

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **27th day of June A.D., 2022**, 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	Absent

and the following orders were passed:



COUNTY OF VICTORIA
MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022, 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. June 27, 2022. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 27, 2022. 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.

(3-1:29)

3. June 27, 2022. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Paige Melton, of Texas A & M Agri-Life Extension 4-H, mentioned the 4-H program had a busy spring. She introduced Bailey Buzzard, Katelyn John, Bennett Janssen, and Jacy Roessler, all 4-H members. They all spoke about the scholarships they received and their experience with the 4-H program. Mrs. Melton recognized Jason Marek and Reilly Amsler, 4-H members, who also received scholarships through 4-H.

Michael Vonderau of 2204 E. North Street, Victoria, Texas, voiced his concerns regarding stolen catalytic converters. He also spoke about fireworks being banned.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-7:27)

4. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 20, 2022. Motion adopted.

5. Consider approval of accounts payable and take appropriate action.

(5-7:40)

5. June 27, 2022. 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	6/27/2022	\$357,591.66
Supplemental Accounts	6/17/2022 – 6/23/2022	\$42,562.49

Motion adopted.

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

(6-8:10)

6. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the Sheriff. Motion adopted.

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

(7-8:31)

7. June 27, 2022. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the release of the following bond forfeiture judgment from the Court:

- a. Cause No. CIV1-20778: The State of Texas vs. Billy Joe Egg, Defendant and d/b/a A & A Bail Bonds, Surety.

Motion adopted.

8. Ratify payroll and personnel changes dated November 2021 through May 2022 and accounts payable, and consider approval of CMC Interim vendor payments and take appropriate action.

(8-8:54)

8. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court ratified payroll and personnel changes dated November 2021 through May 2022 and accounts payable, and approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated June 23, 2022 in the amount of \$1,079,923.65 and the ACH report dated June 23, 2022 in the amount of \$1,885,724.07. Motion adopted.

9. Consider approval of DR-4485 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application for the Victoria Regional Emergency Operations Safe Room Project and take appropriate action.

(9-10:11)

9. June 27, 2022. County Judge Zeller provided information to the Court. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a presentation in regards to the grant and project. The Court held a discussion regarding the benefits of this project. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the DR-4485 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application for the Victoria Regional Emergency Operations Safe Room Project. Motion adopted.

10. Receive for the record the Declaration of Disaster and order prohibiting the sale, use, and discharge of fireworks due to increasing drought and fire conditions in Victoria

County issued on June 21, 2022 and the Governors' extension of said declaration and order, and approve a resolution extending the disaster declaration and order.

(10-26:49)

10. June 27, 2022. Fire Marshal Richard Castillo reviewed the KBDI numbers and recent fires this past week. The Court discussed the current burn ban and the discharge and selling of fireworks. Commissioner Burns stated there would not be fireworks at Patriot Park on July 4, 2022. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Declaration of Disaster and order prohibiting the sale, use, and discharge of fireworks due to increasing drought and fire conditions in Victoria County issued on June 21, 2022 and the Governor's extension of said declaration and order, and approve Resolution No. 2022-0056 extending the disaster declaration and order. Motion adopted.

- 11. Discuss and take action to approve a memorandum of understanding between Victoria County, Texas and the Board of Directors of Citizens Medical Center regarding the county's issuance of certificates of obligation for the purposes of constructing, renovating, expanding, improving, and equipping the county owned hospital (Citizens Medical Center), including the hospital's intensive care unit.**

(11-43:59)

11. June 27, 2022. County Judge Zeller gave an overview of this project. Mike Olson, CEO of Citizens Medical Center, explained the expansion of the ICU Department project at Citizens Medical Center. Bob Henderson, Financial Advisor with RBC Capital Markets, spoke about interest rates for this project. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Victoria County, Texas and the Board of Directors of Citizens Medical Center regarding the county's issuance of certificates of obligation for the purposes of constructing, renovating, expanding, improving, and equipping the county owned hospital (Citizens Medical Center), including the hospital's intensive care unit. Motion adopted.

- 12. Discuss and take action on a resolution authorizing publication and posting of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation.**

(12-57:45)

12. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the resolution authorizing publication and posting of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of CSRS contract for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Administration services and take appropriate action.**

(13-58:37)

13. June 27, 2022. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court and answered questions. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the CSRS contract for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Administration services. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of Bi-Annual food bids for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.**

(14-1:00:13)

14. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court awarded the following Bi-Annual Food Bids for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office:

Dairy, Eggs & Meat	Performance Food Service (PFG)
Fruit & Vegetables	Performance Food Service (PFG)
Staple Items	Performance Food Service (PFG)
Miscellaneous Food Items	Performance Food Service (PFG)
Milk/Juice	Hill Country Dairies
Bread	Bimbo Bakeries

for the period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, as recommended by the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted. All per bids as filed in the minutes of this Court.

