



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 27th day of March 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 Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson

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 March 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 March 13, 2023, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

3. Consider and act upon request for qualifications for architectural/engineering services for CDBG:

The county advertised for request for qualifications for architectural/engineering services for CDBG, and received one (1) bid from Architect Davis Powell. Carl Esser gave recommendation to award contract to Davis Powell.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept contract with Davis Powell.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

4. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for 2023 CDBG Colonia Fund Construction grant:

Carl Esser outlined the grant request, which will be used to replace water lines on 11 blocks in Knippa.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve resolution.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

5. Consider and act upon resolution to apply for 2023 -2024 CDBG Community Development grant:

Carl Esser gave overview of the application and process for purchase of fire truck for Knippa, and for improvements to a future park in Knippa.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

6. Consider and act upon agreement between Uvalde County and Knippa Water Supply Corporation:

Carl Esser outlined the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

7. Consider and act upon agreement between Uvalde County and Knippa Volunteer Fire Dept.:

Carl Esser outlined agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

8. Consider and act upon receiving annual audit of Emergency Services District #1:

Public participation: Uvalde County resident Diana Karau asked questions about the services offered by ESD#1.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to accept annual audit report.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

9. Consider and act upon Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity training program:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the required ongoing annual training, and recommended approval of the training process.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve training.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

10. Consider and act upon ratification of order abolishing burn ban:

Motion by Commissioner Garza to ratify order abolishing burn ban.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

11. Consider and act upon order authorizing San Jacinto Day fireworks sales:

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to NOT authorize the sale of fireworks during the San Jacinto Day Celebration.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

12. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick. March 8-21, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to accept report.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

13. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

14. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

15. 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

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

16. Consider and act upon approval payroll approval:

Public Participation: Nicki Cross, parent of one of the victims of the tragedy on May 24, 2022 read a letter to Commissioner Pargas requesting his resignation.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

17. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

RICARDO RIOS MARTINEZ †

JIMMY L. REAVIS †

JOSE HUMBERTO RODRIGUEZ †

ESMERELDA IBARRA SILVA †

With no further business, the meeting of March 27, 2023, was adjourned at 10:28 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 27th day of March 2023, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of March 13th, 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

John Yeackle, Commissioner Pct. #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3

Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

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