



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session via video conferencing utilizing Zoom. 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*  
Valerie Del Toro Romero, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of  
the Commissioner's Court*

**Also present were County Treasurer Joni Deorsam, County Tax Assessor-Collector Rita C. Verstuyft, and Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick. Connected to video conference utilizing Zoom were; ABEI Development Manager Trey Patton.**

Absent: Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2* and John Dodson, *County Attorney*

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of June 28, 2021 to order at 10:00 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 Garza to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021.  
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion carried (3-0).

**3. Consider and act upon conducting public hearing pertaining to tax abatement application submitted by ABEI Energy & Infrastructure dba Blue Stone Renewables:**

A public hearing was conducted by the Court to consider the request of a tax abatement application submitted by ABEI Energy & Infrastructure doing business as Blue Stone Renewables. ABEI Development Manager Trey Patton outlined the request to the Court for a proposed 150 megawatt solar powered electric generating facility to be established in Uvalde County on approximately 932 acres of land located between the City of Uvalde and the town of Knippa on the south side of US Highway 90. The public hearing officially opened at 10:05 AM with public participation from Emma Trimble and Charlene Barnes. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 10:25 AM.

No action taken.

**4. Consider and act upon approval of tax abatement agreement between Uvalde County and ABEI Energy & Infrastructure dba Blue Stone Renewables:**

The Court considered a tax abatement application submitted by ABEI Energy & Infrastructure doing business as Blue Stone Renewables. ABEI Development Manager Trey Patton outlined the request to the Court for a proposed 150 megawatt solar powered electric generating facility to be established in Uvalde County on approximately 932 acres of land located between the City of Uvalde and the town of Knippa on the south side of US Highway 90.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the tax abatement application submitted by ABEI Energy and Infrastructure doing business as Blue Stone Renewables.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**5. Consider and act upon design and plan for CR 416 low water crossing:**

County Consultant Carl Esser and TRC Engineer Clay Livingston outlined the proposed design plan for the construction of a low water crossing on the Nueces River at County Road 416. Public participation and concerns were heard by the Court from Wayne McDonald. County Consultant Carl Esser recommended the Court accept the presentation by TRC Engineer Clay Livingston as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept the presentation provided by TRC Engineer.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**6. Consider and act upon resolution for TxCDBG contract 7218145 amendment request:**

The Court considered the ratification of a resolution submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture requesting an amendment to TxCDBG contract 7218145 due to cost overruns. The resolution was submitted prior to approval to meet a Texas Department of Agriculture deadline.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to ratify resolution amendment to TxCDBG contract 7218145.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**7. Consider and act upon accepting designation road in Flores Subdivision:**

The Court considered the request of Commissioner Garza to designate the name Indian Trail to the road in the Flores Subdivision that is the subject of the infrastructure development as recommended by the area residents and to add Indian Trail Road as a county road to the county road inventory.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to designate the name of the road in the Flores Subdivision as Indian Trail.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**8. Consider and act upon resolution designating authorized signatories for TxCDBG 7220015:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested consideration from the Court on a resolution designating the County Judge, County Treasurer and the County Auditor to be the authorized signatories for contractual documents requesting funds pertaining to the Texas Community Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) on contract number 7220015.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution designating authorized signatories.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**9. Consider and act upon resolution reaffirming Civil Rights for TxCDBG grants:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested consideration from the Court on a resolution affirming the county's policy regarding civil rights and the requirement to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the resolution reaffirming Civil Rights for TxCDBG grants.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0).

**10. Consider and act upon architectural service agreement for courthouse annex building:**

This agenda item was not considered due to a conflict with advertisement dates and will be presented at a future meeting of the Court.

No action taken.

**11. Consider and act upon approving Sheriff and Constable fees for 2022:**

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section §118.131 the Commissioners Court is required to set fees charged for civil services provided by the Sheriff and Constables for the County of Uvalde before October 1 of each year to be effective January 1 of the following year. These fees are to be reported to the Comptroller's office no later than October 15. The Court considered the proposed 2022 Sheriff and Constable fee's with recommended changes.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the 2022 Sheriff and Constable fees with changes.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

**12. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department worked on patching roads, cutting brush on the right of ways, cleaning cattle guards in the hill country and poured concrete at the Bear Creek Crossing on County Road 348.

No action taken.

**13. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:**

The county auditor submitted proposed line item budget amendments to the Court for consideration and approval relating to contract labor for records management and old jail demolition.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the line item budget amendments as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0). Exhibit A

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**16. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (3-0).

**17. Consider and act upon approval of resolutions/proclamations:**

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

Silvestre Castro †  
Andres Hinojosa III †  
Mike Torres †  
Jerry Weisinger †  
Frances Ybarra †

With no further business, the meeting of June 28, 2021 was adjourned.  
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.



COUNTY OF UVALDE  
FYE 09/30/2021

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

June 28, 2021

EXHIBIT  
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TRANSFERS AND/OR AMENDMENTS

| LINE ITEM   | TYPE OF ACCOUNT | NAME OF ACCOUNT               | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET | INCREASE DECREASE | TRANSFER FROM AMENDED | Comment                          |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 028-403-797 | EXPENSE         | CONTRACT LABOR-RECORDS MGMT   | \$ -           | \$ 10,000.00   | \$ 10,000.00      | 028-403-861           | MOVING RECORDS OLD JAIL          |
| 042-500-784 | EXPENSE         | FUND 42 - OLD JAIL DEMOLITION | \$ -           | \$ 175,000.00  | \$ 175,000.00     | 042-500-781           | REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM TOWER |

FILED

This 25 day of June A.D. 2021  
at 8:30 o'clock AM  
VALERIE DEL TORO ROMERO  
County Clerk, Uvalde County, Texas  
By: Valerie Del Toro Romero  
Uvalde County Clerk

*Handwritten signature and date:*  
6-28-21

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of June 28, 2021 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:**

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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:**

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Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court  
of Uvalde County, Texas