15. Consider approval for the creation of an Animal Control Director position and take appropriate action.

(15-1:00:36)

15. June 27, 2022. County Judge Zeller gave an overview of the Animal Control Director position. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Animal Control Director position with a salary range from \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 plus benefits and also approved the budget amendment. Commissioner Burns invited everyone to the Animal Control advisory committee meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the Pattie Dodson Public Health Center. Motion adopted.

16. Receive and approve notice of the price increase from Quality Hot Mix, Inc. for PB 4 cover stone and take appropriate action.

(16-1:09:17)

16. June 27, 2022. Commissioner Burns provided information to the Court. County Auditor Michelle Samford answered Commissioner Garcia's question regarding the purchase of tons for this notice. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received and approved the notice of the price increase from Quality Hot Mix, Inc. for PB4 cover stone. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.

a. Wharton County.

(17a-1:10:35)

17a. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Wharton County. Motion adopted.

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Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.

b. Brown and Mills County.

(17b-1:10:35)

17b. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Brown/Mills County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.

c. Webb County.

(17c-1:10:35)

17c. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Webb County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.

d. 20th & 82nd Judicial District Counties (Falls, Milam & Robertson).

(17d-1:10:35)

17d. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and 20th and 82nd Judicial District Counties (Falls, Milam and Robertson). Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.

e. Potter County (Residential only).

(17e-1:10:35)

17e. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Potter County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.

f. Kerr County.

(17f-1:10:35)

17f. June 27, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Kerr County. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for a road donation in Precinct No. 1 for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate action.**
- a. Resolution No. 2022-0053 for Jenni Esmeralda Lima at Serene Dr., Victoria, in the amount of \$600.00.**

(18a-1:11:11)

18a. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2022-0053 for road donation in the amount of \$600.00 from Jenni Esmeralda Lima at Serene Drive, Victoria, Texas, in Precinct No. 1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for a road donation in Precinct No. 1 for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate action.

b. Resolution No. 2022-0054 for Brant Anderson at Serene Dr. E., Victoria, in the amount of \$600.00.

(18b-1:11:11)

18b. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2022-0054 for road donation in the amount of \$600.00 from Brant Anderson at Serene Drive East, Victoria, Texas, in Precinct No. 1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of the following 2022 budget amendments and take appropriate actions:

(19-1:11:59)

19. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved the 2022 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- b. Emergency Management, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- c. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- e. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(20-1:12:47)

20. June 27, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. David Gonzales/Ben Zeller, Public Health Director/County Judge - Public Health Department/Commissioners Court:
1. Position change for Jose Flores, from Chief Animal Control Officer (Health Department), at a rate of \$25.75 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1105 to Chief Animal Control Officer (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$25.75 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1105, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: ANNUAL CELLPHONE ALLOWANCE 100-630-1139-\$1,080.04. Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
 2. Position change for Scott Buchanan, from Asst. Supervisor (Health Department), at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1106 to Asst. Supervisor (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1106, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
 3. Position change for Jose Hernandez, from Sr. Animal Control Officer (Health Department), at a rate of \$17.50 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1110 to Sr. Animal Control Officer (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$17.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1110, effective June 18, 2022.
Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
 4. Position change for Alexander Garza, from Animal Control Officer (Health Department), at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1107 to Animal Control Officer (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1107, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
 5. Position change for Aruturo Soto, III, from Animal Control Officer (Health Department), at a rate of \$13.79 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1107 to Animal Control Officer (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$13.79 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1107, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.

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6. Position change for Dean Hazelwood, from Animal Control Officer (Health Department), at a rate of \$14.42 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1107 to Animal Control Officer (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$14.42 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1107, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners

Court.

7. Position change for Monty Dykes, from Shelter Care Tech (Health Department), at a rate of \$14.42 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1109 to Shelter Care Tech (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$14.42 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1109, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
8. Position change for Chauna Ordower, from Adoption Coordinator (Health Department), at a rate of \$13.91 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1113 to Adoption Coordinator (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$13.91 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1113, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
9. Position change for Ashley Moreno, from Clerk III (Health Department), at a rate of \$15.42 per hour, Budget Code 800-630-1108 to Clerk III (Animal Control Services), at a rate of \$15.42 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1108, effective June 18, 2022. Other Remarks: Separation of Animal Control Division from Health Department to a standalone department under Commissioners Court.
- b. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 1. Employment of Janell M. Duke, Cook, at a rate of \$19.69 per hour, Budget Code 100- 565-1123, effective June 28, 2022.
 2. Correction: Employment of Reagan Hawk, Nurse, at a rate of \$23.33 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1128, effective June 21, 2022.
 3. Resignation of Louis Solis, Detention Tier 3, with 80.0 PTO and 92.31 Compensatory hours due, effective July 15, 2022.

Motion adopted.

21. Adjourn.

(21-1:40:36)

21. June 27, 2022. County Judge Zeller mentioned he will not be at the Commissioner's Court meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 27, 2022.