

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **7th day of November 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

and the following orders were passed:



COUNTY OF VICTORIA

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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. November 7, 2022. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10:01 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. November 7, 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.

(3-2:00)

3. November 7, 2022. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-3:00)

4. November 7, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on October 31, 2022. Motion adopted.

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

(5-3:21)

5. November 7, 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	11/7/2022	\$240,933.94
Supplemental Accounts	10/28/2022 – 11/3/2022	\$15,995.54

Motion adopted.

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

(6-3:47)

6. November 7, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Judge; County Commissioners, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4; County Treasurer; Criminal District Attorney; County Tax Office; County Auditor; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 2, 3, and 4; Constables, Precincts Nos. 3 and 4; and County Extension Agent-Ag/Natural Resources. Motion adopted.

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

(7-4:21)

7. November 7, 2022. None. No action taken.

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

(8-4:30)

8. November 7, 2022. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated November 3, 2022 in the amount of \$221,621.03 and the ACH report dated November 3, 2022 in the amount of \$2,266,993.00. Motion adopted.

- 9. Consider Resolution No. 2022-0094 of Opposition to the efforts by Community Health Systems (CHS) and for-profit Jersey College to create a nursing program within DeTar Hospital and take appropriate action.**

(9-5:14)

9. November 7, 2022. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation to the Court. Dr. Jennifer Kent, President of Victoria College, spoke in support of the Resolution opposing Jersey College's Establishment of a nursing program in Victoria, Texas. Bernard Leger, CEO of DeTar Healthcare Systems, spoke against the Resolution. The Court held a discussion with Dr. Kent and Mr. Leger. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2022-0094 in Opposition to the efforts by Community Health Systems (CHS) and for-profit Jersey College to create a new nursing program within DeTar Hospital in Victoria, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 10. Consider approval and authorization of payment to PGAL for invoice No. 10057214 for Professional Services in connection to the Victoria County Emergency Operations Stair Enclosure Project and take appropriate action.**

(10-52:45)

10. November 7, 2022. County Engineer John Johnston provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the authorization of payment in the amount of \$564.01 to PGAL for Invoice No. 10057214 for Professional Services in connection to the Victoria County Emergency Operations Stair Enclosure Project. Motion adopted.

- 11. Ratify Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief (CDGB-DR) Local Buyout and Acquisition Program Grant Contract No. 20-066-004-C033 Amendment No. 3 and take appropriate action.**

(11-53:23)

11. November 7, 2022. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court ratified the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Local Buyout and Acquisition Program Grant Contract No. 20-066-004-C033 Amendment No. 3. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of FY 2023 State and Local Overtime (SLOT) Funding Allotment and take appropriate action.**

(12-54:15)

12. November 7, 2022. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the FY2023 State and Local Overtime (SLOT) Funding Allotment for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 13. Pursuant to Local Government Code §263.155, receive the results of the Victoria County GovDeals auctions for 2022 and take appropriate action.**

(13-55:09)

13. November 7, 2022. County Auditor Michelle Samford provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, pursuant to Local Government Code §263.155, the Commissioners Court received the results of the Victoria County GovDeals auctions for 2022. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of Citizens Medical Center Emergency Department Expansion & Renovation AIA Document G702 Application for Payment No. 25 and take appropriate action.**

(14-56:42)

14. November 7, 2022. Moved by Kevin Janak and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Citizens Medical Center Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation AIA Document G702 Application for Payment No. 25 in the amount of \$134,289.58. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2022-0096 for a road donation in Precinct No. 1 from Mariana & Ronaldo Pineda for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 453 Malik Road, Victoria, Texas in the amount of \$500.00 and take appropriate action.**

(15-57:14)

15. November 7, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kevin Janak, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2022-0096 for a road donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Mariana and Ronaldo Pineda at 453 Malik Road, Victoria, Texas, in Precinct No. 1 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of the creation of eight regular part-time juvenile supervision officer positions and one regular part-time control room officer for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.**

(16-57:41)

16. November 7, 2022. Human Resource Director Gina Howard spoke to the court regarding the positions for the Juvenile Justice Center. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court approved the creation of eight regular part-time Juvenile Supervision Officer positions and one regular part-time Control Room Officer for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center. Motion adopted.

