



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Uvalde County Courthouse. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*  
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner #1*  
Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner #2*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner #3*  
Raul T. Flores, *Commissioner #4*  
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioner's Court*

Also present were *County Tax Assessor* Maggie Del Toro, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam and *County Auditor* Alice Chapman.

**1. Call to order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of September 26, 2016 to order at 10:00 A.M., followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Bates for the approval of minutes from September 12, 2016 and for the corrected minutes from August 22, 2016.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (3-0). (Commissioner Flores arrived after this item was presented)

**3. Consider and act upon presentation of GFOA award of excellence in financial reporting:**

Uvalde County received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

No action taken on this agenda item. (Copy Attached)

**4. Consider and act upon major medical insurance presentation by agent of record Joe Jobst:**

Presentation and recommendation by Joe Jobst regarding Uvalde County's Major Medical Insurance Plan and Life Insurance Plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to accept the Fairmont /Cost Plus Plan, as recommended.

Seconded by Commissioner Flores.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to accept Hartford Life Insurance Plan, as recommended.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon appointment of El Progreso Library Board of Directors:**

El Progreso Memorial Library Board of Directors recommended the following individuals be appointed to serve on the Board for a period of three years, starting October 1, 2016:

Jennifer Duran

Krystyn Huffstuttler-Reyes

Dianne Trevino

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to accept recommendations.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**6. Consider and act upon adopting 2016-2017 General Fund tax rate:**

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to increase the General Fund Property Tax Rate by the adoption of a tax rate of .49 cents and a debt service rate of .0885, which when included in the total tax rate, is a 25.19 % increase over the effective tax rate.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Commissioner Flores stated that the current tax rate should be reduced to provide some relief to the taxpayers, since the increase in property values will increase taxes. He also stated that he could understand an increase to .63 cents, which would allow the revenue needed and also provide relief to taxpayers.

The motion carried (4-1). (Copy Attached)

*Judge William R. Mitchell: FOR*

*Commissioner Scheide: FOR*

*Commissioner Bates: FOR*

*Commissioner Pargas: FOR*

*Commissioner Flores: AGAINST*

**7. Consider and act upon adopting 2016-2017 Farm Market Road-Flood tax rate:**

Motion made by Commissioner Scheide to increase the Farm To Market/ Flood Fund Property Tax Rate by the adoption of a tax rate of .1267, which included in the total tax rate, is a 25.19 % increase over the effective tax rate.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Commissioner Flores was opposed to the tax rate increase.

Commissioner Scheide added that it would be .7052 total tax rate, which is the same rate as last year.

The motion carried (4-1). (Copy Attached)

*Judge William R. Mitchell: FOR*

*Commissioner Pargas: FOR*

*Commissioner Scheide: FOR*

*Commissioner Flores: AGAINST*

*Commissioner Bates: FOR*

**8. Consider and act upon proposals for TxCDBG Grant Administration:**

Received one bid proposal from Esser & Co.

Motion made by Commissioner Flores to award bid to Esser & Co.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**9. Consider and act upon extension request for FEMA Projects:**

Carl Esser of Esser & Co. requested that the Court extend the deadline for the FEMA Projects to May 19, 2017.

Motion made by Commissioner Pargas to approve extension.

Seconded by Commissioner Scheide.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

**10. Consider and act upon Flood Protection Grant award from Texas Water Development Board:**

Uvalde County was awarded a Flood Protection Grant in the amount of \$277,000 for an early warning system.

No action taken on this agenda item. (Copy Attached)

**11. Consider and act upon proposed rental fees and policies at Fairplex:**

Presentation by Fairplex Director Wendy Speer, on changes to rental fees and policies.

Motion made by Commissioner Pargas to approve rental fees and policies.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

**12. Consider and act upon request to close, abandon or vacate County Road 429D:**

Uvalde County resident, Marina Garcia, requested that the Court abandon County Road 429D.

Motion made by Commissioner Pargas to approve the request and abandon/vacate County Road 429D.

Seconded by Commissioner Flores.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**13. Consider and act upon Road Administrator's Report:**

Presentation by Road Administrator, Jesse Garcia.

No action taken on this agenda item. (Copy Attached)

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

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to approve line-item budget amendments.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (Copy Attached)

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

Monthly reports that are on file and subject to examination in the Uvalde County Clerk's office, were presented for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**16. Consider and act upon payroll approval**

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

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

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (3-1).

*Commissioner Scheide: FOR*

*Commissioner Flores: ABSTAIN*

*Commissioner Bates: FOR*

*Commissioner Pargas: FOR*

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

The Court approved resolutions in honor of the following individuals, with the meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M. in their memory:

Adalberto B. Aguilar †

Jim Averill †

Clemencia “Cleme” Pargas †

Constance “Connie” Ibarra †

Mary Lou Gibson †

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT ORDER**

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioner's Court Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, as prepared by the Clerk of the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the foregoing be recorded and entered for record in the UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES, as required by law. (ORDER 03-12-12)

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

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Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

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Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

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Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

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Raul T. Flores, Commissioner #4

**(SEAL)**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Donna M. Williams, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioner's Court of Uvalde County, Texas