



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 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, *District Attorney* Christina Mitchell, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent:

### **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 August 26, 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** –Two individuals signed up to speak during the citizen communication portion of meeting, and were each given 3 minutes to address the Court.

Public Participants:

Diana Olvedo-Karau

Rhonda Vigil

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2024, as presented.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**4. Consider and act upon Motion to Abandon Claim To And/Or Alter Public Road----CR 109:**

Nolan O. Sheedy, Jr. and Dana D. Sheedy filed a Motion to Abandon Claim to and/or Alter Public Road pertaining to County Road 109.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to table this agenda item.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon request to vacate and re-plat Antonio Gamez Survey 71:**

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the request to vacate and re-plat, as presented.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**6. Consider and act upon accepting road in Bluffside Subdivision as county road, assign road number:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates accept County Road, and assign it as CR 397.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**7. Consider and act upon Memorandum of Understanding with Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy:**

NO ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

**8. Consider and act upon MOU with Hill Country Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center:**

NO ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

**9. Consider and act upon MOU with Nueva Vida Behavioral Health Association, Inc.:**

NO ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

**10. Consider and act upon Office of the Governor's VOCA agent:**

NO ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

**11. Consider and act upon donation from Uvalde Rotary Club:**

The Uvalde Rotary Club has donated \$250 in art supplies to Uvalde County to assist with the operations at Uvalde Together Resiliency Center.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to accept donation.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**12. Consider and act upon Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Final Uvalde County Budget:**

**Hearing Opened: 10:49 A.M.**

**Hearing Closed: 10:56 A.M.**

**13. Consider and act upon order setting salary for auditor, assistant auditors and court reporter:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept order setting salary for Auditor, assistant auditors and Court Reporter.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**14. Consider and act upon 2024-2025 Salary Fund:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined and recommended adoption of 2024-2025 salary fund.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

**15. Consider and act upon adoption of 2024-2025 Uvalde County Budget and take record vote:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept adoption of the 2024-2025 Uvalde County Budget.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner Yeackle –FOR

Commissioner Bates – FOR

Commissioner Pargas – FOR

Commissioner Garza - FOR

Judge Mitchell - FOR

**16. Consider and act upon 2024-2025 tax rate and set public hearing:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman outlined the proposed tax rate. A public hearing will be called during the Commissioners Court meeting on September 23, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve public hearing date and to accept the proposed tax rate.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0). (See Attached)

**17. Consider and act upon ban on outdoor burning:**

Motion by Commissioner Garza to adopt order banning outdoor burning.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

**18. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:**

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept Road Administrator's Report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (4-0).

**19. Consider and act upon adopting optional vehicle registration fees for 2025:**

Annually, the court is authorized to approve a County Road and Bridge Fee, not to exceed \$10, on all vehicles registered in the County. The Court is also authorized to impose a fee not to exceed \$1.50 to be used at school crossings. Uvalde County historically has adopted the Road and Bridge fee but has chosen not to impose the school crossing fee.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve fee.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

**20. 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 Garza.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (4-0).

**23. Consider and act upon HTS BuyBoard service contracts:**

County Auditor, Alice Chapman, outlined all three annual contracts and recommended adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to adopt all three contracts, as presented.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.  
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

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

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

Mary Ann Arnim †

James Howard Carr †

Danny Garza †

Alejandro Perez †

With no further business, the meeting of August 26, 2024 was adjourned at 11:16 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.