

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **18th day of October 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, October 18, 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. October 18, 2021. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. October 18, 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.

(3-1:06)

3. October 18, 2021. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Michael Vonderau, 2204 E. North Street, spoke to the Court regarding Covid-19 deaths and encouraged others to get vaccinated.

Megan Driver with Saving Animals Lives 24/7 spoke in regards to how the Victoria County Animal Control handled a situation that arose on Friday.

Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Court on the Regional Infusion Center and spoke on the Guadalupe River flooding.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-7:10)

4. October 18, 2021. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on October 11, 2021. Motion adopted.

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

action.

(5-7:23)

5. October 18, 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	10/18/2021	\$274,772.85
Supplemental Accounts	10/8/2021 – 10/14/2021	\$136,554.75

Motion adopted.

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

(6-8:00)

6. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly report from Fire Marshal, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 and Constable Pct. 4.

Motion adopted.

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

(7-8:19)

7. October 18, 2021. None. No action taken.

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

(8-8:35)

8. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$881,871.54 and the ACH report dated October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$2,309,222.74. Motion adopted.

9. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0097 celebrating October 17-23 as National Friends of the Library Week 50th Anniversary and take appropriate action.

(9-9:13)

9. October 18, 2021. The following members of the Victoria Library Board introduced themselves to the Court: Diana Snead- President, Maria Spencer- Board Member, Sarah Hamman- Vice President, Diane Boyett- Board Member, Jessica Berger- Assistant Director, Robin Knipling- Former Board Member, Dana Williams-Capone- Director. Ms. Snead provided information about the organization to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0097 celebrating October 17-23 as National Friends of the Library Week 50th Anniversary.
Motion adopted.

10. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0098 proclaiming the week of October 17, 2021, as Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Week, and take appropriate

action.

(10-16:33)

10. October 18, 2021. Gayle Bludau, Texas A&M AgriLife Family and Community Health Agent spoke to the Court on the work they are doing for our community. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0098 proclaiming the week of October 17, 2021, as Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Week.

Motion adopted.

- 11. Consider the request of the Victoria County Sheriff's Office to purchase a new vehicle using \$27,660 in revenue from the Sale of Surplus auction and take appropriate action.**

(11-22:07)

11. October 18, 2021. Roy Compean with the Sheriff's Office spoke to the Court about purchasing a new vehicle. Judge Ben Zeller and Commissioner Danny Garcia asked questions and Mr. Compean answered. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Victoria County Sheriff's Office to purchase a new vehicle using \$27,660 in revenue from the Sale of Surplus auction.

Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-0101 for the donation of a concrete dog kennel in the amount of \$1,300 from JAG Residential Concrete LLC., to Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.**

(12-26:56)

12. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2021-0101 for the donation of a concrete dog kennel in the amount of \$1,300 from JAG Residential Concrete LLC., to Victoria County Sheriff's Office.

Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider request to amend the 2021 Adopted Budget for the creation and funding of an additional Animal Control Officer under the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action.**

(13-27:46)

13. October 18, 2021. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, requested the Court to open a position in his department 2 months early. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the request to amend the 2021 Adopted Budget for the creation and funding of an additional Animal Control Officer under the Victoria County Public Health Department.

Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider the following in connection to the 2021 County Jail Chiller and Pumps Project and take appropriate actions:**

a. **Receive executed contract with Schroeder Refrigeration Co., and reject all**

other bids

(14a-29:43)

14a. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the executed contract with Schroeder Refrigeration Co., and rejected all other bids. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the 2021 County Jail Chiller and Pumps Project and take appropriate actions:

b. Receive executed contract with Wendt Services, Inc. and reject all other bids
(14b-29:43)

14b. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the executed contract with Wendt Services, Inc. and rejected all other bids. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the 2021 County Jail Chiller and Pumps Project and take appropriate actions:

c. Recieve executed Task Order No. 10 - Victoria County Jail - HAVAC System Remediation, Phase 3 Bidding Phase, and Construction Phase Engineering Services from Stridde, Callins & Associates Inc.
(14c-29:43)

14c. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the executed Task Order No. 10 - Victoria County Jail - HAVAC System Remediation, Phase 3 Bidding Phase, and Construction Phase Engineering Services from Stridde, Callins & Associates Inc. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the 2021 County Jail Chiller and Pumps Project and take appropriate actions:

d. Receive executed contract with Trane U.S. Inc. for VCT Jail CP Controls Upgrade
(14d-29:43)

14d. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the executed contract with Trane U.S. Inc. for VCT Jail CP Controls Upgrade. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the 2021 County Jail Chiller and Pumps Project and take appropriate actions:

e. Receive executed contract with Trane U.S. Inc. for Continuation of Services Agreement 2230574C2
(14e-29:43)

14e. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received executed contract with Trane U.S. Inc. for Continuation of Services Agreement 2230574C2. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of Final Plat for Valle Vista Subdivision in Precinct #3 and take appropriate action.

