

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **12th day of June A.D., 2023**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Regular Session** at the Victoria County Courthouse in the City of Victoria, Victoria County, Texas, with His Honor, Gary Burns, County Judge Pro Tem, presiding and the following Commissioners attending:

Ben Zeller,	County Judge	Absent
Danny Garcia,	Commissioner Precinct No. 1	
Jason Ohrt,	Commissioner Precinct No. 2	
Gary Burns,	Commissioner Precinct No. 3	
Kenneth Sexton,	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, June 12, 2023, 10:00 AM, REGULAR TERM

VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order.

(1-0:00)

1. June 12, 2023. Gary Burns, County Judge Pro Tem, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 12, 2023. Judge Pro Tem Gary Burns 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.

(3-0:58)

3. June 12, 2023. Judge Pro Tem Gary Burns opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Michael Vonderau of 2204 E. North Street thanked Victoria Animal Services for removing the deer on Navarro Street and thanked Commissioners Garcia's wife for her volunteer work at the Veterans Service Center. Mr. Vonderau also thanked the VA Services and doctors for helping him with his medical condition.

Mark Sloat, Animal Services Director, recognized Lorraina Kief for her services with Victoria Animal Services and presented her with an ACO Badge.

Hearing no further comments, Judge Pro Tem Gary Burns continued to the next agenda item.

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-4:27)

4. June 12, 2023. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 5, 2023. Motion adopted.

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

(5-5:04)

5. June 12, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	6/12/2023	\$206,314.00
Supplemental Accounts	6/2/2023 – 6/8/2023	\$174,779.32

Motion adopted.

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

(6-5:12)

6. June 12, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Judge; County Commissioners, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4; County Treasurer; Criminal District Attorney; County Tax Assessor Collector; County Auditor; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 2 and 4; Constable, Precinct No 1; Pre-Trial Services; County Extension Agent-Ag/Natural Resources; and County Extension Agent-4-H Youth Development. Motion adopted.

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

(7-5:47)

7. June 12, 2023. None. No action taken.

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

(8-5:56)

8. June 12, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated June 8, 2023 in the amount of \$795,756.73 and the ACH report dated June 8, 2023 in the amount of \$1,119,525.37. Motion adopted.

9. Hear the following updates from the Victoria County Office of Emergency Management and take appropriate action:

a. Full-Scale Active Shooter Exercise from June 2023.

(9a-6:27)

9a. June 12, 2023. Jena West, with the Office of Emergency Management, gave an overview regarding the Full-Scale Active Shooter Exercise held in June 2023. Ms. West and the Court discussed the exercise and how well things were done. No action taken.

Hear the following updates from the Victoria County Office of Emergency Management and take appropriate action:

b. Hurricane Season 2023.

(9b-6:27)

9b. June 12, 2023. Jena West, with the Office of Emergency Management, spoke about the predictions for the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season. No action taken.

10. Receive notice of grant award for FY23 Formula Grant, Texas Indigent Defense

Commission, and take appropriate action.

(10-21:01)

10. June 12, 2023. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the notice of grant award for FY23 Formula Grant, Texas Indigent Defense Commission. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval and authorization of payment to Rawley McCoy & Associates, PLLC for Architectural Services for the Victoria County Courthouse Entry Steps & Repair Project and take appropriate action.

(11-22:07)

11. June 12, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved and authorized the payment in the amount of \$5,252.50 to Rawley McCoy and Associates, PLLC for Architectural Services for the Victoria County Courthouse Entry Steps and Repair Project. Motion adopted.

12. Hold a public hearing on a partial plat cancellation of River Oaks Subdivision, Section 1, located in Pct 3.

(12-22:48)

12. June 12, 2023. Compliance Specialist Sarah Hamman stated that to be in compliance with Local Government Code 232.008, a public hearing has to be held prior to an approval of a plat cancellation. County Judge Pro Tem Burns opened the public hearing at 10:26 a.m. for a partial plat cancellation of River Oaks Subdivision, Section 1, located in Precinct No. 3. Ms. Monica Priddy with Urban Engineering represented the property owner, Karl Fontenot. Ms. Priddy stated that Mr. Fontenot is looking to combining all the property. The public hearing was closed at 10:27 a.m. No action taken.

13. Consider approval of partial plat cancellation of River Oaks Subdivision, Section 1, located in Pct. 3, and take appropriate action.

(13-24:57)

13. June 12, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the partial plat cancellation of River Oaks Subdivision, Section 1, located in Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of the Application for Abandonment and Vacation of 1.596 acres of public right of way located in Pct. 2 and take appropriate action.

(14-25:15)

14. June 12, 2023. Commissioner Jason Ohrt and Compliance Specialist Sarah Hamman provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Application for Abandonment and Vacation of 1.596 acres of public right of way located in Precinct No. 2. Motion adopted.

15. Receive Victoria County's Report of Completion for Cybersecurity Training, mandated under Tex. Gov't Code 2054.5191, for FY2023 and take appropriate action.

