

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **6th day of July 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	Absent
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
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, SPECIAL
VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX**

1. Call to Order.

(1-0:00)

1. July 6, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. July 6, 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.

(3-1:15)

3. July 6, 2021. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Gary Burns thanked Fire Marshal Richard Castillo and all volunteer fire departments for coming out to Patriot Park for July 4th and also stated the veterans' event had a good turnout.

Fire Marshal Richard Castillo provided information on their annual fundraiser that will be held on August 7, 2021.

Lenny Llerena, Airport Manager, provided the number of passengers on the United Express flights from the airport, for the month of June 2021.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-3:51)

4. July 6, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 28, 2021. Motion adopted.

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

action.

(5-5:16)

5. July 6, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	7/6/2021	\$219,779.33
Supplemental Accounts	6/25/2021 – 7/1/2021	\$163,282.54

Motion adopted.

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

(6-5:52)

6. July 6, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the District Clerk; Constable, Precinct No. 3; and Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-6:09)

7. July 6, 2021. None. No action taken.

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

(8-6:17)

8. July 6, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated July 1, 2021 in the amount of \$813,816.51 and the ACH report dated July 1, 2021 in the amount of \$2,531,887.72. Motion adopted.

9. Presentation of the 2020 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to the Victoria Historical Commission and take appropriate action.

(9-6:58)

9. July 6, 2021. County Judge Zeller explained and presented The Victoria County Historical Commission with the 2020 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program. Jeff Wright, Gary Hall, Bobbie Guinn, Bill Pozzi, and Diana Rhodes with the Historical Commission were all present. No action taken.

10. Consider appointments/reappointments to the Citizens Medical Center Board of Managers and take appropriate action.

(10-10:58)

10. July 6, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the reappointments of Ben Galvan, Place 1; Paul Holm, Place 3; and Dr. Tanya Seiler, Place 7, to the Citizens Medical Center Board of Managers. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of a contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc. as part of the 20/21 Texas Healthy Communities Grant No. HHS00043840007 A-1 Work Plan and take

appropriate action.

(11-13:00)

11. July 6, 2021. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved a contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc. for the creation of a mobile app called "Ready Victoria Emergency Preparedness UNITE App", which is a part of the 20/21 Texas Healthy Communities Grant No. HHS00043840007 A-1 Work Plan with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 12. Receive 2021 Second Quarter Plat Request Report from County Engineer and take appropriate action.**

(12-15:05)

12. July 6, 2021. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the 2021 second quarter plat exemption request report from County Engineer John Johnston. Motion adopted.

- 13. Ratify Rebuild Texas Fund Grant Agreement Amendment No. 3, Victoria County Regional Disaster Response and Recovery Center Project, 311 E. Constitution Freight Elevator Repair and take appropriate action.**

(13-16:51)

13. July 6, 2021. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court ratified the Rebuild Texas Fund Grant Agreement Amendment No. 3 for the Victoria County Regional Disaster Response and Recovery Center Project, 311 E. Constitution Freight Elevator Repair. Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive for the record a fully executed contract with Burns & McDonnell for an Airport Land Use Development Plan in the amount of \$130,000.00 and take appropriate action.**

(14-17:43)

14. July 6, 2021. Airport Manager Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed contract with Burns and McDonnell for an Airport Land Use Development Plan in the amount of \$130,000.00. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the Victoria Regional Airport and take appropriate action.**

(15-18:24)

15. July 6, 2021. Airport Manager Lenny Llerena provided the Court with information. Michael Ada with Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission also spoke to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court authorized the submittal of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the Victoria Regional Airport. Motion adopted.

- 16. Receive for the record a notice of business name change from Nail Spot by Linda to Nail Spot located at 2604 Mockingbird Lane, Suite A in Precinct No. 4 as of June 8, 2021, and take appropriate action.**

(16-28:49)

16. July 6, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received for the record a notice of business name change from Nail Spot by Linda to Nail Spot located at 2604 Mockingbird Lane, Suite A in Precinct No. 4 as of June 8, 2021. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0071 for road donation in PCT No. 1 from Selena Maldonado for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 113 Crockett St. Placedo, Texas 77977 in the amount of \$297.00 and take appropriate action.**

(17-29:28)

17. July 6, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0071 for road donation in the amount of \$297.00 from Selena Maldonado of 113 Crockett St, Placedo, Texas, 77977 in Precinct No. 1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive for the record 2021 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund No. 360 and take appropriate action.**

(18-29:59)

18. July 6, 2021 Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2021 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund 360 as an increase. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of the following 2021 budget amendments and take appropriate actions:**

(19-30:28)

19. July 6, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the 2021 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures – Increase
- b. Emergency Management, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- c. General Fund, Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Airport Capital Project Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Decrease

Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.**

(20-1:09:48)

20. July 6, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners

Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 1. Resignation of James Williams, Supervision Officer III, with 80.0 PTO and 15.39 Compensatory hours due, effective June 24, 2021.
 2. Employment of Jason Drane, Extra Help - PRN, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective July 7, 2021.
 3. Employment of Alicia Strong, Extra Help - PRN, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective July 7, 2021.
 4. Employment of Alfred Garza, Extra Help - Rover, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective July 7, 2021.
 5. Employment of Dakota Stewart, Extra Help - Rover, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective July 7, 2021.
- b. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 1. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Amber Warmuth, to be paid Intermediate Certificate Pay of \$23.08 per pay period, effective July 23, 2021. Certification date for Amber Warmuth is June 23, 2021. Budget Coding: Detention Certificate Pay: 100-565-1137.
 2. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Jose Diaz, to be paid Intermediate Certificate Pay of \$23.08 per pay period, effective July 23, 2021. Certification date for Jose Diaz is June 23, 2021. Budget Coding: Enforcement/CID Certificate Pay: 100-563-1137.
 3. Salary change for Jonathan Billman, Patrol Deputy, from a rate of \$23.57 per hour, Budget Codes 100-563-1109-22.57 and 100-563-1136-1.00 to a rate of \$24.66 per hour, Budget Codes 100-563-1109-23.66 and 100-563-1136-1.00, effective July 17, 2021.
 4. Employment of Samantha Partida, Detention Deputy, at a rate of \$23.57 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1114-22.57 and 100-565-1136-1.00, effective July 13, 2021.
 5. Employment of Miguel Ramos, Detention Officer Tier 1, at a rate of \$17.99 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1116, effective July 13, 2021.
- c. Lenny Llerena, Airport Manager - Victoria Regional Airport:
 1. Request to pay Fred Taylor, Line Supervisor, 100 hours of his compensatory balance, to be paid from the Airport's budget.
- d. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Director:
 1. Separation of Employment (Other) of Sonal Thorat, Epidemiologist, effective June 29, 2021. Other Remarks: Cell Phone Allowance 800-689-1139 \$41.54 per pay period.

Motion adopted.

21. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government code §551.074 to discuss Victoria County Health Department personnel.

(21-32:00)

21. July 6, 2021. The Commissioners Court went into closed session at 10:31 a.m.,

pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss Victoria County Health Department personnel.

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

(22-1:09:27)

22. July 6, 2021. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:08 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

23. Adjourn.

(23-1:10:09)

23 July 6, 2021. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of July 6, 2021.