



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 16th day of June, 2022, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. Due to lack of a quorum for the regular scheduled meeting of Monday, June 13, 2022 the Commissioners Court meeting was re-scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*
John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*
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, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick, *County Consultant* Carl Esser and joining via zoom Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*.

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

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 June 16, 2022 to order at 11:00 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 May 23, 2022 and June 1, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried (3-0).

3. Consider and act upon final approval of Bluffside Subdivision:

Final approval of Bluffside Subdivision was considered by the Court for an application submitted by Slate Creek Ranch, LLC. The proposed Bluffside Subdivision is 30.01 acres of land divided into twelve (12) lots located at the intersection of US 83 North and County Road 350.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to authorize final approval of the Bluffside Subdivision to Slate Creek Ranch, LLC.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

4. Consider and act upon designating 9-1-1 address for 2040 Lake Creek Road:

Middle Rio Grande Development Council Regional Planning Services Erik Diaz and area resident JP Whipley requested consideration from the Court for the designation and addition of 2040 Lake Creek Road located in the Northwest corner of Uvalde County in precinct 4 to provide a 911 mapping address to area residents for emergency response purposes only.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve a 911 mapping address for private road 2040 Lake Creek Road for emergency response purposes only.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

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

The County of Uvalde received two additional checks from local and surrounding area Walmart stores participating in the Walmart Community Grant. Check #1387356 in the amount of \$500.00 from Walmart #1046 in Carrizo Springs and check #1397770 in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Walmart #461 in Eagle Pass. The total of all awards received was in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the benefit of the Uvalde County Fairplex. The Commissioners Court must authorize the acceptance of these funds.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

6. Consider and act upon 2022 tax planning calendar:

County Auditor Alice Chapman requested approval of the 2022-2023 Tax Planning Calendar outlining specific dates identified in the proposed 2022-2023 Tax Planning Calendar in compliance with the Truth-in-Taxation process and to allow compliance for the proposed dates to adopt the county's tax rate on September 26, 2022 with a budget effective date of October 1, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the 2022-2023 Tax Planning Calendar.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

7. Consider and act upon ban on outdoor burning:

Pursuant to Local Government Code 352.08, the Court considered and adopted an order prohibiting outdoor burning due to extremely dry weather conditions. All outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Uvalde County for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order unless rescinded by action of the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve order prohibiting outdoor burning.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

8. Consider and act upon banning fireworks during July 4th period except Utopia fireworks display:

Pursuant to Local Government Code Section §352.051 authorizes Commissioners Court to adopt an order regulating certain fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county under drought conditions. The Court took action to ban all fireworks in Uvalde County due to extremely dry weather conditions and circumstances related to the Robb School tragedy for the Fourth of July period beginning at midnight on June 24, 2022 through midnight on July 4, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to ban all fireworks in Uvalde County for the Fourth of July period.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

9. Consider and act upon resolution for submission of Victim of Crime Act Grant application:

The County of Uvalde was awarded a Victim of Crime Act Grant from the Office of the Governor for a two year period beginning May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$5 Million dollars to fund the operation of the Uvalde County Resiliency Center FY 22 for the implementation of a victim assistance mass casualty response to be located at 2104 East Main Street in Uvalde.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to proceed with the application for the Victim of Crime Act Grant.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

10. Consider and act upon resolution for submission of Essential Services Program Grant:

The County of Uvalde was awarded an Essential Services Program Grant from the Office of the Governor. This is a no match grant for a two year period beginning May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$700,000.00 to purchase a building from First State Bank of Uvalde located at 2104 East Main Street to be used for the operation of the Uvalde County Resiliency Center for the purpose of victim assistance due to the mass casualty event at Robb Elementary School on May 24, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the resolution for submission of the Essential Services Program Grant.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

11. Consider and act upon resolution authorizing submission of Colonia Fund Grant:

County Consultant Carl Esser requested consideration from the Court on Resolution No. 2022 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2022 Colonia Fund Construction and authorizing the County Judge to act as the county's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the county's participation in the Texas Community

