



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of February 2023, 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*
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were *County Attorney* John Dodson, *Justice of the Peace, Precinct Two Judge*, Cynthia Casburn, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

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 February 13, 2023 to order at 10:00 AM, followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0)

3. Consider and act upon request of Wayne Everett to address commissioners and road administrator covering responsibilities of county roads:

Former Road Administrator Wayne Everett addressed the court and road administrator regarding their duties and responsibilities. He voiced his concerns on several issues, including the qualifications of a Road Administrator, the alleged paving of private roads and driveways, and the use of county equipment and manpower to do so.

Public Participant Diana Olvedo Karau also addressed the court with her concerns on the roles and responsibilities of commissioners.

No action on this agenda item.

4. Consider and act upon presentation of Texas Hill Country River Region to include budget, request for Hotel/Motel tax changes and proposed staffing concept:

THCRR Director Jamie Holmes presented annual budget and requests to court.

Public participant Diana Olvedo Karau requested clarification on

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept budget request.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Commissioner Bates to endorse Hotel/Motel tax code changes.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0)

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to create a position, as requested by THCRR, to be reviewed every 12 months.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

5. Consider and act upon concept of creating county animal control division:

Commissioner Pargas addressed the court and requested the consideration of creating county animal control division. Public Participants Diana Olvedo Karau, Heather Stunkel, and Monica Saiz Martinez all spoke in support of the concept.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to create a committee who will look into creating Uvalde County Animal Control division. Committee members selected by the court:

Commissioner Pargas, Uvalde Humane Society member Heather Stunkel, Judge Kelley Kimble and Sheriff Ruben Nolasco.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

6. Consider and act upon resolution in support of FY 24 Homeland Security Program grant:

Uvalde County Grant Writer, Carl Esser, recommended applying for FY 24 Homeland Security Program, with no match required by county.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve application for grant.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

7. Consider and act upon presentation of TDA Home Delivered Meal program check:

Carl Esser presented a check from the Texas Department of Agriculture to the Uvalde County Nutrition Center in the amount of \$8,222.67 to enhance the home delivered meal program. Funds to be used to purchase groceries.

Motion by Commissioner Garza.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

8. Consider and act upon acknowledgement of required open meetings and public information training received by County Clerk and staff:

Uvalde County Clerk, Donna M. Williams, presented certification of completion for herself and staff for Open Meetings and Public Information Act training.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to acknowledge training completion.

Seconded by Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

9. Consider and act upon Road Administrator's Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

Motion by Commissioner Bates.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

None presented

11. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

12. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

13. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Monthly reports that are on file for review in the County Clerk's office were presented to the court for consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

14. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

OSCAR BENAVIDES SR. †

CONSUELO CARDONA †

WILLIAM RAINES "BILL" DILLAHUNTY †

EDMUNDO GARCIA †

GEORGE E. LIGOCKY †

ELVIRA VARA RODRIGUEZ †

ROBERT "BOBBY" MARSHAL TAFOLLA †

LOIS HERNANDEZ TORRES †

ALVA JEAN DORNBUSH WELCH †

With no further business, the meeting of February 13, 2023 was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. 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 February 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of February 13th, 2023 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: _____

Donna M. Williams, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
Of Uvalde County, Texas