



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 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*  
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Clerk of  
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were *County Attorney* John P. Dodson, *County Sheriff* Ruben Nolasco, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax-Assessor Collector* Rita Verstuyft, *JP Pct. 1* Steven Kennedy and *JP Elect Pct. 6* Roland Sanchez, *County Election Administrator* Melissa Jones, *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick,

Absent: Ronald B. Garza, *Commissioner Pct. 4*

### **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 November 12, 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**

Diana Olvedo-Karau addressed the Court.

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2024, and October 28, 2024, as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**4. Consider and act upon final plat of Laughlin Estates subdivision:**

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the Laughlin Estates final plat, as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**5. Consider and act upon request to partner with Uvalde CISD for an EPA Community Change Grant and approve interlocal agreements:**

The Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District applied for an Environmental Protection Agency grant in the amount of \$20 million. If awarded, the grant would allow the school district to make needed facility improvements. The County would be a sub-recipient and could receive approximately \$1.5 million which could be utilized to provide counseling services at the Uvalde Together Resiliency Center.

Motion by Commissioner Bates NOT to participate in the grant partnership request.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0).

**6. Consider and act upon swearing-in of Justice of the Peace, Pct. 6 to fill unexpired term:**

Roland Sanchez won the Justice of the Peace Pct. 6 election. The regular term starts on January 1, 2025. The position is currently vacant. Sanchez will be sworn in for the newly elected term in January 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve swearing in Roland Sanchez for the unexpired term.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**7. Consider and act upon award of Bid 2024-08 UCSO concrete/site preparation:**

The Sheriff's Office received funding for the construction of a concrete site to support a metal building to assist in officer training. A total of 5 bids were received and outlined by Carl Esser.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve awarding the bid to Oscar Amaya Construction LLC.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**8. Consider and act upon award of Bid 2024-09 UCSO pre-engineered metal building:**

The Sheriff's Office received bids for the construction of a pre-engineered metal building to be used for training. Carl Esser outlined the 3 bids received.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve awarding the bid to Mueller Inc.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**9. Consider and act upon casting votes for Uvalde County Appraisal District Board of Directors:**

Uvalde County has 736 votes to cast in the election of the UCAD Board of Directors. All 736 votes can be cast for one candidate or split in any way as decided by the Court.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to cast the votes evenly between the 3 candidates.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

**10. Consider and act upon resolution request of THCRR to amend Ch. 351 and 352 of Texas Tax Code:**

The Texas Hill Country River Region requested a resolution of support by the Court to seek an amendment to the Texas Tax Code by the Texas Legislature. Currently, the hotel/motel occupancy tax is restricted to river clean-up. The THCRR wants to expand the use of the tax funds to include operations of convention centers, visitor's information centers, advertising and promotion and arts related programs.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the resolution.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

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

Road Administrators report presented by Dee Kirkpatrick for 10/25/24 – 11/6/24.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the report as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

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

No line-item budget amendments were presented.

**13. 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 the monthly reports.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0). (See Attached)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

Motion carried (3-0).

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

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

Roberto Amescua †  
Yolanda Rodriguez Gonzales †  
Evelyn Rae Hutchinson †  
Wanda Lois Jacobs †  
Malcolm Richey †  
Roberto Ibarra Sanchez †

With no further business, the meeting of November 12, 2024 was adjourned at 10:31 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.