Development Block Grant. The application will be in the amount of \$1 million dollars to provide for water improvements to the Knippa Water Supply Corporation in Uvalde County. A total cash match in the amount of \$75,000.00 is required to achieve maximum points for this grant application.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution in support of grant application as recommended by County Consultant Carl Esser.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

12. Consider and act upon County-Knippa WSC agreement for Colonia Construction grant:

County Consultant Carl Esser requested consideration and approval from the Court on a TxCDBG Colonia Construction Fund Grant Agreement by and between Uvalde County and Knippa Water Supply Corporation for the purpose of authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2022 Colonia Construction Fund in the amount of \$1 million dollars to be used for water infrastructure improvements to Knippa Water Supply Corporation in Uvalde County. The Knippa Water Supply Corporation agrees to maintain the services and improvements prioritized for the Knippa Water Supply Corporation which have been addressed in the Uvalde County 2022 TxCDBG Colonia Fund Construction application and agrees to contribute half of the required cash match in the amount of \$37,500.00 for this grant. Uvalde County agrees to contribute toward the required cash match for this grant in the amount of \$37,500.00 for a total required cash match of \$75,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve agreement between Uvalde County and Knippa Water Supply Corporation as recommended by County Consultant Carl Esser.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

13. Consider and act upon ratification of lease with FSB for building at 2104 East Main:

The Court considered the ratification of a temporary lease by and between the County of Uvalde and First State Bank of Uvalde signed by the Uvalde County Judge on July 8, 2022 for a period commencing July 8, 2022 and terminating on July 31, 2022 at a cost of \$1.00 paid to lessor as rent for the property located at 2104 East Main Street Uvalde, Texas. The proposed lease agreement was reviewed and approved by the Uvalde County Attorney John Dodson.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to ratify the lease agreement with First State Bank during closing for the purchase of a building located at 2104 East Main Street.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

14. Consider and act upon purchase from FSB building at 2104 East Main:

The Court considered authorization to purchase a building located at 2104 East Main Street from First State Bank of Uvalde in the amount of \$700,000.00 utilizing funds from the Essential Services Program Grant to be used for the operation of the Uvalde County Resiliency Center for the purpose of providing victim assistance due to the mass casualty event at Robb Elementary School on May 24, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the purchase of the building located at 2104 East Main Street from First State Bank of Uvalde.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

15. Consider and act upon presentation of first draft of 2022-2023 Uvalde County budget:

Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 111.003 requires the first draft of the budget be presented on the seventh month of the fiscal year. The Initial Budget Draft of the 2022-2023 Uvalde County Budget was presented. The effective date of the new budget will be October 1, 2022.

No action taken.

16. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department bladed and patched roads throughout the county, cut brush from right of ways, built a parking lot behind Hillcrest Funeral Home for the Robb Elementary School emergency responders, paved County Road 108, formed the addition to the shop, laying rebar, pouring concrete, re-routed water line coming into the shop and painted “No Unloading On Bridge” signs to be placed at Kenny Arthur Crossing in Concan.

No action taken.

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

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

No action taken.

18. 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 Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

19. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills and payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

20. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

21. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo †
Jacklyn Jaylen Cazares †
Makenna Lee Elrod †
Jose Manuel Flores, Jr. †
Eliahna Amyah Garcia †
Uziyah Sergio Garcia †
Amerie Jo Garza †
Xavier James Lopez †
Jayce Carmelo Luevanos †
Tess Marie Mata †
Maranda Gail Mathis †
Alithia Haven Ramirez †
Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez †
Maite Yuleana Rodriguez †
Alexandria “Lexi” Aniyah Rubio †
Layla Marie Salazar †
Jailah Nicole Silguero †
Eliahna Torres †
Rojelio Fernandez Torres †
Irma Linda Garcia †
Eva Mireles †
Robert “Bob” Copenhaver †
Clay Calvin Davenport †
Jose Antonio Garcia †
Sky Marshal Jones-Lewey †
Francisco Marines, II †
David Pena †
Hortencia Vara †

With no further business, the meeting of June 16, 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 27th day of June, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of June 16, 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