



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

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 March 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 Pargas to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2023, as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**3. Consider and act upon granting historic incentives to qualifying property owners:**

The County has historically joined the City of Uvalde in granting tax incentives to historic designated properties which is authorized through the Texas Property Tax Code section 11.24. The exemption allows for a 25% exemption on property improvements for 2022.

Public Participation: Uvalde County Resident Diana Karau asked questions about the incentives.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve granting tax incentives to qualifying designated property owners for improvements.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

**4. Consider and act upon award of bank depository contract:**

One bid was received from First State Bank of Uvalde. The sole bid was reviewed by the County Judge, County Auditor and County Treasurer, who recommended award of the contract to First State Bank of Uvalde effective May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2027.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to award contract to First State Bank of Uvalde.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**5. Consider and act upon resolution in support of FY 24 Community Project Funding request:**

Uvalde County is in the process of submitting an application to the Office of Congressman Tony Gonzales to consider enhancements to EOC building that Uvalde County has recently acquired.

Carl Esser gave overview of the application and process

Regina Santos Aviles, representative from Congressman Tony Gonzales' office, spoke in support of submission of funding application.

Public Participation: Diana Karau asked questions about how the funding will be used, and how the grants are applied for and handled, including RFP process for grant writing.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**6. Consider and act upon fair housing declaration:**

Title 8 of Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination in housing. Each year the county adopts resolution in support of Fair Housing Act.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve fair housing declaration.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**7. Consider and act upon copier contracts:**

Presented for consideration was copier contract for Resiliency Center.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve copier contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**8. Consider and act upon Local Government Solutions Addendum 13:**

Uvalde County Auditor, Alice Chapman, outlined LGS Contract Addendum 13, in order to move remaining departments into cloud based storage.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve LGS Contract Addendum 13.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**9. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:**

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

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Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept report.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

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

None presented at this time.

Public participation: Diana Karau asked questions regarding line item budget amendment process. County Auditor Alice Chapman explained that the statute requires it to be done in that manner.

**11. Consider and act upon payment of bills:**

Public participation: Diana Karau asked if bills are made available to commissioners for review BEFORE meeting, and if the general public has access to view them also.

County Auditor and County Judge explained the process.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**12. 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.

Public participation: Diana Karau asked if reports are made available to commissioners for review BEFORE meeting, and if the general public can view them also. Karau suggested the complete packet be posted on the county website so that the general public may review them before meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve monthly reports.  
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**13. Consider and act upon approval payroll approval:**

Public Participation: Berlinda Arreola, grandparent of one of the victims of the tragedy on May 24, 2022 read a letter to Commissioner Pargas requesting his resignation.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**14. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:**

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

RICARDO RIOS MARTINEZ†  
JIMMY L. REAVIS †  
JOSE HUMBERTO RODRIGUEZ †  
ESMERELDA IBARRA SILVA †  
FRANCISCO “FRANK” LOPEZ ORTEGA†  
HENRY SALAS †  
YOLANDA PIERCE BIRD †  
OSCAR CRUZ, JR. †  
DEBORAH CHAPOY †  
CASSIE SIEGEL †

With no further business, the meeting of March 13, 2023, was adjourned at 10:31 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 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

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John Yeackle, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2

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Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3

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Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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