

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **7th day of September 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
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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. September 7, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. September 7, 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.

(3-1:19)

3. September 7, 2021. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Garcia mentioned 9-11 is approaching and asked the citizens to remember the families that lost family members during 9-11.

Commissioner Janak asked for prayers for the American citizens left behind enemy lines and that the public should remember how this administration failed them.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-2:52)

4. September 7, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on August 30, 2021. Motion adopted.

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

(5-3:05)

5. September 7, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	9/7/2021	\$219,979.31
Supplemental Accounts	8/27/2021 – 9/2/2021	\$41,987.29

Motion adopted.

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

(6-3:39)

6. September 7, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; District Clerk; County Clerk; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 2, 3 and 4; and Constable, Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

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

(7-4:06)

7. September 7, 2021. None. No action taken.

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

(8-4:16)

8. September 7, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated September 2, 2021 in the amount of \$486,530.02 and the ACH report dated September 2, 2021 in the amount of \$2,524,684.28. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a presentation from Walker & Associates regarding the Victoria County Employee Health Insurance program and take appropriate action.

(9-5:06)

9. September 7, 2021. Laura Gwaltney with Walker and Associates gave a presentation on the last six months of Victoria County's Employee Health Insurance plan to Commissioners Court. Judge Zeller and Commissioner Ives responded to the presentation. Ms. Gwaltney responded to Judge Zeller and Commissioner Ives. The Court discussed air and ground ambulance coverage and premiums. Gina Howard, Human Resources Director, answered the Court's questions. No action taken.

10. Hold a public hearing on the proposed 2021 tax rate of 0.3959. *The tax rate is set to be adopted on September 13, 2021 at the Victoria County Courthouse, 115 N Bridge St, Second Floor, Rm 241, Victoria, Texas, at 10:00 a.m.*

(10-37:41)

10. September 7, 2021. A public hearing was held on the proposed 2021 Victoria County tax rate of 0.3959. Judge Zeller stated that this tax rate is set to be adopted on September 13, 2021 at the Victoria County Courthouse, 115 N. Bridge Street, Second Floor, Room 241, Victoria, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. Judge Zeller opened the public hearing. Commissioner Clint Ives informed the Court of the Constables needing new equipment and the border crisis situation handled by the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Marr and Chief Deputy Franklin held a discussion with the Court regarding a new Administration Deputy position to handle the bailouts for the Sheriff's Department. Judge Zeller closed the public hearing. No action taken.

- 11. Receive District Court Orders setting the 2022 salaries of the Official Court Reporters and Official Alternate Court Reporter for the 24th, 135th, 267th, and 377th, Judicial Districts and take appropriate action.**

(11-1:04:59)

11. September 7, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the District Court Orders setting the 2022 salaries of the Official Court Reporters and Official Alternate Court Reporter for the 24th, 135th, 267th and 377th Judicial Districts. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider authorization to proceed with a compensation study and take appropriate action.**

(12-1:05:30)

12. September 7, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court authorized to proceed with a compensation study for Victoria County. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of the following item for the Victoria County Health Department and take appropriate action:**

HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) Contract No. 5609/4-565-03

(13a-1:05:44)

13a. September 7, 2021. Victoria Reyna with the Victoria County Public Health Department provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) Contract No. 5609/4-565-03 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following item for the Victoria County Health Department and take appropriate action:

2021-2022 Environmental Public Health Services Agreement with Dewitt County, Texas

(13b-1:05:44)

13b. September 7, 2021. Samantha Friar with the Victoria County Public Health Department provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the 2021-2022 Environmental Public Health Services Agreement between Dewitt County, Texas and the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following item for the Victoria County Health Department and take appropriate action:

Receive fully executed Interlocal Cooperation Contract - DSHS Contract No. HHS001077700001 (CPS/Public Health Workforce)

(13c-1:05:44)

13c. September 7, 2021. Samantha Friar with the Victoria County Public Health Department provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Interlocal Cooperation Contract - DSHS Contract No. HHS001077700001 (CPS/Public Health Workforce). Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following item for the Victoria County Health Department and take appropriate action:

Receive fully executed COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant - Contract No.

HHS001057600044

(13d-1:05:44)

13d. September 7, 2021. Samantha Friar with the Victoria County Public Health Department provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant-Contract No. HHS001057600044. Motion adopted.

