



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10th of October, 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 Clerk of
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, *County Attorney* John P. Dodson, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, 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 October 10, 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 September 25, 2023, as presented.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

3. Consider and act upon resolution for submission of FY 2024 TIDC formula grant:

Uvalde County is eligible to receive funding through an indigent defense grant. In order to do so, the resolution needs approval. Carl Esser outlined the purpose of the grant.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to adopt resolution for submission of FY 2024 TIDC formula grant.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

4. Consider and act upon resolution for submission of 2024 Colonia Fund Construction grant:

The resolution supports the grant application to utilize funding in the Colonia Fund. Carl Esser outlined the program. Esser and Co. will manage the grant funds.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve resolution for submission of 2024 Colonia Fund Construction grant.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

5. Consider and act upon discussion of election judges:

This matter had been tabled from the past two meetings. Election Administrator Melissa Jones recommended that the substitution request of Uvalde County Republican Chair Rhonda Vigil, be allowed per a letter from the Sec of State's Office.

Public Participant Jama Brown requested information on the duties of Election Admin Office in regard to the many deceased individuals still on the registered voters list and was advised to visit with Elections Admin, Melissa Jones.

Commissioner Yeackle requested to go on the record to say that he is torn because he supported the job done for many years by the previous EVBB Judge Jolene Williams, and doesn't understand why the change is being made.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept new revised list of election judges.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

6. Consider and act upon casting votes for UCAD replacement director:

A vacancy existed on the Uvalde County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The County can cast votes in the election of the Board of Directors. Uvalde County casted a total of 331 votes in the 2023 Recall Election for Rosenberg Risa.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to cast 331 votes for Rosenberg Risa for UCAD replacement director.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

7. Consider and act upon nominating three directors to serve on UCAD board:

Three positions on the Board of Directors of the Uvalde County Appraisal District expire of on December 31. Those Directors are J. Allen Carnes, Tony T. Moreno, and Howard B. Kingsbury. The Court may nominate others to serve on the Uvalde County Appraisal District Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2024 or renew current Board of Directors members.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to renew the three current Directors to serve on UCAD board.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

8. Consider and act upon rescinding current ban on outdoor burning:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to ratify the rescinding of the current ban on outdoor burning.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

9. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

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Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve Road Administrators Report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

10. Consider and act upon line-item budget amendments:

None presented. No action on this agenda item.

11. 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.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

12. Consider and act upon payment of bills and ratify payment of bills of September 25:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills and ratify payment of bills of September 25.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle

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

13. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

14. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Naida Arizmendi †

Jose Medina Cuevas †

Terrie Denise Wilson †

Ethel Geraldine “Jerri” Willis Woolf †

Oscar Bustmante †

Javier Santos, Jr. †

15. Executive Session:

- A. *Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (permitted by Section 551.087 Texas Government Code)*

The Court entered executive session at 10:24 AM.

The Court exited executive session and reconvened at 11:25 AM in regular session.

16. Consider and act upon approval of Chapter 381 Development Agreement between Uvalde County and Ridgemont Properties, Inc. for the stimulation of business and commercial activity in Uvalde County for a term of fifteen (15) years:

County Attorney John P. Dodson outlined the Chapter 381 Agreement to the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to adopt with the caveat that we are accepting it in the substantial final form of Chapter 381 Development Agreement between Uvalde County and Ridgemont Properties, Inc. for the stimulation of business and commercial activity in Uvalde County for a term of fifteen years, as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

With no further business, the meeting of October 10, 2023 was adjourned at 11:27 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.