



## CORRECTED MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 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 #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, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita C. Verstuyft and *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John Dodson

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

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of September 23, 2019 to order at 10 AM followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019.

Seconded by Commissioner Scheide.

Motion carried (3-0) (Commissioner Bates was not present, arrived late to meeting).

### **3. Consider and act upon adoption of proposed 2019-2020 Uvalde County General Fund Tax Rate:**

Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the proposed 2019-2020 tax rates; General Fund M&O Tax Rate 0.5257, FM/Flood M&O Tax Rate 0.1350, I&S Debt Service Tax Rate 0.0901, Total Tax Rate 0.7508 with an increase of 0.0149, Total M&O Rate 0.6607, Total Effective Tax Rate 0.6976, Roll Back Rate 0.7732. This rate will raise more tax revenue for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.62 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to adopt the 2019-2020 General Fund Tax Rate.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried with Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Pargas and Judge William R. Mitchell voting in favor of motion.

Commissioner Scheide voted against the motion.

The motion carried (4-1).

**4. Consider and act upon adoption of 2019-2020 Uvalde County Road/Flood Tax Rate:**

Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the proposed 2019-2020 tax rates; General Fund M&O Tax Rate 0.5257, FM/Flood M&O Tax Rate 0.1350, I&S Debt Service Tax Rate 0.0901, Total Tax Rate 0.7508 with an increase of 0.0149, Total M&O Rate 0.6607, Total Effective Tax Rate 0.6976, Roll Back Rate 0.7732. This rate will raise more tax revenue for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.62 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to adopt the 2019-2020 Road/Flood Tax Rate.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried with Commissioner Pargas, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Garza and Judge William R. Mitchell voting in favor of motion.

Commissioner Scheide voted against the motion.

The motion carried (4-1).

**5. Consider and act upon approval of 2019-2020 Interlocal Agreements:**

The Court considered the Interlocal Agreements from different entities receiving funding by the County per the 2019-2020 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve 2019-2020 Interlocal Agreements.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**6. Consider and act upon approval of 2020 Sheriff and Constable Fees:**

The Sheriff and Constables are required annually to set fees of office. The Court considered the proposed 2020 Sheriff and Constable fee's with no recommended changes.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve 2020 Sheriff and Constable fees.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Agent of Record Joe Jobst presented to the Court a Medical Market Search Analysis, Cost History, Renewal and Stoploss Proposal for major medical insurance benefits for Uvalde County employees. Joe Jobst recommended Aran Insurance Agency of Arizona.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Aran Insurance Agency.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

Agent of Record Joe Jobst recommended raising the vision benefit by \$100 for a total yearly benefit of \$400.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to increase vision benefits.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0)

**8. Consider and act upon public hearing concerning the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Archived Records Plan for 2019-2020:**

Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 118.025 a public hearing is required to consider the proposed plan for funding the County Clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Plan. The court opened for a public hearing at 10:30 AM for the proposed 2019-2020 County Clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Plan, with no comments or questions, the public hearing closed at 10:31 AM.

No action taken.

**9. Consider and act upon adoption of the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Records Plan:**

County Clerk Valerie Del Toro Romero outlined the presentation of the proposed 2019-2020 County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Records Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt the County Clerk records plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0)

**10. Consider and act upon public hearing concerning District Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Archived Records Plan for 2019-2020:**

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 51.305 a public hearing is required to consider the proposed plan for funding the District Clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Plan. The court opened for a public hearing at 10:32 AM for the proposed 2019-2020 District Clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Plan, with no comments or questions, the public hearing closed at 10:33 AM.

No action taken.

**11. Consider and act upon adoption of District Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Plan:**

District Clerk Christina Ovalle outlined the presentation of the proposed 2019-2020 District Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Records Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt the District Clerk records plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0)

**12. Consider and act upon accepting budget of 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Supervision/Corrections Department:**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is required to file their Community Supervision and Corrections Department budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. The Court's action is to accept the department's budget and have it filed in the minutes of the Commissioners Court.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept the 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial Community Supervision and Corrections Department budget.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**13. Consider and act upon consolidation of voting precinct:**

A request from Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham was considered by the Court to consolidate Uvalde County voting precincts 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 to the Cactus Room in the Willie De Leon Civic Center located at 300 East Main Street, Uvalde, Texas for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election only.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve consolidation of voting precincts.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**14. Consider and act upon appointments to El Progreso Library Board of Directors:**

A request submitted by El Progreso Memorial Library Director Mendell D. Morgan on behalf of the El Progreso Memorial Library's Board of Directors to nominate and approve the following individuals as members and officers to join the 2019-2020 Board of El Progreso Memorial Library: Anne Marie Espinosa, Retired Master Chief Cal Lambert and Elvira Manry.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to accept appointments.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**15. Consider and act upon receiving Walmart Community Grant proceeds:**

The County of Uvalde was awarded a Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to be used at the Nutrition Center and at the Fairplex with the monies to be split between the two entities. The Commissioners Court must authorize the acceptance of these funds.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept these funds.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**16. Consider and act upon award of bids:**

The Court considered the submission of bids/proposals for County Morgue and Highway 83/CR 350 Intersection. Two proposals were received for County Morgue; one from Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home at a rate of \$450 per case and one from Rushing Estes Knowles

Mortuary in the amount of zero per case with a recommendation to award the bid to Rushing Estes Knowles Mortuary.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to award bid to Rushing Estes Knowles Mortuary.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

One proposal was received for the Highway 83/CR 350 Intersection from River Rim Resort at a rate of a payment to Uvalde County in the amount of \$1,100 for a twelve month lease.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to award bid to River Rim Resort.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

Copies of bid/proposals may be obtained from the office of the Uvalde County Judge.

**17. Consider and act upon copy machine contracts:**

Assistant Auditor Frankie Aguilar requested consideration of contract renewals for copy machines in JP1, JP2 and JP4 offices at a rate of \$219.59 each per month for three years, outlining additional cost due to state contract.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve copy machine contract renewals.

Seconded by Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**18. Consider and act upon request to set speed on CR 424 at 30 MPH:**

Commissioner Ronnie Garza received a request from resident Rick Musquez to lower the speed limit on CR 424 from 40 mph to 30 mph due to a lack of fencing and roaming livestock causing accidents.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve lowering the speed limit on CR 424.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**19. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department added a four inch lift to CR 101 and will start paving later this week and CR 341 low spots were filled. No action taken.

**20. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:**

No amendments were presented to the court for consideration at this time.

No action taken.

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

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**23. Consider and act upon payroll approval:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.

Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**24. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:**

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

Pura C. Castillo †  
Billy Fisher †  
James Gallaway †  
Stephen Gose †  
Crescencia "Kissie" Mendeke †  
Peggy Pepper †  
Fernando Riojas †

With no further business, the meeting of September 23, 2019 was adjourned.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of September 23, 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

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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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Ronnie Garza, Commissioner #4

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