



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 26th day of September, 2022, 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*
Valerie Del Toro Romero, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Commissioner's Court*

Also present were *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: John Dodson, *County Attorney*

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 September 26, 2022 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 Bates to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0).

3. Consider and act upon approving letter requesting House Speaker to take legislative action to raise minimum age to purchase assault style weapons to 21:

The Court considered a letter requesting House Speaker Dade Phelan take legislative action to raise the minimum age to purchase an assault style weapon to 21 and to stand in solidarity with the families of the children killed at Robb Elementary.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve letter addressed to House Speaker Dade Phelan.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0).

4. Consider and act upon public hearing on proposed 2022-2023 Uvalde County Tax Rate:

The Court opened a public hearing at 10:08 AM on the proposed 2022-2023 tax rates; PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.6915 per \$100 valuation, NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.6379 per \$100 valuation, VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE of \$0.6915 per \$100

valuation. The NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the COUNTY OF UVALDE from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year. A public participation form was submitted by Cara Heibert, Angie Rodriguez and Robert Rodriguez who commented on this agenda item. Also, allowed to comment on this agenda item without a public participation form was Jim Maixner. The Court closed the public hearing at 10:21 AM. No action taken.

5. Consider and act upon adoption of 2022-2023 Uvalde County Tax Rate:

The Court considered the proposed 2022-2023 tax rates; General Fund Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate .48120, I&S-Debt Service Tax Rate .0753, Farm to Market-Flood Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate .1350 with a 2022 Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate of .6915. Order Setting Uvalde County, Texas Tax Rate for 2022 was signed by the Court. Motion by Commissioner Garza to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 Uvalde County Tax Rate. Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner Pargas voting against this motion. The vote for the record is as follows; Commissioner Yeackle-“Yea”, Commissioner Pargas-“Nay”, Commissioner Bates-“Yea”, Commissioner Garza-“Yea” and Judge Mitchell-“Yea”.

6. Consider and act upon adoption of 2022-2023 Tax Rate Resolution:

The Court considered the official 2022-2023 tax rate resolution to be presented to the Uvalde County Appraisal District; General Fund Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate .48120, I&S-Debt Service Tax Rate .0753, Farm to Market-Flood Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate .1350 with a 2022 Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate of .6915. Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the official 2022-2023 Uvalde County Tax Rate Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried (4-0).

7. Consider and act upon approval of 2022-2023 Interlocal Agreements:

The Court considered the 2022-2023 Interlocal Agreements from different entities receiving funds approved in the county budget. These entities must execute an interlocal agreement with the County of Uvalde as outlined in the 2022-2023 Uvalde County budget. Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the 2022-2023 Interlocal Agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Pargas. Motion carried (4-0).

8. Consider and act upon public hearing concerning County Clerk’s Preservation and Restoration Plan of archived records for 2022-2023:

Pursuant to Local Government Code Section §118.025 a public hearing is required to consider the proposed plan for funding the County Clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Plan. The Court opened for a public hearing at 10:27 AM for presentation of the proposed 2022-2023 County Clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Plan and with no comments or questions the public hearing closed at 10:28 AM. No action taken.

9. Consider and act upon adoption of County Clerk’s Preservation and Restoration Plan:

County Clerk Valerie Del Toro Romero outlined the presentation of the proposed 2022-2023 County Clerk’s Preservation and Restoration Records Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the County Clerk’s Preservation and Restoration Records Plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

10. Consider and act upon FY 2022-2023 Rental Agreement and Contract for Fairplex:

Fairplex Director Wendy Speer requested approval of the proposed Fairplex Rental Agreement and outlined the proposed changes to deposits, security, decorations, smoking and fee changes. The Court was provided an overview of the responsibilities and requirements in the rental contract with an effective date of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the proposed Fairplex Rental Agreement as presented to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

11. Consider and act upon FasPsych contract:

The Court considered a contract by and between FasPsych, LLC and the Uvalde County Jail to provide behavioral health, mental health and other social services to eligible persons by a psychiatrist or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) through interactive tele video communication during pre-scheduled block hours at a rate of \$165.00 per hour with an effective date of September 1, 2022 and automatic renewal each year on the anniversary of the effective date.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the contract with FasPsych, LLC and the Uvalde County Jail.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

12. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department patched and bladed roads throughout the county, replaced county road signs, finish County Road 409, County Road 410 and County Road 416 crossings, and added caliche to County Road 307.

No action taken.

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

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

No action taken.

14. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills and payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

15. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

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

16. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented to the Court for consideration and approval.
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried (4-0).

17. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Ada B. Carrasco †
Lewis Robert Franke †
Olivia G. Ibarra †
Ann C. Robinson †
Kendra Lee Wood †

With no further business, the meeting of September 26, 2022 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.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the 11th day of October, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of September 26, 2022 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

John Yeackle, 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