- 14. Review and consider approval of a Paid Quarantine Leave Policy in connection with HB 2073's requirement to provide paid leave to firefighters, peace officers, detention officers, and EMTs if exposed to communicable diseases while on duty and take appropriate action.**

(14-1:12:26)

14. September 7, 2021. Human Resource Director Gina Howard reviewed the Paid Quarantine Leave Policy in connection with HB 2073 requirement to provide paid leave to firefighters, peace officers, detention officers, and EMT's if exposed to communicable diseases while on duty to the Court. After discussion, the Commissioners Court passed on this agenda item. No action taken.

- 15. Ratify Second Contract Renewal Participating Entity Services Agreement with Appriss Inc. Contract No. 20212244900-515-01 related to the SAVNS grant and take appropriate action.**

(15-1:22:54)

15. September 7, 2021. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court ratified the Second Contract Renewal Participating Entity Services Agreement with Appriss Inc. Contract No. 20212244900-515-01 related to the SAVNS grant. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of a request for plat exemption from Robert Castro at 93 Opravil Road in Precinct No. 1 and take appropriate action.**

(16-1:23:44)

16. September 7, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, briefed the court on the plat exemption request from Robert Castro. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Robert Castro at 93 Opravil Road in Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

- 17. Receive and consider approval for execution of CK Newberry, LLC Construction for Victoria County, Precinct No. 4 street Improvements (Minatre Road, Hiller/Midway Road, Gin Road, and Leita Road), TxCDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-094-C262, and take appropriate action.**

(17-1:25:02)

17. September 7, 2021. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received the CK Newberry, LLC Construction for Victoria County, Precinct No. 4 street improvements (Minatre Road, Hiller/Midway Road, Gin Road, and Leita Road, TxCDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-094-C262. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0084, for a donation of 12 boxes of Narcan valued at \$1,560.00 from Cattan Recovery Outreach Center to be used by the Victoria County Sheriff's Interdiction and Special Crimes Units, and take appropriate action.**

(18-1:27:25)

18. September 7, 2021. Sheriff Marr thanked Cattan Recovery Outreach Center for the donation and provided information to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0084 for a donation of 12 boxes of Narcan valued at \$1,560.00 from Cattan Recovery Outreach Center to be used by the Victoria County Sheriff's Interdiction and Special Crimes Units. Motion adopted.

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

(19-1:28:52)

19. September 7, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Attorney General Contract No. 22-C0071 renewal regarding State Case Registry of Child Support Division FY 2022-2026 for the Victoria District Clerk's Office. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility and take appropriate action: Bandera County**

(20a-1:29:33)

20a. September 7, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential contracts between the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility and Bandera County. Motion adopted.

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

(20b-1:29:33)

20b. September 7, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential contracts between the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility and Waller County. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0082 for a road donation from Shawn Bower for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 318 Quail Creek Dr. in the amount of \$392.00 in PCT No. 3 and take appropriate action.**

(21-1:30:20)

21. September 7, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0082 for road donation in the amount of \$392.00 from Shawn Bower of 318 Quail Creek Drive, Victoria, Texas, in Precinct No. 3 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0083 for a road donation from Juan**

Bentancourt for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at Wischkaemper Road in the amount of \$650.00 in PCT No. 4 and take appropriate action.

(22-1:30:47)

22. September 7, 2021. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0083 for road donation in the amount of \$650.00 from Juan Bentancourt of Wischkaemper Road, Victoria, Texas, in Precinct No. 4 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

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

(23-1:32:18)

23. September 7, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the 2021 budget amendments for:

- a. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Health Department, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(24-1:32:52)

24. September 7, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. Employment of Jason Carroll, Civil Deputy, at a rate of \$24.66 per hour, Budget Codes 100-563-1111-23.66 and 100-563-1136-1.00, effective September 14, 2021.
- b. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
 - 1. Resignation of Jodi Sandoval, Community Health Worker I, with 38.86 PTO and 1.27 Compensatory hours due, effective September 10, 2021. Other Remarks: CANCEL - Cell Phone Allowance: \$1080.00 - 804-631-1139.
 - 2. Resignation of Beth Vianes, Medical Case Manager, with 43.39 PTO hours due, effective September 9, 2021.

Motion adopted.

25. Adjourn.

(25-1:33:10)

25. September 7, 2021. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of September 7, 2021.