



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11th day of July, 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*
John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*
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, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Sheriff* Ruben Nolasco, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick, *County Consultant* Carl Esser and joining via telephone Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. # 3*.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson

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 July 11, 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 Bates to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (4-0).

3. Consider and act upon contract with Ecumenical Center for Education, Counseling and Health as a sub-grantee of the VOCA grant for the Uvalde Together Resiliency Center:

38th Judicial District Attorney Christina Mitchell Busbee requested the Court's consideration and approval of a two year agreement by and between Uvalde County and The Ecumenical Center, Inc. as a Sub-Contractor in the Uvalde Together Resiliency Center as provided in the Victim Assistance Mass Casualty Response Grant #4577301 under the office of the Texas Governor to provide services and assistance to the victims of crime including emotional and physical needs, psychological testing, psychiatric evaluations and counseling to eligible Uvalde County residents at a total cost over the two year period up to \$3,219,189.00 for fully documented services and related expenses with a start date of May 24, 2022 through

April 30, 2024. A public participation form was submitted by John Holcombe who commented on this agenda item.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the two year Sub-Contractor agreement with The Ecumenical Center, Inc.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

4. Consider and act upon amendment to U.S. Marshal contract for housing prisoners:

Uvalde County Sheriff Ruben Nolasco requested approval from the Court on a Modification of Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the U.S. Department of Justice United States Marshals Service Agreement Number 80-12-0008 outlining several addendums adding new language related to medical services, transportation services, video teleconference hearings, voter registration for eligible individuals in federal custody, body worn camera information request, restrictive housing and suicide prevention. No financial changes were made in this agreement.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

5. Consider and act upon Sheriff's request to purchase additional tactical equipment:

Chief Deputy Brandon McCutchen with the Sheriff's Office requested authorization from the Court for the purchase of additional tactical equipment including; Five (5) Ballistic Rifle Rated Shields 20"X30" at a cost of \$6,373.47, Three (3) Ballistic Rifle Rated Shields 21"X36" at a cost of \$7,614.12, Twenty-Four (24) Ballistic Helmets at a cost of \$13,200.00, Twenty-Four (24) Ballistic Face Shields at a cost of \$7,656.00, Six (6) Patrol Rifles at a cost of \$10,650.00, Twenty-Four (24) Red Dot Sight Aimpoint at a cost of \$12,720.00, Twenty-Four (24) Weapon Mounted Light Streamlight at a cost of \$3,360.00, Ammunition for Pistols & Rifles at a cost of \$23,500.00, Twenty-Four (24) Rescue/Breaching Tools at a cost of \$29,400.00 and One (1) Kinetic Breaching Tool at a cost of \$10,000.00 for a total cost to Uvalde County in the amount of \$165,495.71. A public participation form was submitted by Diana Olvedo-Karau who commented on this agenda item.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the purchases of additional tactical equipment for the Sheriff's office.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

6. Consider and act upon bids for Mid-Town Complex construction project:

County Consultant Carl Esser outlined the bids/proposals received for the Mid-Town Complex Construction Project with a recommendation to the Court not to award the bid/proposal at this time and to allow the Architect Davis Powell to negotiate a construction price with the contractor submitting the lowest bid/proposal before a final award recommendation is made to the Court. Four (4) sealed bids/proposals were submitted from the following contractors and are listed in order of ranking; Frontera Construction,

L&L Construction, SCI Construction and R&C Construction. Bids/Proposals may be viewed in the office of the Uvalde County Judge William R. Mitchell.

Motion by Commissioner Garza approving and authorizing the Architect Davis Powell to negotiate a construction price with Frontera Construction before a final recommendation is made to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

7. Consider and act upon resolution requesting Texas Governor to call special session:

Commissioner Pct. 4 Ronnie Garza requested approval from the Court on a Resolution calling upon Texas Governor Greg Abbott to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to consider raising the minimum age from 18 to 21 on the purchase of automatic assault style rifles.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the resolution to Governor Greg Abbott.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

8. Consider and act upon extension of declared local disaster:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(b) a Declaration of Local Disaster was considered and extended by the Court for an additional thirty (30) days due to extremely severe water shortages and widespread dry, hot weather conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

9. Consider and act upon receiving gift from Melinda and Cody Roberts:

Local residents Melinda Roberts and Cody Roberts donated a monetary gift in the amount of \$2,000.00 on check number 2005 for the use and benefit of the Sheriff's Department. All gifts must be received and approved by the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the donation received from Melinda and Cody Roberts.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

10. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department bladed roads throughout the county, cut and moved fallen trees from County Roads 301, 305, 307, and 309, installed signs and bridge reflectors, mowed grass from right of ways built a pad for a storage building for Utopia Recycles. A public participation form was submitted by Jessica Esquivel who commented on this agenda item.

No action taken.

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

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

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

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0). Exhibit A

12. 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 Garza to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

13. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

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

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

14. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

15. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

A public participation form was submitted by Tina Quintanilla-Taylor who commented on this agenda item.

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

Victoria County Treasurer Sean Kennedy †

Tony Ovalle †

With no further business, the meeting of July 11, 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 25th day of July, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of July 11, 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