

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **30th 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 30, 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 30, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, August 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:05)

2. August 30, 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.

(3-01:26)

3. August 30, 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.

(4-03:46)

4. August 30, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on August 23, 2021. Motion adopted.

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

(5-04:01)

5. August 30, 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	8/30/2021	\$170,317.67
Supplemental Accounts	8/20/2021 – 8/26/2021	\$163,116.05

Motion adopted.

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

(6-04:35)

6. August 30, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the Treasurer, Tax Assessor-Collector, and Pre-Trial Services.

Motion adopted.

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

(7-04:54)

7. August 30, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the release of the following bond forfeiture judgments from the Court:

- a. Cause No. CIV1-20237: The State of Texas vs. Brittany Nicole Pell, Defendant and A&A Bail Bonds, Surety.

Motion adopted.

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

(8-05:50)

8. August 30, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated August 26, 2021 in the amount of \$689,601.59 and the ACH report dated August 26, 2021 in the amount of \$2,325,922.63.

Motion adopted

9. Hear updates related to ongoing public safety concerns, including Border Crisis, Covid-19, and Hurricane/Tropical Storm preparedness, and take appropriate action.

(9-06:12)

9. August 30, 2021. Will Franklin, Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, provided information to the Court on the border crisis. Chief Franklin also stated that the Corpus Christi Border Patrol Office had shut down. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided information to the Court on Covid-19. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke to the court about Hurricane/Tropical Storm preparedness. A discussion was held by the Court. The Commissioners Court heard updates related to ongoing public safety concerns, including Border Crisis, Covid-19, and Hurricane/Tropical Storm preparedness.

No action taken.

10. Consider the 2022 County holiday schedule and take appropriate action.

(10-25:32)

10. August 30, 2021. Commissioner Danny Garcia and Commissioner Kevin Janak spoke to the Court. The Court decided in observation of New Years that the County will be closed on January 3, 2022. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the 2022 County holiday schedule.

Motion adopted.

11. Hold a public hearing on the 2022 Proposed Budget and take appropriate action.

(11-28:41)

11. August 30, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, declared the public hearing open, 2022 Proposed Budget. Hearing no public comments, County Judge Zeller declared the public hearing closed.

No action taken.

12. Announce date, time, and place for a vote on the 2022 Victoria County Budget and 2021 tax rate and take appropriate action.

(12-29:42)

12. August 30, 2021. County Judge Ben Zeller stated that there will be a public hearing in regards to tax rates on September 7, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court announced the date, time, and place for the vote on the 2022 Victoria County Budget and 2021 tax rate.

The 2022 budget and 2021 tax rate are set to be adopted on:

September 13, 2021, Victoria County Courthouse, 115 N. Bridge St, Second Floor, Rm 241, Victoria, Texas at 10:00 a.m.

Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of a request from Constable James Callaway to appoint Rex Mayes as a reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct #2 and take appropriate action.

(13-30:46)

13. August 30, 2021. Constable James Callaway, Precinct 2, Rex Mays, Commissioner Danny Garcia, and Commissioner Clint Ives spoke briefly to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the request from Constable James Callaway to appoint Rex Mayes as a reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct #2.

Motion adopted.

14. Receive the District Court Order setting the 2022 salaries of the Victoria County Auditor and Assistants and take appropriate action.

(14-32:47)

14. August 30, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received the District Court Order setting the 2022 salaries of the Victoria County Auditor and Assistants.

Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of renewal of the Attorney General Contract No. 22-C0071 regarding State Case Registry of Child Support Division FY 2022-2026 for the Victoria District Clerk's Office and take appropriate action.

(15-33:05)

15. August 30, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the renewal of the Attorney General Contract No. 22-C0071 regarding State Case Registry of Child Support Division FY 2022-2026 for the Victoria District Clerk's Office.

Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval and agreement between Victoria County Health Department and TLC Staffing and take appropriate action.

(16-33:51)

16. August 30, 2021. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided information to the Court. Mr. Gonzales did state that there would be a Job Fair this Thursday from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm at the Patty Dodson Public Health Center, classrooms A and B. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the agreement between Victoria County Health Department and TLC Staffing.

Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of the following FY22 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Contracts and take appropriate actions:

a. District Attorney's Office VCLG Contract No. 2215259

(17a-35:15)

17a. August 30, 2021. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the FY22 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Contract for the District Attorney's Office VCLG Contract No. 2215259.

Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following FY22 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Contracts and take appropriate actions:

b. Sheriff's Office VCLG Contract No. 2215267

(17b-35:15)

17b. August 30, 2021. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the FY22 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Contract for the Sheriff's Office VCLG Contract No. 2215267.

Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of FY22 State Automated Victim Notification System (SAVNS) Grant Contract No. 2219640 and take appropriate action.

(18-36:50)

18. August 30, 2021. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the FY22 State Automated Victim Notification System (SAVNS) Grant Contract No. 2219640.

Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of a request for plat exemption from Robert Weitz on Benbow Road in Precinct #4 and take appropriate action.

(19-37:47)

19. August 30, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court on a plat exemption. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Robert Weitz on Benbow Road in Precinct #4.

Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility and take appropriate actions:

a. Anderson County

(20a-39:04)

20a. August 30, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility in Anderson County..

Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility and take appropriate actions:

b. Deaf Smith Counties

(20b-39:04)

20b. August 30, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility in Deaf Smith County.

Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility and take appropriate actions:

c. Kerr County

(20c-39:04)

20c. August 30, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility in Kerr County.

Motion adopted.

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

(21-40:01)

21. August 30, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the following 2021 budget amendments:

a. General Fund, Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

b. Road and Bridge Precinct 4, Revenues and Expenditures- Line item transfer

c. General Fund, Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(22-40:34)

22. August 30, 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. Request to pay compensatory time of 80 hours due to FBO staffing turnover as well as after hour's business to be paid from the Airport's Budget for Hunter Nichols.
 2. Request to pay compensatory time of 80 hours due to FBO staffing turnover as well as after hour's business to be paid from the Airport's Budget for Marshall Frazier.
 3. Employment of Jeffery Peralez, Ops/Maint Spec II, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1116, effective September 8, 2021.
 4. Employment of Jesus Olivarez Jr., Ops/Maint Spec III, at a rate of \$17.17 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1117, effective August 31, 2021.
- b. **Constance Filley Johnson, Criminal District Attorney- District Attorney's Office:-**
 1. Resignation of Pamela Collins Stovall, First Assistant CDA, effective August 27, 2021.
 2. Salary and position change for Zachary A. Miles, from Misd. Assistant CDA at a rate of \$32.25 per hour, Budget Code 100-475-1105, to First Assistant CDA/Appellate at a rate of \$38.47 per hour, Budget Code 100-475-1140, effective August 28, 2021.
- c. **Justin Marr, Sheriff – Sheriff's Office:**
 1. Resignation of Josias Lemus, Detention Officer (Tier 1), effective September 3, 2021.
 2. Salary and position change for Reagan Gabrysch, from Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, to Detention Officer Tier 3 at a rate of \$22.19 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1115, effective September 11, 2021.
 3. Salary and position change for Melinda Charleston, from Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, to Detention Officer Tier 3 at a rate of \$22.19 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1115, effective September 11, 2021.
 5. Salary and position change for Blake Eschenburg, from Detention Officer Tier 1 at a rate of \$17.99 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1116, to Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, effective September 11, 2021.
 6. Salary and position change for Kristopher Rodriguez, from Detention Officer (Tier 1) at a rate of \$17.99 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1114, to Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, effective September 11, 2021.
 7. Salary and position change for Cullen Machac, from Detention Officer Tier 1 at a rate of \$17.99 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1116, to Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, effective September 11, 2021.

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8. Salary and position change for Trentan Little, from Detention Officer Tier 1 at a rate of \$17.99 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1116, to Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, effective September 11,

2021.

