



MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 14th of September, 2026, 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:

Jerry W. Bates, *Acting County Judge*
John Yeackle, *Commissioner Pct. #1*
Mariano Pargas, *Commissioner Pct. #2*
Roy M. Kothmann, *Commissioner Pct. #3*
Ronald B. Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*
Donna M. Williams, *County Clerk and Clerk of
the Commissioners Court*

Also present were, *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Tax Assessor-Collector* Rita Verstuyft *Justice of the Peace Pct. 4* Lalo Diaz, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, and *County Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick.

Absent: *County Attorney* John P. Dodson

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

The Honorable Jerry W. Bates, Acting Uvalde County Judge, called the meeting of September 14, 2026 to order at 10:00 A.M., followed with the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

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2. Citizens Communications:

No action taken.

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3. Consider and act upon approval of Minutes:

The Minutes for August 24, 2026 were presented for approval.
Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Pargas.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

4. Consider and act upon accepting notice of General Election:

Motion by Commissioner Kothmann to accept notice of General Election.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

5. Consider and act upon discussion and possible action regarding approval of the MOU for first responders APX NEXT Radios between the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and Uvalde County:

Motion by Commissioner Kothmann to approve the MOU between MRGDC and Uvalde County.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.
Motion carried (4-0). (See Attached)

6. Presentation by SAMCO capital markets, the County's financial Advisor, regarding funding options for flood repair projects and other matters related thereto:

No action taken on presentation. (See Attached)

7. Consider and act upon public hearing regarding 2026-2027 Final Budget:

Public Hearing began: 10:20 A.M.
Public Hearing ended: 10:29 A.M.

8. Consider and act upon 2026-2027 Salary Fund:

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve 2026-2027 Salary Fund.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Yeackle.

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

9. Consider and act upon 2026-2027 Interlocals:

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve interlocal agreements.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kothmann.

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

10. Consider and act upon adoption of 2026-2027 budget by record vote:

Call for Record Vote to be taken on adoption of 2026-2027 budget:

Commissioner Yeackle: FOR

Commissioner Pargas: AGAINST

Commissioner Kothmann: FOR

Commissioner Garza: FOR

Acting County Judge Bates: FOR

Motion carried (4-1). (See Attached)

11. Consider and act upon record vote on proposed 2026 tax rate, set date, time, and location for public hearing:

Public Hearing set for September 28, 2026.

Call for Record Vote to be taken on proposed 2026 tax rate

Commissioner Yeackle: FOR

Commissioner Pargas: FOR

Commissioner Kothmann: FOR

Commissioner Garza: FOR

Acting County Judge Bates: FOR

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

12. Consider and act upon Order Setting Salary of County Auditor, official court reporter, and Assistant County Auditors:

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve Order setting salary of County Auditor, Official Court Reporter and Assistant County Auditor.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kothmann.

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

13. Consider and act upon employee benefit renewal overview:

Presentation conducted by Senior Vice President of Higginbotham Inc., Peter Benshelter

No action taken.

14. Consider and act upon statement of grant award for Uvalde Indigent Defense Commission Uvalde FY27 Improvement Grant for IDC:

Motion by Commissioner Yeackle to approve.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza

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

15. Consider and act upon Road Administrators Report:

Report by Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick for 08/20/2026 – 09/09/2026.

Motion by Commissioner Kothmann to approve report.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

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

None presented.

17. 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 Garza to approve monthly reports.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kothmann.

Motion carried (4-0).

18. Consider and act upon payment of bills:

Motion by Commissioner Kothmann to approve.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garza.

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

19. Consider and act upon resolutions/proclamations:

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

Patty Fuller Driskell †

John Henry Owen III †

Janet Langford Jackson †

Lidia Sotelo †

Mary O. Manry †

Natividad Martinez Gonzales †

Donald Walker Merritt †

Guadalupe C. Santos †

Javier Francisco Moreno Ovalle †

Anita Cruz †

Nancy Suarez †

Gustavo Mirelez †

With no further business, the meeting of September 14th, 2026, was adjourned at 11:16 A.M. 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.

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