



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, 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*  
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of  
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were *County Attorney* John Dodson, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

### **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 February 27, 2023 to order at 10:00 AM, followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2023, as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**3. Consider and act upon Uvalde County Animal Control Order:**

Judge Kelley Kimble presented overview of Animal Control Order and explained the purpose.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Uvalde County Animal Control Order.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**4. Consider and act upon presentation by county electrical provider Public Power Pool:**

David Quinn, Program Manager for Public Power Pool presented an overview of Uvalde County participation and the benefits of being a part of Public Power Pool.

No Action on this agenda item. (See Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon revision of THCRP staffing approved by Court on February 13:**

THCRP withdrew request to jointly hire a project manager with the county, and will hire on their own.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the revised staffing position.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**6. Consider and act upon economic impact analysis consulting agreement of Fairplex:**

Fairplex Administrator Wendy Speer presented proposed consulting agreement for an economic impact study.

Cost: \$5,000.00 Timeframe: Less than 6 weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve consulting agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**7. Consider and act upon resolution modifying use of county occupancy tax:**

Per last meeting, Court agreed to support a request made to the Texas Legislature to modify use of county occupancy tax funds.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution request.  
Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**8. Consider and act upon signatory resolution for 2023 CDBG program year:**

Carl Esser explained the need for a resolution concerning the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program, and recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**9. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for FY 24 Border Prosecution Unit program:**

Carl Esser presented resolution to apply for FY 24 Border Prosecution Unit Program grant. No match required.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**10. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for FY 24 Local Border Security program:**

Carl Esser presented resolution to apply for FY 24 Border Security Program grant. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year Uvalde County has participated in this border security funding program that is solely used for border security. No match required.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**11. Consider and act upon racial profiling report of Uvalde County Sheriff:**

Sheriff Nolasco submitted report with zero complaints 1-1-22 through 12-31-22.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept and approve the report.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**12. Consider and act upon racial profiling report of Uvalde County Constables:**

Constables from Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 provided annual reports regarding traffic stops as regard to racial profiling discrimination.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**13. Consider and act upon certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting:**

GFOA has awarded this certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting to Uvalde County. Congratulations were expressed to all elected officials and staff members and especially to County Treasurer Joni Deorsam and County Auditor Alice Chapman. This is the 36<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the County has received this award.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to acknowledge award.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

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Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept report.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**15. Consider and act upon line-item budget amendments:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman gave overview of line item budget amendments, and recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve line item budget amendments.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

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

Monthly reports that are on file for review in the County Clerk's office were presented to the court for consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

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

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

TEODORO “TEDDY” DE LEON, JR. †  
SANTOS G. FLORES †  
MARIA E. FUENTES †  
MARIA ELENA GONZALES †  
MARGARET B. GUNN †  
SIMON HERNANDEZ †  
GUADALUPE M. LOPEZ †  
ODIE L. PAGE †  
LILIA SALAZAR TREVINO †  
ALBERTA “BERTA” WAGNER †

**20. Executive Session (As permitted by 551.072 Local Government Code)**

a. Deliberation Regarding Real Property

Court entered into executive session at 10:39 a.m.

Court concluded executive session at 10:59 a.m.

**21. Convene in open session and take action, if any.**

Court reconvened in open session at 10:59 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve purchase of 201 S. Getty St. Uvalde, Texas 78801.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

With no further business, the meeting of February 27, 2023 was adjourned at 11:01 a.m. 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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