



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 25th day of September, 2017, 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*
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 Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Attorney* John P. Dodson, *District Clerk* Christina Ovalle, *County Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita C. Verstuyft, *County Sheriff* Charles Mendeke, *Sabinal Mayor* Charles Story and *County Auditor* Alice Chapman.

Commissioner Scheide was not present for this meeting.

1. Consider and act upon call to order, invocation and pledge of allegiance:

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of September 25, 2017 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, as presented, from September 11, and September 18, 2017.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (3-0).

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

Recommendation by Joe Jobst to renew contract with current carrier, Group & Pension Administrators, Inc. and keep current rate and also continue with the cost plus program, with no benefit changes and no change in employee contributions.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept the recommendation of Jobst.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion unanimously carried (3-0).

4. Consider an act upon adoption of 2017-2018 Uvalde County General Fund Tax Rate:

County Auditor Alice Chapman addressed the Court and stated that the proposal to fund the budget adopted by the Commissioners Court is a general fund maintenance and operation tax rate of .5257 and an INS rate of .0950.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt the tax rate.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Commissioner Flores voiced his opposition to the increase in the tax rate.

The motion carried (3-1). (See Attached)

Commissioner Bates: FOR

Commissioner Pargas: FOR

Judge Mitchell: FOR

Commissioner Flores: AGAINST

Commissioner Scheide- ABSENT

5. Consider and act upon adoption of 2017-2018 Farm to Market Road/Flood Tax Rate:

County Auditor Alice Chapman addressed the Court and stated that the necessary tax rate to fund the budget that the Court has adopted for 2017-2018 farm to market flood maintenance and operation tax rate is .1202

Motion made by Commissioner Bates to adopt the 2017-2018 Farm to Market Road/Flood Tax Rate.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Commissioner Flores voiced his opposition to the increase in the tax rate.

The motion carried (3-1). (See Attached)

Commissioner Bates: FOR

Commissioner Pargas: FOR

Judge Mitchell: FOR

Commissioner Flores: AGAINST

Commissioner Scheide- ABSENT

6. Consider and act upon adoption of 2017-2018 Inter-Local Agreements:

The documents presented to the Court represent agreements between the County and various groups or agencies receiving funding during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. All agreements were presented, with the exception of the agreement with the Community Health Development Inc. Immunization Program, which is currently being revised, and the agreement with Uvalde County Appraisal District, which has not been received back, as of this date.

Motion made by Commissioner Pargas to accept the Interlocal Agreements, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

7. Consider and act upon Arundo Prevention Program presentation by Nueces River Authority:

Presentation by Nueces River Authority representatives Sky Lewey and Jennifer Lawrence on Arundo-donax prevention.

No action taken on this agenda item.

8. Consider and act upon approval of HTS voice and data systems disaster recovery Agreement: one year agreements proposed between HTS and the County for a voice and data system to include on-line storage and backup.

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the contracts for HTS and recommended the renewal of both contracts with HTS. The two contracts presented for renewal were:

HTS Voice and Data Systems Uvalde County Service Agreement.

HTS Voice and Data Systems Disaster Recovery End User Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Flores to approve the two contracts.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion carried (3-0) (See Attached)

9. Consider and act upon approval of updates to 2017-2018 Uvalde County Fairplex Rental Agreement:

Fairplex Director Wendy Speer requested amendments to customer rental agreement including an increase of fees for use of stage, and also requested the removal of day rides.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the updates to the rental agreement, including the removal of day rides, as requested.

Seconded by Commissioner Flores.

The motion carried (3-0) (See Attached)

10. Consider and act upon request of City of Sabinal to pave city streets:

Sabinal Mayor Charles Story requested the County to assist in the paving of streets within the City of Sabinal. This is part of Sabinal's FEMA recovery effort.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the request to assist in the paving of streets within the city of Sabinal.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

11. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator, Jesse Garcia.

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

12. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:

County Auditor Alice Chapman presented two options to the Court regarding the Hotel/Motel Tax stipends and bookkeeper implementation, with her recommendation of option #1:

Option #1-implement new position in the County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and allow stipends to continue for the (5) five individuals within the County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Judge's offices.

Option # 2- implement new position in the County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and remove stipends from the (5) five individuals within the County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Judge's offices.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve option #1.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

The motion carried (2-1). (See Attached)

Commissioner Bates: FOR

Commissioner Flores: AGAINST

Commissioner Pargas: FOR

Commissioner Scheide- ABSENT

13. 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 by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

The motion carried (3-0).

14. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
The motion carried (3-0).

15. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
The motion unanimously carried (3-0)

16. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

The Court approved resolutions in honor of the following individuals, with the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M. in their memory.

Arturo Hernandez †

Evelyn Shaw †

Maurice Rimkus †

Gerald Cutler †

Gail Cargil Toombs †

Luisa G. Ballesteros †

COMMISSIONER'S COURT ORDER

On this the _____ day of _____, 2017, 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

Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

Raul T. Flores, Commissioner #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

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