



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10th day of August 2015, at 10:00 A.M., the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner #1*
Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner #2*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner #3*
Raul T. Flores, *Commissioner #4*
Yvonne E. White, *Chief Deputy for Donna M. Williams, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioner's Court*

Also present were *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Sheriff* Charles Mendeke, *County Tax Assessor Collector* Maggie Del Toro, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, and *County Road Administrator* Jesse Garcia.

1. Call to order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of August 10, 2015 to order at 10 A.M., followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes for July 27, 2015:

Motion made by Commissioner Pargas for the approval of July 27th, 2015 minutes.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (3-0). (Copy Attached)

**Commissioner Flores arrived after this agenda item and was not present to vote on this.

3. Consider and act upon approval of Justice of the Peace credit card acceptance agreement:

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

4. Consider and act upon approval of 2016 Sheriff's and Constable's fees:

Motion made by Commissioner Pargas to approve fees, as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

5. Consider and act upon appointments to El Progreso Memorial Library Board of Directors:

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to approve the following appointments to El Progreso Memorial Library Board of Directors:

Becky Capt

David Valdez

Amy Carnes

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

6. Consider and act upon public hearing on proposed 2015-2016 Uvalde County Budget:

Public hearing began at 10:06 A.M.

There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Scheide requested to discuss the city dispatch position. Scheide recommended that the court not fund the city dispatch position for 2015-2016. Commissioner Scheide further recommended that a special, one time line item allocation be made to The El Progreso Memorial Library Fund in the amount of \$36,162.20.

Commissioner Pargas argued that he felt that deleting the dispatcher funding would affect the first responders.

Commissioner Bates asked for clarification on Scheide's recommendation.

Commissioner Flores added that the city dispatch position funding was meant to be a one time, temporary fund to help out, not intended as a permanent fund, and subject to annual review.

Commissioner Flores also expressed that he was completely opposed to the salary increase for constables. Flores stated that converting the travel allowance line item into the existing salary line item would result in a 100.08% increase to their salaries. According to Flores, this would cost the county much more in fringe benefits and send the wrong message to the taxpayers. Commissioner Flores did agree that the 5% cost of living adjustment increase that all other county employees were set to receive would be fair.

Public hearing ended at 10:19 A.M.

7. Consider and act upon adoption of 2015-2016 Uvalde County Salary Fund:

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to adopt 2015-2016 Uvalde County Salary Fund.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Discussion:

Commissioner Flores requested that the record reflect his opposition to the salary fund due to 100.08% increase on constables' salaries.

The motion carried (4-1). (Copy Attached)

William R. Mitchell: FOR
Randy Scheide: FOR
Mariano Pargas Jr.: FOR
Jerry W. Bates: FOR
Raul T. Flores: AGAINST

8. Consider and act upon adoption of 2015-2016 Uvalde County Budget and take record vote:

The 2015-2016 budget statement was read.

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to adopt the 2015-2016 presented Uvalde County Budget with the deletion of the city dispatch position and adding a one time line item allocation to El Progreso Library in the amount of \$36,162.20.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Discussion:

Commissioner Flores stated that if not for the 100.08% constables' salaries line item increase, he would have voted in favor of adopting the 2015-2016 Uvalde County Budget.

Commissioner Pargas requested the record to reflect that he was completely against deleting the city dispatch position, but would vote to adopt the salary budget, as presented.

The motion carried (4-1). (Copy Attached)

Record vote taken:

William R. Mitchell: FOR
Randy Scheide: FOR
Mariano Pargas Jr.: FOR
Jerry W. Bates: FOR
Raul T. Flores: AGAINST

9. Consider and act upon discussing proposed tax rate, if the proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower), take record vote and schedule public hearing:

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to accept proposed tax rate for discussion purposes only.

Seconded by Commissioner Scheide.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

Record vote taken:

William R. Mitchell: FOR

Randy Scheide: FOR

Mariano Pargas, Jr.: FOR

Jerry W. Bates: FOR

Raul T. Flores: FOR

The motion unanimously carried (5-0)

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

No action taken on this agenda item. (Copy Attached)

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

One budget amendment presented by County Auditor Alice Chapman regarding implementation of a new software system, Southern Software, within the operations of the justice system for current year budget in the amount of \$66,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to approve line-item budget amendments.

Seconded by Commissioner Flores.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

12. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

13. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Scheide.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

14. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion made by Commissioner Bates for the payment of bills.
Seconded by Commissioner Scheide.
The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

15. Consider and act upon Resolutions/Proclamations:

The Court approved resolutions in honor of the following individuals, with the meeting adjourned in their memory.

Carl Paul Seyfert, Jr. †
Juan Luis Del Toro †
Johnny Michael Smith †
Geneva Sue Beavers †
Eunyce T. Johnson †
Rodolfo "Rudy" R. Arredondo †
Billy Joe Nance †
Johnnie Mae Proctor †
Wilson Ryland †
Hector Garcia †

With no further business, the Commissioners Court meeting of August 10, 2015 was adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the _____ day of _____, 2015, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of _____, 20____, 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

Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

Raul T. Flores, Commissioner #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

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