

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **29th day of March A.D., 2021**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Special Session** at the Victoria County Courthouse in the City of Victoria, Victoria County, Texas, with His Honor, Ben Zeller, County Judge, presiding and the following Commissioners attending:

Danny Garcia,	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Kevin M. Janak,	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Gary Burns,	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Clint C. Ives,	Commissioner Precinct No. 4
and	
Heidi Easley,	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk

and the following orders were passed:



COUNTY OF VICTORIA
MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021, 10:00 AM, SPECIAL TERM
VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order

(1-2:59)

1. March 29, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, March 29, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

2. Invocation and Pledges

(2-3:06)

2. March 29, 2021. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting with prayer and the reciting of the Pledges of Allegiance of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

3. Citizens Communication.

(3-4:14)

3. March 29, 2021. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda..

Michael Vonderau of 2204 E. North Street wished State Trooper Chad Walker well after being shot near Mexia, Texas. Mr. Vonderau also spoke on issues at the East North Mobile Home Park and stated he would like to see a HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) Grant for Victoria County.

John Johnston, County Engineer, announced to the Court that Victoria County now has two more Certified Flood Plain Managers. Mr. Johnston recognized Noemi Ramos and Eduardo Ramirez and Judge Zeller congratulated Ms. Ramos and Mr. Ramirez for their achievement. Commissioner Janak thanked them for their interest.

Commissioner Danny Garcia recognized the Vietnam War Veterans and stated he is proud to be part of a Commissioners Court who cares about Victoria County Veterans. County Judge Zeller stated today is National Vietnam War Veterans Day and that Victoria County and the Court respects, appreciates and honors the Vietnam War Veterans and Veterans Organizations.

Commissioner Gary Burns informed the Court that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Patriot Park will be completed soon.

Public Health Director, David Gonzales, updated the Court on the COVID-19 vaccines wait list, numbers and upcoming clinics. County Judge Zeller responded to Mr. Gonzales.

Hearing no further comments, Judge Ben Zeller continued to the next agenda item.

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-15:12)

4. March 29, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on March 22, 2021. Motion adopted.

5. Consider approval of accounts payable for Victoria County and take appropriate action.

(5-15:15)

5. March 22, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	3/29/2021	\$253,708.47
Supplemental Accounts	3/19/2021 – 3/25/2021	\$294,138.73

Motion adopted.

6. Receive monthly and quarterly reports from various county officials and departments and take appropriate action.

(6-15:59)

6. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly report from the Tax Assessor Collector.

7. Consider approval of bond forfeiture releases and take appropriate action.

(7-16:17)

7. March 29, 2021. None. No action taken.

8. Consider approval of CMC Interim vendor payments, payroll, accounts payable and personnel changes and take appropriate action.

(8-16:42)

8. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the payroll, accounts payable, personnel changes, and interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated March 25, 2021 in the amount of \$382,073.39 and the ACH report dated March 25, 2021 in the amount of \$3,270,050.25. Motion adopted.

9. Hear Proclamation proclaiming April 2, 2021 as Light It Up Blue Day in Victoria County for Autism Awareness and recognize the Vine School and take appropriate action.

(9-17:22)

9. March 2, 2021. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation proclaiming April 2, 2021 as Light It Up Blue Day in Victoria County for Autism Awareness Day and recognized The Vine School. H.R. Mallory, parent, thanked the Court for their support and The Vine School Board members and teachers for all of their hard work, dedication and love. John Henley, President of The Vine School, answered the Courts questions by explaining to the Court the qualifications that need to be met in order to attend The Vine School, funds for the school and the school's new location along with additional information. Moved by

Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the Proclamation proclaiming April 2, 2021 as Light It Up Blue Day in Victoria County for Autism Awareness and Acceptance and congratulate The Vine School for its service to the Crossroads and wish them continued success in the years to come. Motion adopted.

10. Consider approval of the following item related to Patriot Park in Precinct #3 from Victoria Parks Coalition, Inc. and take appropriate action:

(10a-31:16)

10a. March 29, 2021. Gail Repka with the Victoria Parks Coalition, Inc. gave a recap to the Court regarding the new 18 Hole Disc Golf Course that was installed at Patriot Park and explained the need of adding the cement tee pads to the course. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the addendum request from Victoria Parks Coalition, Inc. to install 18 cement tee pads to existing Disc Golf Course and install a kiosk similar to existing signs in Patriot Park in Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following item related to Patriot Park in Precinct #3 from Victoria Parks Coalition, Inc. and take appropriate action:

(10b-31:16)

10b. March 29, 2021. Gail Repka with the Victoria Parks Coalition, Inc. explained the process and additional information for a turnkey playground, etc. from the Victoria Parks Coalition, Inc. to be installed at Patriot Park in Precinct No. 3. After discussion with the Court, the Court passed on this agenda item. No action taken.

11. Receive fully executed District Office Lease Amendment between U.S. House of Representatives Congressman Michael Cloud and Victoria County for office space at 111 N. Glass St. and take appropriate action.

(11-47:47)

11. March 29, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed District Office Lease Amendment between U.S. House of Representatives Congressman Michael Cloud and the Victoria County for office space at 111 N. Glass Street. Motion adopted.

12. Consider authorization to advertise for bids for the TXDOT Rider 45 Road Improvement Project more specifically the widening of McCoy Road (from SH 185 to 1.515 miles west) and the reconstruction of Bayer Road (from SH 185 to 0.676 miles west) and take appropriate action.

