

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **14th day of June A.D., 2021**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Regular 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, June 14, 2021, 10:00 AM, REGULAR TERM
VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order

(1-0:00)

1. June 14, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges

(2-0:05)

2. June 14, 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.

(3-1:00)

3. June 14, 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 East North Street, Victoria, Texas, voiced his concerns regarding dog issues at the East North Mobile Home Park.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-4:30)

4. June 14, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 7, 2021. Motion adopted.

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

(5-04:47)

5. June 14, 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	6/14/2021	\$ 277,075.82
Supplemental Accounts	6/4/2021 – 6/10/2021	\$ 362,390.34

Motion adopted.

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

(6-05:17)

6. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the County Judge, County Commissioners, Precincts No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1 and 4, Constables, Precincts No. 1, 2 and amended Constable Precinct 4 report for March, County Extension Agent- 4-H Youth Development, County Extension Agent- Ag/Natural Resources and Pre-Trial Services.
Motion adopted.

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

(7-06:07)

7. June 14, 2021. None. No action taken.

8. Consider approval of CMC Interim vendor payments and take appropriate action.

(8-06:12)

8. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$354,210.14 and the ACH report dated June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$3,110,994.54. Motion adopted.

9. Consider appointment of Annie Cullen to the Navigation District and take appropriate action.

(9-06:44)

9. June 14, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court appointed Annie Cullen to the Navigation District. Ben Zeller, County Judge swore Ms. Cullen in as Navigation and Canal Commissioner.
Motion adopted.

10. Discuss Victoria County capital improvement needs to include discussion of 1940 jail and other Sheriff's Office facilities and take appropriate action.

(10-10:58)

10. June 14, 2021. Justin Marr, Victoria County Sheriff, Kelly Hubert, Facilities Manager and Richard Martin, Sheriff's Office, spoke in regards to the 1940 jail. The Commissioners Court discussed the Victoria County capital improvement which included discussion of 1940 jail and other Sheriff's Office facilities. Ben Zeller, County Judge will make a committee to aid in this process.
No action taken.

- 11. Receive fully executed contract from the Victoria County Public Health Department for the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant Program (IDCU/SUR) Contract No. HHS000436300025 Amendment No. 2 and take appropriate action.**

(11-33:38)

11. June 14, 2021. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information and answered Commissioner Kevin Janak's question. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed contract from the Victoria County Public Health Department for the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant Program (IDCU/SUR) Contract No. HHS000436300025 Amendment No. 2. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of the replacement of 800 mHz bi-directional amplifiers within the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), 911 backup center and take appropriate action.**

(12-35:16)

12. June 14, 2021. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke to the Court on replacing amplifiers. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the replacement of 800 mHz bi-directional amplifiers within the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), 911 backup center. Motion adopted.

- 13. Execute and award agreement for Disaster and/or Storm Recovery Monitoring Services to Tetra Tech, Inc., and take appropriate action.**

(13-37:33)

13. June 14, 2021. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided the Court information and the Court held a discussion. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court executed and awarded agreement for Disaster and/or Storm Recovery Monitoring Services to Tetra Tech, Inc. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of rental agreement with City of Victoria for the Victoria Community Center and approve payment of invoice #COV-VAC-101 for vaccination hub clinics from January-May 2021 in the amount of \$46,200.00 and take appropriate action.**

(14-41:26)

14. June 14, 2021. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, addressed the Court on the rental of the Victoria Community Center from January through May of 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved rental agreement with City of Victoria for the Victoria Community Center and approved payment of invoice #COV-VAC-101 for vaccination hub clinics from January-May 2021 in the amount of \$46,200.00. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Operation**

Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) Award, Grant Number: 3186206 and take appropriate action.

(15-43:27)

15. June 14, 2021. Robin Knipling, Administrative Services, provided the Court information on the annual application awarded to the Sheriff's Office. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) Award, Grant Number: 3186206.

Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider Authorize to Advertise for Paving improvements in Precinct #4 for Gin Road, Minatre Road, Hiller Road, Midway Road, and Leita Road - GLO CDBG-DR 20-065-094-C262 and take appropriate action.**

(16-44:30)

16. June 14, 2021. Robin Knipling, Administrative Services, spoke on the CDBG Infrastructure funds that were received as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Commissioner Clint Ives, spoke in regards to Precinct #4. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise for paving improvements in Precinct #4 for Gin Road, Minatre Road, Hiller Road, Midway Road, and Leita Road - GLO CDBG-DR 20-065-094-C262.

Motion adopted.

- 17. Authorize the County Judge to execute contract with REXCO, INC. for TXDOT Rider 45 Road Improvement Project McCoy Road and Bayer Road and take appropriate action.**

(17-47:17)

17. June 14, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court on executing and receiving REXCO, Inc's contract. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to execute contract with REXCO, INC. for TXDOT Rider 45 Road Improvement Project McCoy Road and Bayer Road.

Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive executed contract with REXCO, INC. for TXDOT Rider 45 Road Improvement Project McCoy Road and Bayer Road and take appropriate action.**

(18-48:37)

18. June 14, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the executed contract with REXCO, INC. for TXDOT Rider 45 Road Improvement Project McCoy Road and Bayer Road.

Motion adopted.

- 19. Authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary closing documents associated with the purchase of Lot 4R, Block 143 of the Original Townsite Resubdivision No.**

91, City of Victoria, Victoria, Texas, and authorize the County Auditor to fund the property purchase and take appropriate action.

(19-48:58)

19. June 14, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court information. Commissioner Danny Garcia, spoke with Robin Knipling, Administrative Services, on using the stimulus money. Ms. Knipling responded to Commissioner Garcia's question. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court, except Commissioner Kevin Janak, who abstained, authorized the County Judge to execute all necessary closing documents associated with the purchase of Lot 4R, Block 143 of the Original Townsite Resubdivision No. 91, City of Victoria, Victoria, Texas, and authorized the County Auditor to fund the property purchase.

Motion adopted

- 20. Receive executed copy of 2021-SWB-0030 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program Subaward Agreement and take appropriate action.**

(20-52:31)

20. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received executed copy of 2021-SWB-0030 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program Subaward Agreement.

Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Order No. 2021-0064 Ratifying Purchase of Certificates of Deposits from New York Community Bank and take appropriate action.**

(21-52:58)

21. June 14, 2021. Sean Kennedy, Treasurer, provided the Court information on the CD. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved Order No. 2021-0064 Ratifying Purchase of Certificates of Deposits from New York Community Bank.

Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of the following requests for payments in connection to CDBG Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262 and take appropriate actions:**

- a. CivilCorp in the amount of \$27,270.00**

(22a-53:58)

22a. June 14, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved payment for CivilCorp in the amount of \$27,270.00 in connection to CDBG Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262

Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following requests for payments in connection to CDBG Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262 and

take appropriate actions:

b. Grantworks in the amount of \$7,241.70

(22b-53:58)

22b. June 14, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved payment for Grantworks in the amount of \$7,241.70 in connection to CDBG Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262.

Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of Resolution 2021-0063 accepting a donation of \$750.00 from American Legion Post 166 for the Crossroads Area Veteran's Center and take appropriate action.**

(23-54:35)

23. June 14, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2021-0063 accepting a donation of \$750.00 from American Legion Post 166 for the Crossroads Area Veteran's Center.

Motion adopted.

- 24. Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in PCT #1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate actions:**

**a. Resolution 2021-0065 from Celina & Kris Corona at 132 King Rd.,
Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$840.00.**

(24a-55:01)

24a. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2021-0065 from Celina & Kris Corona at 132 King Rd., Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$840.00.

Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in PCT #1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate actions:

**b. Resolution 2021-0066 from Randy Reyes at the Corner of Rio Grand St. &
Commerce St., Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$200.00.**

(24b-55:01)

24b. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2021-0066 from Randy Reyes at the Corner of Rio Grand St. & Commerce St., Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$200.00. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in PCT #1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate

actions:

- c. Resolution 2021-0067 from Luis Mario Alvarado at 318 Nueces St.,
Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$540.00.**

(24c-55:01)

24c. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2021-0067 from Luis Mario Alvarado at 318 Nueces St., Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$540.00. Motion adopted.

**Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in PCT #1 for
installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate
actions:**

- d. Resolution 2021-0068 from Mary E. Rendon at Roger St., Bloomington, Texas
in the amount of \$300.00.**

(24d-55:01)

24d. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2021-0068 from Mary E. Rendon at Roger St., Bloomington, Texas in the amount of \$300.00. Motion adopted.

- 25. Consider approval of request for plat exemption from Hunter Brennan on Nursery
Road in Precinct #2 and take appropriate action.**

(25-56:21)

25. June 14, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, spoke to the Court on a plat exemption from Hunter Brennan. Commissioner Danny Garcia spoke on subdivision standards. Mr. Johnston wanted to remind the Court that there is a predevelopment meeting every Thursday morning at the Health Department. Anyone with an interest on developing their property is welcome to come. Commissioner Clint Ives spoke on developing property and policies. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved request for plat exemption from Hunter Brennan on Nursery Road in Precinct #2. Motion adopted.

- 26. Consider approval of proposal bid with Creager Bros. Concrete Contractors, Inc. in
Precinct #4 for improvements to Ocelot Dr., Inez, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(26-1:02:49)

26. June 14, 2021. Commissioner Clint Ives provided information to the Court on the proposal. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved proposal bid with Creager Bros. Concrete Contractors, Inc. in Precinct #4 for improvements to Ocelot Dr., Inez, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 27. Consider approval of the purchase of equipment from Anderson Machinery in the
amount of \$82,240.00 for Precinct #4 and take appropriate action.**

(27-1:03:35)

27. June 14, 2021. Commissioner Clint Ives spoke to the Court on the equipment purchase for Precinct #4. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the purchase of equipment from Anderson Machinery in the amount of \$82,240.00 for Precinct #4.

Motion adopted.

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

(28-1:04:07)

28. June 14, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received for the record 2021 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Commissary Fund #380.

Motion adopted.

29. Consider approval of the following 2021 budget amendments and take appropriate actions.

(29-1:04:32)

29. June 14, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the following 2021 budget amendments and take appropriate actions:

- a. General Fund, Various Department, Expenditures - Line Item Transfer
- b. Emergency Management Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line Item Transfer
- c. Road & Bridge Precinct #3, Revenues and Expenditures - Line Item Transfer
- d. Road & Bridge Precinct #4, Expenditures - Line Item Transfer
- e. Health Department, Expenditures - Line Item Transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(30-1:05:13)

30. June 14, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

a. Vinicio Lenny Llerena, Airport Manager- Victoria Regional Airport:

- 1. Salary Change for Hunter Nichols, Line Attendant, from a rate of \$14.50 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1110 to a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective 6-5-2021.
- 2. Employment of Jacob Pope, Line Attendant, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1110, effective June 22, 2021.

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b. Justin Marr, Sheriff – Sheriff's Office:

- 1. Employment of Michelle Schroeder, Certified Medical Aide, at a rate of \$17.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1126, effective June 15, 2021.

2. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Christopher Wright, to be paid Advanced Certificate Pay of \$46.15 per pay period, effective 06/25/2021. Certification date for Christopher Wright is June 2, 2021. Budget Coding: Detention Certificate Pay 100-565-1137
- c. Ben Zeller, County Judge- County Judge's Office:
 1. Certificate of completion from the Texas Association of Counties for TAC Cybersecurity Awareness Training (2021 Certified) for Ben Zeller, County Judge.

Motion adopted

31. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss/deliberate regarding the Commissioner's Court Administrative Assistants.

(31-1:05:57)

31. June 14, 2021. The Commissioners Court went into closed session at 11:06 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss/deliberate regarding the Commissioner's Court Administrative Assistants.

32. Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102 return to open meeting and take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.

(32-2:27:49)

32. June 14, 2021. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:27 p.m. pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

33. Adjourn

(33-2:27:58)

33. June 14, 2021. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 14, 2021.