- 17. Receive for the record the 2022 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund (370) and take appropriate action.**

(17-1:00:26)

17. November 7, 2022. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2022 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund No. 370 as an Increase to Expenditures. Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive for the record the 2022 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the Sherrif's Commissary Fund (380) and take appropriate action.**

(18-1:00:50)

18. November 7, 2022. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Clint Ives, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2022 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's Commissary Fund No. 380 as an Increase to Expenditures. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of the following 2022 budget amendments and take appropriate action:**

(19-1:01:22)

19. November 7, 2022. Moved by Clint Ives and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the 2022 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures – Line item transfer
- b. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. 4/H Activity Center, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. National School Lunch Program, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(20-1:02:04)

20. November 7, 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. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. Employment (REHIRE) of Antonio Acosta, Detention Deputy-Tier 1, at a rate of \$24.25 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1114-23.25 and 100-565-1136-1.00, effective November 8, 2022.
- b. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Position change for Raylynn Perez, from Extra Help-Rover, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130 to JSO-PT, Budget Code 100-573-1157, effective November 5, 2022.
 - 2. Position change for Dakota Stewart, from Extra Help-Rover, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130 to JSO-PT, Budget Code 100-573-1157, effective November 5, 2022.
 - 3. Position change for Mitchell Ellis, from Extra Help-Rover, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130 to JSO-PT, Budget Code 100-573-1157, effective November 5, 2022.
 - 4. Position change for Kaylianna Annise McNary, from Extra Help, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130 to Control Room Officer-PT, Budget Code 100-573-1149, effective November 5, 2022.
 - 5. Resignation of Tina Knudsen, Extra Help-Rover, effective November 1, 2022.
- c. Paige Foster, Treasurer - County Treasurer's Office:
 - 1. Resignation of Melissa Lara, Payroll Assistant, with 72.81 PTO and 35.76 Compensatory hours due, effective November 4, 2022.
- d. Heidi Easley/Paige Foster, County Clerk/County Treasurer - County Clerk's Office/County Treasurer's Office:
 - 1. Salary and position change for Shalee John, from System Analyst (County Clerk's Office), at a rate of \$19.71 per hour, Budget Code 100-403-1106 to Payroll Coordinator (Treasurer's Office), at a rate of \$21.08 per hour, Budget Code 100-497-1106, effective November 19, 2022. Other Remarks: Transfer of Departments.
- e. Heidi Easley, County Clerk - County Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Salary change for Kellie Weaver, Clerk III, from a rate of \$17.73 per hour, Budget Codes 100-403-1105 (93.51%) \$16.58 and 124-403-1105 (6.49%) \$1.15 to a rate of \$18.50 per hour, Budget Codes 100-403-1105 \$16.58 and 124-403-1105 \$1.92, effective November 5, 2022.
 - 2. Resignation of Alicia Alcazar, Clerk III, with 7.94 PTO hours due, effective November 4, 2022.
- f. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
 - 1. Salary change for Veronica Cuellar, Medical Case Manager, from a rate of \$17.00 per hour, Budget Codes 800-635-1113 (60%) \$10.20 and 800-640-1113 (40%) \$6.80 to a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Codes 800-635-1113 (60%) \$10.80 and 800-640-1113 (40%) \$7.20, effective October 22, 2022. Other Remarks: Cell phone allowance 800-628-1139 \$18.46 per pay period.

2. Salary change for Crystal Vasquez, Casework Associate, from a rate of \$16.58 per hour, Budget Codes 800-636-1104 (70%) \$11.61 and 800-658-1104 (30%) \$4.97 to a rate of \$17.08 per hour, Budget Codes 800-636-1104 (70%) \$11.96 and 800-658-1104 (30%) \$5.12, effective October 22, 2022.
- g. Kelly Hubert, Facilities Manager - Facilities Maintenance:
 1. Resignation of Velma Padierna, Maintenance 1, with 0.01 Compensatory hours due, effective October 27, 2022.

Motion adopted.

21. Adjourn.

(21-1:02:24)

21. November 7, 2022. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of November 7, 2022.