



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23rd of September, 2024, 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*
Ronald B. Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Clerk of
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were *County Attorney* John P. Dodson, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, *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 September 23, 2024 to order at 10:00 AM, followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizen Communication – The following individuals addressed the court:

Emma Trimble	Denise Feldman
Otto Arnim	Leroy Briones
Diana O. Karau	Art Rodriguez

3. Consider and act upon approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Minutes for 08/26/2024 and 09/09/2024.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

4. Consider and act upon public hearing on proposed 2024-2025 Uvalde County Tax Rate:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined.
Public Hearing started: 10:16 AM
Public Hearing ended: 10:19 AM

5. Consider and act upon adoption of 2024-2025 Uvalde County Tax Rate and take Record Vote:

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the 2024-2025 tax rate to the Court and recommended adoption of the following tax rates:

General Fund M&O	.4139 per \$100
I & S Debt Rate	.0567 per \$100
Farm to Market/Flood M&O	.1035 per \$100
Total Tax Rate	.5741 per \$100

Motion by Commissioner Garza to adopt County Tax Rate.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.
Motion carried unanimously (5-0). (See Attached)

Commissioner Yeackle - FOR	Commissioner Pargas-FOR
Commissioner Bates - FOR	Commissioner Garza- FOR
County Judge Mitchell - FOR	

6. Consider and act upon adoption of 2024-2025 Tax Rate Resolution:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt Tax Rate Resolution, as corrected.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried unanimously (5-0). (See Attached)

7. Consider and act upon acknowledgment of Uvalde County participation in countywide voting:

Uvalde County has been notified of selection to participate in the countywide polling place program for the November 5th General Election.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept participation in countywide voting.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

8. Consider and act upon plat amendment of Lots 71 and 72 of Uvalde Estates, Unit One:

Ken Dirksen outlined the details of this request to amend Lots 71 and 72 of Uvalde Estates, Unit One.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve plat amendment.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

9. Consider and act upon Texas Department of State Health Services annual report:

Chelsea Lopez, Public Health Nurse for Region 8 of the Texas Department of State Health Services presented the annual health report.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept the annual report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

10. Consider and act upon proposed FY 2024-2025 Fairplex rental agreements/contracts:

Fairplex Director, Wendy Speer, outlined and recommended the proposed rental agreements for events contracted with the Fairplex.

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve the agreements/contracts.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

11. Consider and act upon office lease agreements for JP 2, JP 3 and County Attorney:

Current lease agreements expire on September 30th. The attached renewals were presented for consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the lease agreements.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

12. Consider and act upon order authorizing sale of fireworks for Diwali (Oct. 30-Nov. 3):

The Commissioners Court has the authority to authorize the sale of fireworks during the Diwali period of October 30th through November 3rd.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to deny order of authorization.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

13. Consider and act upon final sales report from county surplus property auction:

On September 14th, the County held an auction to dispose of unused or unnecessary county equipment. The auction netted \$7,712.97.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept the final sales report from auction.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

14. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

County Road Administrator, Dee Kirkpatrick, presented the road administrators report for 9/5/2024 – 9/18/2024.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept the report.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

County Auditor, Alice Chapman, presented and outlined line-item budget amendments.
Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve amendments.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

16. 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 Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

17. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

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

18. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

- Joe Bill Carper †
- Johnny Coronado †
- Berta Ramirez †
- Martha Jean Rangel †
- Edward Soto Rodriguez †
- Guadalupe M. Garcia †

With no further business, the meeting of September 23, 2024, was adjourned at 11:24 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.