



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, 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:

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, *Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita Vertuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: William R. Mitchell, *County Judge* and John Dodson, *County Attorney*

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

The Honorable Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. 3 called the meeting of October 12, 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 Pargas to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021.  
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion carried (4-0).

### **3. Consider and act upon Buyboard Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc.:**

The Court considered Buyboard Contract 568-18 for the purchase of five body cameras for use by Constables at a rate of \$2,647.00 per year for 60 months at a total cost of \$13,235.00. Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve Buyboard Contract 568-18.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (4-0).

### **4. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for Operation Lone Star Grant Program:**

Lieutenant Fred Ratliff with the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office requested approval from the Court to submit a resolution to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSPG) for funding

the Uvalde County Operation Lone Star Grant Program due to the influx of human smuggling crisis in Uvalde County. This resolution is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$1,375,592.00 outlined for equipment and personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve Uvalde County Resolution Operation Lone Star Grant Program.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

**5. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for 2022 Indigent Defense Grant Program:**

The Court considered a resolution in support of the 2022 Indigent Defense Grant Program under the provision of the Texas Government Code Section 79.036 and Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173 to assist the county with the implementation and improvement of the indigent criminal defense services.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the resolution in support of the 2022 Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

Amended Motion by Commissioner Garza to include and authorize the Honorable Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. 3 presiding pro tem over the Commissioners Court meeting of October 12, 2021 to sign all documents requiring a signature that were approved in court for this meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

El Progreso Memorial Library Director Mendell D. Morgan, Jr. recommended the appointment of Dr. Robert Ayala, Anu Punalekar and Darrell Zimmerman to the El Progreso Memorial Library's Board of Directors as nominated and approved at the September 16, 2021 meeting of the El Progreso Library Board of Directors to serve beginning with the 2021-2024 term of office. The board is composed of nine members including the Chairman, with term overlap, so that three members retire each year and are replaced by three new members.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to accept the appointments of Dr. Robert Ayala, Anu Punalekar and Darrell Zimmerman to the El Progreso Memorial Library Board of Directors.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**7. Consider and act upon 2022 Uvalde County Holiday Schedule:**

The Court considered and approved the recommended 2022 Uvalde County Holiday Schedule.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the 2022 Uvalde County Holiday Schedule.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**8. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department milled East Lee Street/Chaney Lane in Utopia, milled County Road 357, 360, 363 and 378, filled wash out below low water crossing on County Road 379 and patched potholes throughout the County.

No action taken.

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

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

No action taken.

**10. 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 Garza to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

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

Angelica Garza †

Mat Goldberg †

Lynda Langford †

John McCall †

Ernestina Romo †

With no further business, the meeting of October 12, 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.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of October 12, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court  
of Uvalde County, Texas