



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 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 (via Zoom)*  
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*  
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and 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 P. 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 August 28, 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 August 14, 2023, as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**3. Consider and act upon calling November 7 Constitutional Amendment Election:**

Pursuant to action of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Constitutional Amendments will be presented to the voting public. An election for that purpose needs to be called for November 7. Elections Administrator Melissa Jones outlined the proposed order.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve order calling November 7 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**4. Consider and act upon consolidation of voting precincts for November 7 election:**

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones outlined the request to consolidate voting precincts for the November 7 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve consolidation of voting precincts for November 7 election.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**5. Consider and act upon appointing election judges and alternates for November 7 election:**

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones presented list of appointed election judges and alternates for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve election judges and alternates for November 7 election.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**6. Consider and act upon award of bid for license plate reader equipment:**

Bids were advertised for, received, and opened to purchase a License Plate Reader to support Operation Lone Star. Carl Esser outlined the scope of the award and recommended approval. Bid was awarded to Vetted Security Solutions.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to accept award of bid for license plate reader equipment to Vetted Security Solutions.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**7. Consider and act upon HB 3474 Juror Pay increase:**

HB 3474 increases jurors pay from \$6 to \$20 for the first day of service and from \$40 to \$58 for each subsequent day. County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the changes and recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve HB 3474 Juror Pay increase.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

**8. Consider and act upon office space leases for JP2; JP3 and County Attorney:**

Leases for three offices expire at the end of September. Lease renewals will be effective October 1, 2023. Proposed new one-year leases are attached.

Public participant Diana Olvedo Karau asked about possible housing of those offices at the courthouse or other county owned space, in order to save taxpayer dollars.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve office space leases for JP2; JP3 and County Attorney.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**9. Consider and act upon Servpro contract for fire cleanup and status report of damages:**

Uvalde County Tax Assessor-Collector Rita Verstuyft and Chief Deputy Brandon McCutchen gave a status report on the damage, cleanup, and restoration planned for the TAC office.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Servpro contract for fire cleanup and status report of damages.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**10. Consider and act upon order appointing auditor, setting salary and bond approval:**

The District Judge issued an order appointing the county auditor and setting salary. Additionally, the auditor's bond was approved.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve order appointing auditor, setting salary and bond approval.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

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

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.  
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Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept Road Administrators report.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept monthly reports.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

Public Participant Nikki Cross spoke in opposition to approving payroll.  
Public Participant Diana Olvedo Karau spoke in opposition to approving payroll.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.  
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

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

Eduardo DeLeon †

Basilio “Chilo” Quiroga †

Manuel Luna †

Antonio Martinez †

With no further business, the meeting of August 28, 2023 was adjourned at 10:26 AM. Exhibits identified under a specific agenda item are included as supporting documentation of the actions taken by the Uvalde County Commissioners Court, and are placed after the minutes and before the page titled Commissioners Court Order.