

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **16th day of August 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, August 16, 2021, 10:00 AM, SPECIAL TERM
VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order.

(1-0:00)

1. August 16, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. August 16, 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.

(3-1:07)

3. August 16, 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, recognized Dr. Sandra Cochran, Veterinarian at Acres of Animals, on her services.

County Clerk Heidi Easley informed the Court that brand registration renewal will begin on August 31, 2021 and continue through February 28, 2022.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-5:01)

4. August 16, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on August 9, 2021. Motion adopted.

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

action.

(5-5:13)

5. August 16, 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	8/16/2021	\$370,664.88
Supplemental Accounts	8/6/2021 – 8/12/2021	\$190,362.70

Motion adopted.

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

(6-5:44)

6. August 16, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the District Clerk; Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1; County Extension Agent Family and Community Health; and County Extension Agent Ag/Natural Resources 4-H. Motion adopted.

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

(7-6:11)

7. August 16, 2021. None. No action taken.

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

(8-6:18)

8. August 16, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated August 12, 2021 in the amount of \$444,428.37 and the ACH report dated August 12, 2021 in the amount of \$2,780,159.81. Motion adopted

9. Hear a presentation from the Victoria County Extension Agents on 4-H kids that received college scholarships and participated in the State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June. The Texas 4-H Scholarship Food Challenge team from Victoria will move on to Nationals in September and take appropriate action.

(9-7:00)

9. August 16, 2021. Paige Melton, Victoria County Extension 4-H Agent, introduced Audrey Garrett who received a scholarship through the 4-H program. Ms. Garrett stated how the 4-H program will help in her future, and what her future plans are. Gayle Bludau with Victoria County Extension Service informed the Court that the 4-H cooking team had a successful summer. Ms. Bludau stated they participated in the Great American Seafood Cook-off in New Orleans and placed second and they will compete in Nationals in September. Trapper Feuerbacher, Macy Cantu, Kade Kubecka, and Macie Kolodziejczyk, members of the cooking team, introduced themselves and performed their introduction to the Court. State 4-H Roundup will be in College Station in June. The Texas 4-H Scholarship Food Challenge team from Victoria will move on to Nationals in September. No action taken.

10. Set dates for two public hearings for the adoption of the proposed 2022 Victoria

County budget and 2021 tax rate for August 30, 2021 and September 7, 2021, and take appropriate action.

(10-15:03)

10. August 16, 2021. County Judge Ben Zeller stated the public hearings for the adoption of the proposed 2022 Victoria County budget and 2021 tax rate dates are as follows:

First Public Hearing – August 30, 2021

Second Public Hearing – September 7, 2021

Adoption of 2022 Victoria County Budget and 2021 Tax Rate -
September 13, 2021

Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court set the dates for the two public hearings for the adoption of the proposed 2022 Victoria County budget and the 2021 tax rate for August 30, 2021 and September 7, 2021. Motion adopted.

11. Pursuant to Local Government Code, Sec §118.025, hold a public hearing for the 2022 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan and take appropriate action.

(11-16:45)

11. August 16, 2021. County Judge Zeller opened the public hearing for the 2022 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan. County Clerk Heidi Easley explained the Archival Plan to the Court and answered the Court's questions. Judge Zeller closed the public hearing. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the 2022 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan. Motion adopted.

12. Consider adopting rates and percentage breakdown for Road and Bridge Revenues for 2022 and take appropriate action.

(12-19:56)

12. August 16, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court adopted the rates and percentage breakdown for Road and Bridge Revenues for 2022. Motion adopted.

13. Ratify Rider 37 Grant Application submitted by the Victoria County Navigation District - Port of Victoria for legal authorization to construct a project and take appropriate action.

(13-20:37)

13. August 16, 2021. Commissioner Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court ratified the Rider 37 Grant Application submitted by the Victoria County Navigation District Port of Victoria for legal authorization to construct a project. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of minutes for June 2021 from Victoria Regional Airport and take appropriate action.

(14-23:14)

14. August 16, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the Victoria Regional Airport Commission Meeting minutes of June 16, 2021. Motion adopted.

15. Receive for the record 2021 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment for Sheriff's

Commissary Fund #380 and take appropriate action.

(15-23:34)

15. August 16, 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 Commissary Fund No. 380 as an Increase. Motion adopted.

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

(16-24:04)

16. August 16, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the 2021 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Elections Administrators Special, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. General Fund, Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

17. Discuss the Victoria Regional Airport 2022 budget, and take appropriate action.

(17-24:55)

17. August 16, 2021. County Judge Zeller discussed the Victoria Regional Airport 2022 budget. After discussion, the Court stated the Victoria Regional Airport 2022 budget will remain as it was proposed last week with only 3% COLA for all airport employees. No action taken.

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

(18-27:35)

18. August 16, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Employment of Anthony Hernandez, Jr., Extra Help - Rover, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective August 17, 2021.
 - 2. Employment of Jennifer Ann Olguin, Extra Help - PRN, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective August 17, 2021.
 - 3. Salary and position change for Nicole Ellis, from Supervision Officer II, at a rate of \$18.66 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1154 to Supervision Officer III, at a rate of \$20.03 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1151, effective August 14, 2021.
 - 4. Resignation of Norman Edward Simmang, Jr., Supervision Officer, effective August 4, 2021.
 - 5. Dismissal of Alicia Strong, Extra Help - PRN, effective August 10, 2021.

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- b. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. Salary and position change for Patrick Osborn, from Detention Deputy, at a

- rate of \$23.57 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1114-22.57 and 100-565-1136-1.00 to Courts/Extradition, at a rate of \$24.66 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1110-23.66 and 100-565-1136-1.00, effective August 14, 2021.
2. Salary and position change for Natalia Gonzales, from Corporal, at a rate of \$25.51 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1109-24.51 and 100-565-1136-1.00 to Sr. Patrol Deputy, at a rate of \$23.57 per hour, Budget Codes 100-563-1109-\$22.57 and 100-563-1136-\$1.00, effective August 14, 2021.
 3. Resignation of Henry Koontz, Intelligence Analyst, with 4.62 PTO and 34.51 Compensatory hours due, effective August 13, 2021.
 4. Salary and position change for Katie Behrends, from Clerk III, at a rate of \$16.10 per hour, Budget Code 360-560-1121 to Intelligence Analyst, at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 340-560-1115, effective August 14, 2021.
- c. Clint Ives, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 - Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4:
1. Other - Separation of Employment for Michael Simpson, Extra Help, effective August 10, 2021.
- d. Vinicio Llerena, Airport Manager - Victoria Regional Airport:
1. Resignation of Pamela C. Depine, Ops/Maint Spec II, with 4.86 PTO hours due, effective August 5, 2021.
- e. Ashley Hernandez, Tax Assessor Collector - County Tax Office:
1. Salary change for Betsi Rivera Lopez, Clerk III, from a rate of \$14.75 per hour, Budget Code 100-499-1106 to a rate of \$15.25 per hour, effective August 14, 2021.

Motion adopted.

19. Adjourn.

(19-28:23)

19. August 16, 2021. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of August 16, 2021.