(12-48:14)

12. March 29, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided advertising dates and bid opening date for this project to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise for bids for the TxDot Rider 45 Road Improvement Project more specifically the widening of McCoy Road (from SH 185 to 1.515 miles west) and the reconstruction of Bayer Road (from SH 185 to 0.676 miles west). Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider authorization to advertise for bids for the Victoria Disaster Debris Management, Removal, and Disposal Services Monitoring and take appropriate action.**

(13-49:27)

13. March 29, 2021. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise for bids for the Victoria Disaster Debris Management, Removal, and Disposal Services Monitoring. Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive for the record fully executed FEMA Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) Application for FY 2021 and take appropriate action.**

(14-50:20)

14. March 29, 2021. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed FEMA Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) Application for FY 2021. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of the following contract item from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:**

(15a-51:06)

15a. March 29, 2021. Public Health Director, David Gonzales, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Immunization/Locals Grant Program Contract HHS000119700011 Amendment No. 03 for September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contract item from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

(15b-51:06)

15b. March 29, 2021. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the State R Grant Contract No. 5608/SR3-565-01 for April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contract item from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

(15c-51:06)

15c. March 29, 2021. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Ryan White Service Delivery Grant Contract No. 5608/5-565-01 for April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 16. Ratify Grant Adjustment for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program Grant FY2020, Grant Application No. 4136701 and take appropriate action.**
(16-52:55)
16. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court ratified the grant adjustment for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program Grant FY2020, Grant Application No. 4136701. Motion adopted.
- 17. Consider approval of 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) Resolution No. 2021-0035, State of Texas eGrants Grant No. 3186206 and take appropriate action.**
(17-53:33)
17. March 29, 2021. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) Resolution No. 2021-0035, State of Texas eGrants Grant No. 3186206. Motion adopted.
- 18. Receive Notice of Grant Award for FY21 Formula Grant, Texas Indigent Defense Commission and take appropriate action.**
(18-54:51)
18. March 29, 2021. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, and County Judge Zeller provided information to the Court. Commissioner Janak voiced his concerns regarding the grant. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the Notice of Grant Award for FY21 Formula Grant, Texas Indigent Defense Commission. Motion adopted.
- 19. Consider approval of the following Resolution for road donation in PCT #4 and take appropriate action:**
(19a-59:32)
19a. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0032 for road donation from Ashley Baran for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 230 Oakview Drive, Inez, Texas, 77968, Precinct No. 4 in the amount of \$700.00. Motion adopted.
- Consider approval of the following Resolution for road donation in PCT #4 and take appropriate action:**
(19b-59:32)
19b. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0033 for road donation from Abraham Solorio for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 205 Birkshire, Telferner, Texas, 77988, Precinct No. 4 in the amount of \$1,300.00. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolution for road donation in PCT #4 and take appropriate action:

(19c-59:32)

19c. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0034 for road donation from David Flores for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 204 Bradley Street, Telferner, Texas, 77988, Precinct No. 4 in the amount of \$500.00. Motion adopted.

20. Receive for the record 2021 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Commissary Fund #380 and take appropriate action.

(20-1:00:42)

20. March 29, 2021 Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received for the record 2021 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's Commissary Fund No. 380 as a line item transfer. Motion adopted.

21. Consider approval of the following 2021 Budget Amendments and take appropriate actions:

(21-1:01:22)

21. March 29, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the following 2021 Budget Amendments:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
John Sestak, IT Director, explained the budget amendment for the IT department.
- b. Leose Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

22. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.

(22-1:04:18)

22. March 29, 2021 Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Ashley Hernandez, Tax Assessor Collector - County Tax Office:
 - 1. Employment of Betsi O Rivera Lopez, Clerk III, at a rate of \$13.75 per hour, Budget Code 100-499-1106, effective April 6, 2021.
- b. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Correction (Date): Employment of Alexis Suzanne Valderamos, Extra Help-PRN, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective April 6, 2021.
- c. Justin Marr, Sheriff- Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. Employment of Tyler C. Painter, Detention Officer Tier 1, at a rate of \$17.99 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1116, effective March 30, 2021.
 - 2. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Richard Martin, to be paid Master Certificate Pay of \$69.23 per pay period, effective April 1, 2021. Certification date for Richard Martin is February 18, 2021. Budget Coding: Enforcement/CID Certificate Pay 100-563-1137. Remarks: Richard Martin received Master Cert. on 2/18/21. The change in certification from Advanced to Masters should begin 3/19/21. One payment for \$92.31 should be paid on 4/1/21 and \$69.23 thereafter.

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2. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Abraham Alhamzawi, to be paid Intermediate Certificate Pay of \$23.08 per pay period, effective April 16, 2021. Certification date for Abraham Alhamzawi is March 22, 2021. Budget Coding: Detention Certificate Pay 100-565-1137.

3. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Sherri Bluhm, to be paid Master Certificate Pay of \$69.23 per pay period, effective April 1, 2021. Certification date for Sherri Bluhm is March 13, 2021. Budget Coding: Enforcement/CID Certificate Pay 100-563-1137.

4. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Joshua Vaclavik, to be paid Advanced Certificate Pay of \$46.15 per pay period, effective April 16, 2021. Certification date for Joshua Vaclavik is March 15, 2021. Budget Coding: Special Crimes Certificate Pay 100-564-1137.

5. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Matt Cooke, to be paid Master Certificate Pay of \$69.23 per pay period, effective April 16, 2021. Certification date for Matt Cooke is March 15, 2021. Budget Coding: SRO VISD Certificate Pay 395-560-1137.

Motion adopted.

23. Adjourn

(23-1:05:12)

23. March 29, 2021. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of March 29, 2021.