



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of December, 2019, 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*
Mariano Pargas Jr., *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 C. Verstuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson and Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*

1. Consider and act upon call to order, invocation and pledge of allegiance:

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of December 9, 2019 to order at 10 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 25, 2019.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (3-0).

3. Consider and act upon request to establish minimum acreage for discharging a weapon:

The Court considered the request of Gay Faglie to establish a minimum acreage requirement for the discharge of a weapon in the county. Public Participation Forms were received from Gay Faglie, Jesse R. Moreno, Eddie Obregon, Aaron Martinez, Malcolm Richey (Did not address the Court), David P. Kjar and Clinton Wayne Arthur (Did not address the Court). Gay Faglie spoke in favor of establishing a minimum acreage requirement and all other participants spoke against establishing this requirement. The concerns of the individuals addressing the Court were taken into consideration and the Court decided to seek legal direction and discuss this request at a subsequent meeting.

No action taken.

4. Consider and act upon annual report by the Texas Hill Country River Region:

Texas Hill Country River Region Director Annabell McNew provided a 2019 overview of the Texas Hill Country River Region tourism marketing strategies, schedule of events, advertisements, social media stats and a river clean up report along with a total year end collection of monies received from the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax. An invitation was extended to all in attendance to the grand opening ceremony and inaugural ribbon cutting for the Uvalde County Visitor Center located at 21563 Highway 127 in Concan, Texas.
No action taken.

5. Consider and act upon Fairplex Director’s annual report:

Fairplex Director Wendy Speer provided the Court with a Uvalde County Fairplex Event Venue and Indoor Arena 2019 Year in Review including Fairplex improvements, continued Fairplex Advertisers/Partnerships, Social Media & Print Media Marketing and a calendar of the 2019 and 2020 Bookings and New Events.
No action taken.

6. Consider and act upon appointments to Child Welfare Board:

Current appointments to the Uvalde County Child Welfare Board will expire December 31, 2019. The Court considered new appointments for a one year term commencing January 1, 2020; as follows:

Barbara Chase, President
Karen McLaughlin, Vice President
Melissa A. Cabralez
Molly Flores
Jill Nordwick
Nikki Rodriguez
Eunice Sosa
Kim Stary
Justin Wolbert
Sharon Vaughn

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve appointments to Child Welfare Board.
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (3-0).

7. Consider and act upon acknowledgment of comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year 2018 for GFOA’s Certificate of Achievement:

The Court acknowledged receipt of the comprehensive annual financial award to the County of Uvalde by Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada and recognized Treasurer Joni Deorsam and Auditor Alice Chapman for their comprehensive annual financial reporting (CAFR) in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting for 23 consecutive years that this award has been received.
No action taken.

8. Consider and act upon ban on outdoor burning:

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.08, the Court considered and implemented an order prohibiting outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Uvalde County, effective immediately, for 90 days from the date of adoption unless restrictions are terminated earlier based on determination by the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve ban on outdoor burning.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

9. Consider and act upon regulating fireworks during December fireworks period:

Pursuant to Local Government Code §352.051 authorizes the Commissioners Court to adopt an order regulating certain fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county under drought conditions. The statute provides that the order must be adopted before December 15 of each year for the December fireworks period.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas not to regulate fireworks died for lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to regulate fireworks during the December fireworks period.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-1) with Commissioner Pargas voting against the motion.

10. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Uvalde County Road Department has been working on trimming brush on county roads 302 and 349.

No action taken.

11. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

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

No action taken.

12. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

13. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

14. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (3-0).

15. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:

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

Robert C. Bracher †
Rosa Canales †
Mary E. Cruz †
Franki Gonzalez †
T. K. Kay †
Mayor Bill McWhorter †
Phyllis Moss †
Ernesto Ramos †
Bryan Snyder †

With no further business, the meeting of December 9, 2019 was adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the 13th day of January, 2020, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of December 9, 2019, 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 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