



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 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*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*  
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*  
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and 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: Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*, and *County Attorney* John P. 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 10, 2023 to order at 10:02 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 June 26, 2023, as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (3-0).

**3. Consider and act upon request to use paper ballots in county elections, hear the vulnerabilities of the current voting system, and hear concerns that current voting system violates Texas Election Code.**

NOTE: Audio/Video presentation was unable to be viewed by commissioners due to courthouse technical difficulties.

Mark Cook, a Forensic IT and cybersecurity expert, and Jarrett Woodward, a realtor and in his own words, a ‘regular citizen who loves our country’, both addressed the Court and explained that they are currently traveling across Texas to bring awareness to the public (through City and County Officials) related to the vulnerabilities of our current voting equipment. Both Cook and Woodward expressed their concerns with the election equipment used in Uvalde County, stating that the current equipment violates Texas Election Code. Both presenters offered, and requested, the Commissioners take time to carefully review and research the information given, before making a decision.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to continue to use current equipment/process for county elections, as long as it also prints out a paper ballot.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**4. Consider and act upon approving items as part of county auction.**

An auction of county surplus items will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at the Uvalde County Road Department.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve items as part of county auction.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report.**

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

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Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**6. Consider and act upon line-item budget amendments.**

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

**7. Consider and act upon payroll approval.**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**8. Consider and act upon payment of bills.**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.  
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**9. Consider and act upon monthly reports.**

Monthly reports 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 Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (3-0).

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

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

Jacqueline Sue Chism †  
Epifania Esparza Garcia †  
Billy Joe James †  
Helen Reyes †  
Tommy C. Walker †  
Clifton "Pancho" Coward, Jr. †  
Gilberto Rodriguez †

With no further business, the meeting of July 10, 2023, was adjourned at 11:32 AM. Exhibits identified under a specific agenda item are included as supporting documentation of the actions 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of July 10, 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

**(SEAL)**

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

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