



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11th day of October, 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*
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*
John Dodson, *County Attorney*
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 Verstuyft, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Fairplex Director* Wendy Speer, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick and Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. # 3* via zoom.

Absent: None

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 October 11, 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 Pargas to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.
Motion carried (4-0).

3. Consider and act upon approving memorial site on Fairplex grounds:

The Court considered a request from Commissioner Garza to approve the construction of a memorial site on the courthouse grounds to honor the memory of the twenty one lives that perished related to the Robb School shooting on May 24, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the creation of a three member committee to include; Commissioner Garza, Wendy Speer and Jesse Rizo to present a memorial site recommendation to the Court.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0).

4. Consider and act upon firm/individual to review Sheriff Office policies/procedures:

The Court considered the award of bid for RFP Bid No. 2022-11 “Review of Policy and Procedures of the Uvalde County Sheriff’s Department”. One bid was submitted and received from Richard W. Carter with the firm, Law Offices of Richard W. Carter in the amount of \$10,000.00 to review, examine and suggest changes to current policy and procedures for law enforcement code of ethics, mission statement, organization & administration, general operations, patrol operations, traffic operations, investigation operations, equipment, support services, custody and personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept and award the bid to Richard W. Carter to review the sheriff’s office policy and procedures.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

5. Consider and act upon establishing 2022 General Election polling locations:

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones outlined the proposed hours and polling locations for the 2022 General Election on November 8, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the 2022 General Election hours and polling locations.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

A written request submitted by El Progreso Memorial Library Director Mendell D. Morgan on behalf of the El Progreso Memorial Library Board of Directors to nominate and approve Nan Ede and Kaity Kelsey to be appointed as members to the El Progreso Library Board of Directors. Both individuals have agreed to serve beginning with the 2022-2025 term of office. The El Progreso Memorial Library Board of Directors consist of nine members including the Chairman with term overlap so that three members normally retire each year and are replaced by three new members.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to accept the recommendation of the appointments to the El Progreso Library Board of Directors.

Seconded by Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

7. Consider and act upon Interlocal Agreement to house Real County prisoners:

The Court considered an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Uvalde County and Real County for the purpose of housing Real County inmates at the Uvalde County Jail at a rate of \$73.00 per inmate, per day and a temporary guard duty at the rate of \$26.50 per hour as presented and recommended by Uvalde County Sheriff Ruben Nolasco.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Real County for the purpose of housing Real County inmates at the Uvalde County Jail.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

8. Consider and act upon maintenance agreement for generator at Uvalde County Jail:

Uvalde County Sheriff Ruben Nolasco requested consideration from the Court on a planned maintenance agreement by and between Clifford Power Systems, Inc. and the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of providing preventative maintenance and inspections on a quarterly basis at a cost of \$4,981.00 per year for the generator at the Uvalde County Jail.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the maintenance agreement for the generator at the Uvalde County Jail.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

9. Consider and act upon resolution in support of 2023 Indigent Defense Grant program:

The Court considered a resolution in support of the 2023 Indigent Defense Grant Program under the provision of the Texas Government Code Section 79.037 and Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173 to assist the county with the implementation and improvement of the indigent criminal defense services.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the resolution in support of the 2023 Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

10. Consider and act upon request of Concan Water Supply to place water line in roadway:

Concan Water Supply requested authorization from the Court to utilize the county right of way to run a water line from the intersection of Texas Highway 127 and County Road 348 to a location just beyond the Kenneth Arthur Crossing at the Frio River. Construction is to take place during the winter months when tourism is low and Concan Water Supply agrees to restore the roadway to pre-construction condition.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve request from Concan Water Supply to place water line in roadway.

Seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (4-0).

11. Consider and act upon District Judge order setting salary of auditor and assistant auditor:

An order setting salary of County Auditor Alice L. Chapman and Assistant County Auditors was provided to the Court for consideration and approval by the 38th Judicial District Judge Camile G. Dubose.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to accept the order setting salary of auditor and assistant auditors.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion unanimously 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, stockpiled material, removed temporary speed bumps at the Uvalde Estates, cut grass on county right of ways and sprayed flood control dams and spillways.

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 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).

15. 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).

16. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

17. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Jonas Drew Gonzales †
Thomas Patrick Mitchell †

With no further business, the meeting of October 11, 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 24th day of October, 2022, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of October 11, 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