

THCRR wins contract to administer occupancy tax

Uvalde County Commissioners on Monday awarded a contract with Texas Hill Country River Region for administration of hotel/motel occupancy tax revenue.

According to the contract, the county – which enacted a 4 percent hotel occupancy tax on rooms furnished by hotels and motels located within Uvalde County – will allocate 74 percent of current and future hotel/motel tax revenue to THCRR.

The county retains 26 percent, most of which is allocated for river cleanup activities.

With the contract, THCRR is tasked with promoting tourism to Uvalde County's river region. Prior to a hiatus in operating year 2010 when the

Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce was awarded the contract, the agency – either as THCRR or Hill Country Rivers – has administered the contract since 1998.

The agreement goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2018, and will continue through Dec. 31, 2019. This year, THCRR was the only entity to submit a bid for contract.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners approved a \$185,120 contract with High Sierra Electronics for an early flood warning system for Uvalde County.

Commissioners approved proposed changes to on-site sewage facilities regulations. Changes include requiring a permit, implementing a \$260 permit fee and allowing all certified

septic tanks in Uvalde County.

Although adoption of a ban on outdoor burning and regulations for certain fireworks were topics on the agenda, commissioners did not act on either item as Uvalde received nearly 2 inches of rain last week.

Commissioners approved re-appointing 14 members to the Uvalde County Child Welfare board. Members include Nikki Henderson, Charles Mendeke, Eunice Sosa, Stephen Stephens, Linda Ramon, Robert Ballesteros, Ben Elliott, Ann Turkowski, Raymond Velos, Annette Horton, Carol Brewer, Kevin Carr, Karen McLaughlin and Molly Flores.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Gertrude Miles.



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Texas Hill Country River Region board president Melissa Bates (left) and executive director Annabell McNew (right) look on as Uvalde County Judge Bill Mitchell executes a contract designating THCRR as hotel/motel occupancy tax revenue administrator.