



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of December, 2021, 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*
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 Vertuyft, *Elections Administrator* Melissa Jones, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *County Consultant* Carl Esser, *Sheriff* Ruben Nolasco and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: John Dodson, *County Attorney*

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 December 13, 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 Bates to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0).

3. Consider and act upon receiving gift from HEB:

The Court considered a donation from HEB presented by Store Leader #441 JD Olivarez to the County of Uvalde in the amount of \$18,222.40 to purchase the 30 foot community Christmas tree which has been erected by the Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department and stands on the west side of the Uvalde County Courthouse.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to accept the gift from HEB in the amount of \$18,222.40.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.
Motion carried (4-0).

4. Consider and act upon 38th District SART Report by District Attorney Christina Busbee:

38th Judicial District Attorney Christina Busbee addressed the Court regarding the legislative requirement of Senate Bill 476 mandating all counties to implement a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and requested the approval of the creation of the Sexual Assault Response Team between Uvalde County and Real County.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the creation of the Sexual Assault Response Team between Uvalde County and Real County as requested by the 38th Judicial District Attorney Christina Busbee.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

5. Consider and act upon bids received for Abatement and Demolition of old jail:

County Consultant Carl Esser and Architect Davis Powell provided a summary to the Court of bids received along with a recommendation for the contract award of the old Uvalde County Jail abatement and demolition project. Six bids were submitted for consideration from; Wells J. R. Ramon, Flash, H. C. Hansco, R L Abatement, AAR and Haulbrooke, Inc. Mr. Powell recommended the most advantageous and under budget bid be awarded to Haulbrooke, Inc. Copies of all bids/proposals may be obtained from the office of the Uvalde County Judge William R. Mitchell.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to award abatement and demolition of old jail to Haulbrooke, Inc.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

6. Consider and act upon bids received for Air Quality Testing during abatement:

Architect Davis Powell provided a summary to the Court of bids received along with a recommendation for the contract award of the Project Management and Air Quality Monitoring of the old Uvalde County Jail abatement and demolition project. Three bids were submitted for consideration from; Argus Environmental Consultants, LLC, Ace Environmental Compliance Services and AEHS, Inc. Mr. Powell recommended the award of bid to AEHS, Inc. Copies of all bids/proposals may be obtained from the office of the Uvalde County Judge William R. Mitchell.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to award the Project Management and Air Quality Monitoring of the old Uvalde County Jail abatement and demolition project to AEHS, Inc.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

7. Consider and act upon award of jail commissary contract:

The Court considered the one bid submitted by the current provider, Keefe Commissary Network, for the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office Jail Commissary.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to award Keefe Commissary Network the jail commissary contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

8. Consider and act upon adopting 2021-2022 Data Disaster Recovery Policy:

County Auditor Alice Chapman requested consideration of the annual requirement to approve the 2021-2022 Data Disaster Recovery Policy. This policy outlines the recovery plan requirements to limit the extent of disruption and damage and to provide a smooth and rapid restoration of service during an emergency or disaster that affects information systems for the County of Uvalde.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the 2021-2022 Data Disaster Recovery Plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

9. Consider and act upon adopting 2021-2022 Capital Asset Policy:

County Auditor Alice Chapman requested consideration of the annual requirement to approve the 2021-2022 County of Uvalde Capital Asset Policy. This policy includes property, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets, roads, bridges sidewalks and similar items reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government wide financial statements.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the 2021-2022 Capital Asset Policy.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

10. Consider and act upon 2021-2022 Uvalde County Investment Policy:

County Treasurer Joni Deorsam requested consideration and approval of the 2021-2022 Uvalde County Investment Policy that establishes the objectives, goals and policies to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the entity and conforming to all state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the 2021-2022 Uvalde County Investment Policy.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

11. Consider and act upon HTS Buyboard contract for District Court Audio/Visual system:

County Auditor Alice Chapman requested approval of Buy Board contract #574-18 with HTS Voice & Data Systems in the amount of \$32,470.00 to replace and upgrade the existing required audio/visual system equipment in the Uvalde County Courthouse District Courtroom. The total cost includes equipment, material, labor and installation.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Buy Board contract #574-18 with HTS Voice & Data Systems.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

12. Consider and act upon allowing donations of juror reimbursements to the veterans county service office pursuant to SB 456:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 456, the Court considered allowing the donation of juror reimbursements to the Veterans County Service Office as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 434, Subchapter B, and Section 61.003(6).

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve donation of juror reimbursements to the Veterans County Service Office.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

13. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department bladed roads throughout the county, paved the Methodist Church parking lot in Utopia, held a walking cleanup at Uvalde Estates, chip sealed County Roads; 204, 355, 363, 371, 378, patched washout in Flores Subdivision and fixed water crossing on County Road 412.

No action taken.

14. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

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

No action was taken.

15. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

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 (4-0).

16. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

17. Consider and act upon approval of reports:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

18. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Maria Alvarado †
Everette Boyce †
Raquel Garza †
Mercedes Guzman †
Gary Hart †
Sue K. Haynes †
Lisa Lamascus †
Silvestre Orona †
Belia Servantes †
Nancy Thompson †
Frances Whiteaker †
Thomas Winkle †

19. Executive Session (As permitted by Section 551.071 Texas Government Code)

A. Discuss law suit litigation

The Court entered into Executive Session at 10:23 AM as permitted by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to discuss pending law suit litigation.

20. Convene in regular session and take action, if any:

The Court reconvened in regular session at 10:45 AM and considered a settlement agreement in the amount of \$9,542.00 of unrestricted funds with Texas J&J also known as Janssen, one of the many defendants in the state wide opioid litigation currently pending in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas as recommended by Uvalde County Attorney John Dodson who participated in executive session via telephone.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve order authorizing approval of proposed Janssen Texas State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

With no further business, the meeting of December 13, 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.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the 10th day of January, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of December 13, 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: _____

Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
of Uvalde County, Texas