9. Salary and position change for Taylor Gilbert, from Detention Officer Tier 2 at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1117, to Detention Officer Tier 3 at a rate of \$22.19 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1115, effective September 11, 2021.
- d. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Services/Detention:
 1. Resignation of Alfred Garza, Extra Help-Rover, effective August 20, 2021.
 2. Salary Change for Floyd Jaster, JPO Supervisor, from a rate of \$25.45 per hour, Budget Code 231-575-1110 to a rate of \$26.21 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 3. Salary Change for Pama Hencerling, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, from a rate of \$45.96 per hour, Budget Codes 231-584-1102 \$41.17 and 231-584-1103 (Goliad) \$4.79 to a rate of \$47.20 per hour, Budget Codes 231-584-1102 \$42.41 and 231-584-1103 (Goliad) \$4.79 effective September 1, 2021.
 4. Salary Change for Suzanne Jimenez, Court Srvs Coordinator, from a rate of \$21.96 per hour, Budget Code 231-588-1103 to a rate of \$22.62 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 5. Salary Change for Christina Pinon, Chief Clerk, from a rate of \$18.54 per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1106 \$17.54 and 231-575-1112 (Goliad) \$1.00 to a rate of \$19.07 per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1106 \$18.07 and 231-575-1112 (Goliad) \$1.00 effective September 1, 2021.
 6. Salary Change for Robyn Cox, Data Coordinator, from a rate of \$17.54 per hour, Budget Code 231-588-1111 \$17.54 to a rate of \$19.07 per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1111 \$18.07 and 231-577-1111 (Goliad) \$1.00 effective September 1, 2021.
 7. Salary Change for Kelly Arnecke, Assistant Chief, from a rate of \$35.33 per hour, Budget Codes 231-575-1104 \$29.88, 231-584-1104 \$3.35 and 100-573-1140 \$2.10 to a rate of \$36.29 per hour, Budget Codes 231-575-1104 \$30.78, 231-584-1104 \$3.35 and 100-573-1140 \$2.16 effective September 1, 2021.
 8. Salary Change for Julie Reyna, Clerk III, from a rate of \$16.10 per hour, Budget Code 231-588-1109 to a rate of \$16.58 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 9. Salary Change for Robin Mathis, Clerk III, from a rate of \$16.10 per hour, Budget Code 231-588-1109 to a rate of \$16.58 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 10. Salary Change for Esmeralda Trevino, Clerk III, from a rate of \$16.10 per hour, Budget Code 231-588-1109 to a rate of \$16.58 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 11. Salary Change for Theresa Haywood, JPO, from a rate of \$21.73 per hour, Budget Code 231-571-1106 to a rate of \$22.38 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.

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12. Salary Change for Wade Purcell, JPO, from a rate of \$19.95 per hour, Budget Code 231-571-1107 to a rate of \$20.55 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
13. Salary Change for Senae Williams, JPO, from a rate of \$20.80 per hour, Budget

- Code 231-588-1105 to a rate of \$21.42 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
14. Salary Change for Mary Deaton, JPO, from a rate of \$22.46 per hour, Budget Code 231-577-1106 to a rate of \$23.13 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 15. Salary Change for Marissa Purcell, JPO, from a rate of \$19.95 and \$1.50 Goliad per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1105 \$19.95 and 231-577-1108 \$1.50 to a rate of \$20.55 and \$1.50 Goliad per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1105 \$20.55 and 231-577-1108 \$1.50, effective September 1, 2021.
 16. Salary Change for Juan Llanes, JPO, from a rate of \$19.95 per hour, Budget Code 231-571-1107 to a rate of \$20.55 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 17. Salary Change for Shelly Hencerling, JPO, from a rate of \$19.07 per hour, Budget Code 231-571-1108 to a rate of \$19.64 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
 18. Salary Change for Katelynn Thedford, JPO, from a rate of \$19.07 per hour, Budget Code 231-571-1107 to a rate of \$19.64 per hour, effective September 1, 2021.
- e. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
1. Salary Change for Barbara Fuller, ADAP Eligibility Worker, from a rate of \$17.75 per hour, Budget Code 800-672-1105 to a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective August 14, 2021.
 2. Salary Change for Beth Vianes, Medical Case Manager, from a rate of \$17.75 per hour, Budget Codes 800-674-1113 (60%) \$10.65 and 800-672-1113 (40%) \$7.10 to a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Codes 800-674-1113 (60%) \$10.80 and 800-672-1113 (40%) \$7.20, effective August 14, 2021.
 3. Salary Change for Kimberly Kirbo, Caseworker/Associate, from a rate of \$17.75 per hour, Budget Codes 800-656-1104 (70%) \$12.43 and 800-663-1104 (30%) \$5.32 to a rate of \$18.00 per hour Budget Codes 800-656-1104 (70%) \$12.60 and 800-663-1104 (30%) \$5.40, effective August 14, 2021.
 4. Salary Change for Victoria Reyna, Program Administrator, from a rate of \$24.25 per hour, Budget Codes 800-674-1102 (70%) \$16.98 and 800-663-1102 (30%) \$7.27 to a rate of \$24.50 per hour Budget Codes 800-674-1102 (70%) \$17.15 and 800-663-1102 (30%) \$7.35, effective August 14, 2021.
 5. Employment of Sarrah Beaver, Community Health Worker I, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, Budget Code 804-631-1104, effective September 8, 2021.

Motion adopted.

23. Adjourn.

(23-45:14)

23. August 30, 2021. Before the meeting was adjourned, Commissioner Kevin Janak asked Will Franklin, Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, to repeat the issues on the border patrol situation. Chief Franklin provided the information as requested. Commissioner Janak also spoke on the issues in Afghanistan. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of August 30, 2021.