



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th of May, 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*
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*
Ronnie 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, *JP #2* Judge Casburn, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*

Note: Commissioner Bates stepped out during agenda #6.

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 May 13, 2024 to order at 10:00 AM, followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2024, as presented.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

3. Consider and act upon ratifying resolution for County Essential Services grant:

Carl Esser outlined the aspects of grant.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to ratify the resolution for this grant.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

4. Consider and act upon resolution supporting FY25 Community Project Funding request:

The deadline for submitting a request for the federal FY25 Community Projects Fund was May 13, 2024. The attached resolution was submitted in support of a request of \$1,500,000 for the dredging of Cooksey Lake and the renovation of Cooksey Park. Carl Esser outlined the resolution and need for ratification.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the resolution supporting the funding request.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

5. Consider and act upon resolution supporting Operation Stonegarden grant:

Carl Esser outlined the resolution requesting the continuation of funding for the Operation Stonegarden grant.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the resolution supporting the funding request.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

6. Consider and act upon DIR contract TSO-4101 Motorola radio proposal:

EOC Director Forrest Anderson and Carl Esser outlined the DIR contract for the emergency radio system.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the contract.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (2-0). (Commissioner Bates stepped out and did not vote) (See Attached)

7. Consider and act upon Section 3 goals of Uvalde County CDBG contract CFC 23-0222:

Community Development Block grant contract CFC 23-0222 was in the amount of \$762,251 for the replacement of deteriorated waterlines and street improvements in Knippa. Section 3 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 requires the county to set and reach certain goals. Carl Esser detailed goals.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the grant contract.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

8. Consider and act upon Section 3 goals of Uvalde County CDBG contract CDV 23-0223

Community Development Block grant contract CDV 23-0223 was in the amount of \$500,000 for a fire truck and park improvements for Knippa. Section 3 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the county to set and reach certain goals. Carl Esser outlined goals.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the grant contract.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.

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

9. Consider and act upon RZ Communication contract for radio tower at Uvalde PD:

Carl Esser and Forrest Anderson outlined the need to install a new tower at the dispatch office as part of the radio upgrades.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the contract.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

10. Consider and act upon RZ Communication contract for relocation of radio tower:

Carl Esser and Forrest Anderson outlined the relocation of radio equipment from the Kennedy Mountain radio site to the newly installed tower located at the county yard.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the relocation.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.

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

11. Consider and act upon AEP’s request of utility easement over county owned property:

AEP requested Easement Right of Way from the county of property located at Laredo and FM 481.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to grant request.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

12. Consider and act upon change order #1 with Servpro for Tax Office renovations:

Servpro has started the renovation of the Tax Assessor-Collectors office and they submitted a change order that needs the court’s authorization.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve change order.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

13. Consider and act upon Justice Court #2 staff confidentiality policy and agreement:

Judge Casburn presented the signed confidentiality agreements.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve agreements.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

14. Consider and act upon Administrative Order abolishing burn ban:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to accept and approve the order.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

15. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve Road Administrators Report.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0).

16. Consider and act upon line-item budget amendments:

None presented for consideration.

17. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payment of bills.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0).

18. 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 unanimously carried (3-0). (See Attached)

19. Consider and act upon payroll approval:

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.
Motion unanimously carried (3-0).

20. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Hattie Sue Capt †
Danielle Harrison †
Dora Alisa Mares †
Doris McBride Pfeil †
Rosa Elia Robles †
Marissa Gloria Rodriguez †
Maria Munoz Rodriguez †
Armando Salazar †

With no further business, the meeting of May 13, 2024 was adjourned at 10:44 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.