



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 20th day of May, 2019, 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 Pct. #1*
Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner #2*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner #3*
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner #4*
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 C. Verstuyft
County Auditor Alice Chapman.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of May 20, 2019 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.

1. Consider and act upon a proposed Interlocal agreement with the Southwest Area Regional Transit District (SWART) to provide transportation services for migrant asylum applicants released in Uvalde County from custody of the United States Border Patrol:

United States Border Patrol Agent in Charge, Uvalde Station Cesar Escajeda requested consideration from the Court for assistance in the form of transportation to San Antonio, Texas for approximately 10 to 25 family units to be released per day, for an undetermined period of time, in Uvalde County from the custody of the United States Border Patrol due to an influx of illegal immigrants. Agent Escajeda indicated that 28,000 illegal immigrants were detained in the Eagle Pass and Del Rio borders from January 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 and the surrounding counties were over capacity. Agent Escajeda reported to have received federal orders to release the family units into Uvalde County with or without the support of county and city officials. An Interlocal Agreement with Southwest Area Regional Transit District (SWART) was presented for approval to provide transportation services to the clients approved by the County of Uvalde and City of Uvalde at a rate of \$277.81 per day Monday through Friday, \$337.43 for Saturday service and \$373.43 for

Sunday and Holiday service. This contract is based on a month to month renewal. Questions, concerns and comments were addressed by the following individuals;

Daniel Garcia
Dr. Alma Arredondo Lynch
Diana Karau
Mayor Don McLaughlin
Elsa Crawford
Julio Valdez
Gary Gilbertson
Sheriff Charles Mendeke
Elizabeth Zamora
Sarah Hidalgo Cook
Dr. Hal Harrell
Sammy Vaterschmidt
Rene Nichols

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve SWART Interlocal Agreement.
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.
The motion unanimously carried (4-0). (See Attached)

With no further business, the meeting of May 20, 2019 was adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

On this the 28th day of May, 2019, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of May 20, 2019, 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

Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

Ronnie Garza, Commissioner #4

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
of Uvalde County, Texas