(15-31:33)

15. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court on approving a plat. Commissioner Gary Burns and Commissioner Clint Ives spoke. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Final Plat for Valle Vista Subdivision in Precinct #3.

Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of Final Plat for Enchanted Oaks Subdivision in Precinct #4 and take appropriate action.

(16-36:50)

16. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court on a plat. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the Final Plat for Enchanted Oaks Subdivision in Precinct #4.

Motion adopted.

17. Consider authorizing Commissioner Clint Ives to sign the release letter for the Meadow Creek Subdivision Maintenance Bond, Number 0765799, and take appropriate action.

(17-37:29)

17. October 18, 2021. John Johnston, County Engineer, addressed the Court. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court authorized Commissioner Clint Ives to sign the release letter for the Meadow Creek Subdivision Maintenance Bond, Number 0765799.

Motion adopted.

18. Receive the Annual Certification of Juvenile Detention/Residential Facility, and take appropriate action.

(18-38:19)

18. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the Annual Certification of Juvenile Detention/Residential Facility.

Motion adopted.

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

a. Medina County

(19a-38:50)

19a. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility for Medina County.

Motion adopted.

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

b. Zapata County

(19b-38:50)

19b. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice/Detention Facility for Zapata County.
Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the appointments of Deb Crislip-Baker, and Crystal (CJ) Thornton to the Library Advisory Board and take appropriate action.

(20-39:27)

20. October 18, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the appointments of Deb Crislip-Baker, and Crystal (CJ) Thornton to the Library Advisory Board.

Motion adopted.

21. Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Transportation Code §251.152 to hold a public hearing for traffic regulation to install 3-Way Stop at N. Leonard St. & 1st St. E. in Precinct #1 and take appropriate action.

(21-40:30)

21. October 18, 2021. County Judge Ben Zeller declared the public hearing opened, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Transportation Code §251.152, prior to the adoption of traffic regulation. Commissioner Danny Garcia spoke and hearing no other public comments, County Judge Zeller declared the public hearing closed. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court adopted the following traffic regulations:

Precinct No. 1:

Install 3-Way Stop at N. Leonard St. & 1st St. E.

Motion adopted.

22. Receive from the Texas Department of Transportation, Yoakum District-Federal Highway Administration Annual Statistical Report and take appropriate action.

(22-42:05)

22. October 18, 2021. Commissioner Danny Garcia addressed the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received from the Texas Department of Transportation, Yoakum District-Federal Highway Administration Annual Statistical Report. Motion adopted.

23. Consider approval of notice from Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) of a new private road named Carpenter Road in Precinct #2, and take appropriate action.

(23-43:06)

23. October 18, 2021. Commissioner Kevin Janak addressed the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved notice from Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) of a new private road named Carpenter Road in Precinct #2. Victoria County will not provide road or drainage maintenance. Motion adopted.

24. Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in PCT. #3 and take appropriate actions:

- a. **Resolution No. 2021-0099 is a donation from Jonathon Johnson for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 16 Schubert Rd. Victoria, Texas for the amount of \$426.00.**

(24a-45:05)

24a. October 18, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the road donation in PCT. #3, Resolution No. 2021-0099 is a donation from Jonathon Johnson for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 16 Schubert Rd. Victoria, Texas for the amount of \$426.00.

Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in PCT. #3 and take appropriate actions:

- b. **Resolution No. 2021-0100 is a donation from Jared Sizemore for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 708 Dove Dr. Victoria, Texas for the amount of \$612.00.**

(24b-45:05)

24b. October 18, 2021. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the road donation in PCT. #3, Resolution No. 2021-0100 is a donation from Jared Sizemore for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 708 Dove Dr. Victoria, Texas for the amount of \$612.00.

Motion adopted.

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

(25-45:56)

25. October 18, 2021. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the following 2021 budget amendments:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures- Line Item Transfer
- b. Road & Bridge Precinct #1, Revenues and Expenditures- Line Item Transfer
- c. Elections Administrators Special, Revenues and Expenditures- Line Item Transfer
- d. Emergency Management, Expenditures- Line Item Transfer
- e. General Fund, Sheriff's Office, Expenditures- Line Item Transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(26-46:40)

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

- a. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Services/Detention:
 - 1. Correction: Employment of Miranda Celeste Beaver, Extra Help-PRN, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130, effective October 19, 2021.

Motion adopted.

27. Adjourn.

(27-47:41)

27. October 18, 2021. Before the meeting was adjourned Commissioner Clint Ives spoke in regards to the recognition of first responders at the Field of Honors. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of October 18, 2021.