Regulation Mileage Rate.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice United States Marshals Service.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

5. Consider and act upon updated Covid leave policy:

The Court considered a Uvalde County Covid Leave Policy Update for Uvalde County employees outlined by County Auditor Alice Chapman recommending to the Court to treat Covid related leave in the same manner as standard sick leave guidelines in Section 2.02 of the Uvalde County Personnel policy with an effective date of May 9, 2022, except law enforcement employees covered by House Bill 2073 relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by or elected for a political subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt the Uvalde County Covid Leave Policy Update.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

6. Consider and act upon acceptance of Walmart Community grant:

The County of Uvalde received multiple checks from local and surrounding area Walmart stores participating in the Walmart Community Grant. Check #1358556 in the amount of \$500.00 from Walmart #5713 in Laredo, check #1361122 in the amount of \$2000.00 from Walmart #782 in Uvalde, check #1361120 in the amount of \$500.00 from Walmart #443 in Hondo, check #1361121 in the amount of \$500.00 from Walmart #3623 in Laredo, check #1375514 in the amount of \$500.00 from Walmart #554 in Laredo and check #1380836 in the amount of \$500.00 from Walmart #447 in Del Rio. The total of all awards received was in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the benefit of the Uvalde County Fairplex. The Commissioners Court must authorize the acceptance of these funds.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept the Walmart Community Grant funds.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

7. Consider and act upon contribution for use of nutrition center:

The Court considered a contribution from Commissioner, Pct. 4 Ronnie Garza in the amount of \$150.00 to benefit the Uvalde County Nutrition Center for the use of the Nutrition Center facility by Commissioner Garza and local attorney Rogelio M. Munoz to conduct a seminar regarding estate planning for seniors.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the acceptance of the \$150.00 contribution to the Nutrition Center by Commissioner Ronnie Garza.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (2-0-1) with Commissioner Garza abstaining his vote.

8. Consider and act upon results of county auction held on April 9:

The Court considered the auction settlement sheet for an auction of county surplus items held on April 9, 2022 by Charlie Waller Auctions. The total sales were in the amount of \$18,361.00 less the 20% commission in the amount of \$3,672.20, less advertisement in the amount of \$69.06 for a net amount to the county of \$14,619.74 paid by Charlie Waller Auctions Escrow Account check #1274 dated April 19, 2022. The District Attorney's Office will receive \$2,800.00 from the net total for the sale of a District Attorney vehicle in this auction.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the auction settlement for an auction of county surplus items held on April 9, 2022.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

9. Consider and act upon presentation by St. Judge Ranch for Children:

The Court considered a presentation by Community Liaison Nicole Cody from Belong a division of SJRC Texas formerly known as St. Jude's Ranch for Children providing assistance and care for children and families affected by trauma, abuse, abandonment or neglect and have been removed from their homes by the Department of Family and Protective Services. Belong provides community base care, assistance with foster care and adoption services.

No action taken.

10. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department bladed and patched roads and replaced missing road signs throughout the county, cut brush from right of ways, completed installation of guard rails on Palin Creek and covered exposed rebar on Magers Crossing.

No action taken.

11. Consider and act upon line-item budget amendments:

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

No action taken.

12. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills and payroll.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (3-0).

13. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (3-0).

14. Consider and act upon monthly reports:

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented to the Court for consideration and approval.
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (3-0).

15. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Ralph Marcus Baxter †
Jon Michael Biddick †
Francisco “Frank” Cimental †
Gloria Esquivel †
James L. Hensarling †
Dolores T. Hernandez †
William Harvey McKinzie †
Ann Molloy †
Maria Moreno †
Charles Rodger Roosa †
Martina Torres †
Mario C. Vasquez †
Ben Wilson, Jr. †

With no further business, the meeting of May 9, 2022 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 23rd day of May, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of May 9, 2022 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: _____
Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
of Uvalde County, Texas