(15-26:51)

15. June 12, 2023. Compliance Specialist Sarah Hamman provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received Victoria County's Report of Completion for Cybersecurity Training, mandated under Texas Gov't Code 2054.5191 for FY 2023. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval and authorize the County Judge to sign Commercial Real Estate Listing Agreement - Executive Right to Lease with Carol McLarry at RE/MAX Land & Homes in connection to lease space located at 311 E. Constitution Street and take appropriate action.**

(16-40:38)

16. June 12, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved and authorized the County Judge Pro Tem to sign the Commercial Real Estate Listing Agreement-Executive Right to Lease with Carol McLarry at RE/MAX Land and Homes in connection to leasing space located at 311 E. Constitution Street. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) Award for Grant No. 3186207 and take appropriate action.**

(17-28:08)

17. June 12, 2023. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) Award for Grant No. 3186207. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Provision of Mental Health Peace Officers (PESC) under the Psychiatric Emergency Services Program between Gulf Bend Center and the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.**

(18-29:23)

18. June 12, 2023. Sheriff Justin Marr provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Provision of Mental Health Peace Officers (PESC) under the Psychiatric Emergency Services Program between Gulf Bend Center and the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2023-0077 for a road donation in Pct. 1 from Chris Mansfield for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage on 109 Golden Glow Dr., Victoria, Texas, for the value of \$300 and take appropriate action.**

(19-30:23)

19. June 12, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2023-0077 for a road donation from Chris Mansfield in the amount of \$300.00 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert at 109 Golden Glow Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905 in Precinct No. 1 to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the following 2023 budget amendments and take appropriate action:

(20-30:47)

20. June 12, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2023 budget amendments for:

- a. Airport Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Airport Operating Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. National School Lunch Program, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Health Department, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(21-31:41)

21. June 12, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Ashley Hernandez, Tax Assessor-Collector - County Tax Office:
 - 1. Certificate of completion from McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. for Ashley Hernandez, Tax Assessor-Collector, for completing 12 Continuing Education (CE) Units for Truth - In - Taxation Course 28.
- b. Vinicio Llerena, Executive Director - Victoria Regional Airport:
 - 1. Salary change for Daniel Roznovsky, Oper/Maint Spec., from a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1117 to a rate of \$19.20 per hour, effective June 3, 2023.
 - 2. Salary change for Marshall Frazier IV, Oper/Maint Spec., from a rate of \$17.25 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1118 to a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective June 3, 2023.
 - 3. Salary change for Andrew Neuenkirk, Oper/Maint Spec., from a rate of \$16.00 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1116 to a rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2023.
 - 4. Salary change for Alex Rocha, Oper/Maint Spec., from a rate of \$17.00 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1116 to a rate of \$17.69 per hour, effective June 3, 2023.
- c. Heidi Easley, County Clerk - County Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Salary change for Ethan Medrano, Deputy Clerk III, from a rate of \$16.79 per hour, Budget Codes 100-403-1105 \$16.57 and 124-403-1105 \$0.22 to a rate of \$17.50 per hour, Budget Codes 100-403-1105 \$16.57 and 124-403-1105 \$0.93, effective June 3, 2023. Other Remarks: end of probationary period.
- d. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. Position/other change for Angelica Hernandez, SRO's-Tier 3 (SRO Tier 1), at a rate of \$24.29 per hour, Budget Codes 395-560-1309-23.29 and 395-560-1136-1.00 to Detention Dep-Tier 1, at a rate of \$24.29 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1114-23.29 and 100-565-1136-1.00, effective June 17, 2023. Remarks: Grade 9.

2. Employment of Cash Bohac, Detention Dep-Tier 1 (DO Tier1), at a rate of \$18.74 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1114, effective June 13, 2023. Remarks: Grade 6.
3. Employment of Jason Flores, Maintenance Officer, at a rate of \$19.69 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1113-19.69, effective June 13, 2023. Remarks: Grade 5 General.
4. Employment of Jonathan Houser, Patrol Deputy-Tier 1, at a rate of \$24.29 per hour, Budget Codes 100-563-1109-23.29 and 100-563-1136-1.00, effective June 20, 2023. Remarks: Grade 9.
- e. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 1. Salary and position change for Dakota Stewart, from JSO-PT, at a rate of \$18.74 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1157 to JPO, at a rate of \$21.71 per hour, Budget Code 231-571-1108, effective June 17, 2023.
 2. Salary and position change (G/L Code) for Shelly Hencerling, JPO, at a rate of \$22.71 per hour, Budget Codes 231-571-1108 - \$21.71, Interlocal State Funds: 231-577-1108 - \$1.00, and TJJD: 231-577-1135 to JPO, at a rate of \$23.71 per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1105 - \$21.71, Interlocal State Funds: 231-577-1108 - \$2.00, and TJJD: 231-577-1135, effective June 17, 2023.
 3. Salary and position change (G/L Code) for Senae Davidson, JPO, at a rate of \$23.71 per hour, Budget Codes 231-588-1105 - \$21.71, Interlocal State Funds: 231-577-1108 - \$2.00, and TJJD: 231-577-1135 to JPO, at a rate of \$23.38 per hour, Budget Codes 231-571-1106 - \$22.38, Interlocal State Funds: 231-577-1108 - \$1.00, and TJJD: 231-577-1135, effective June 17, 2023.
 4. Employment of Dolores Driver, Cook, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1174 \$4.95 (33.33%) and 392-573-1174 \$10.05 (66.67%), effective June 13, 2023.
 5. Employment of Lydia Gonzales, Cook, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1174 \$4.95 (33.33%) and 392-573-1174 \$10.05 (66.67%), effective June 13, 2023.
 6. Employment of Eric English, JSO (Juvenile Detention Officer), at a rate of \$18.74 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1156, effective June 13, 2023.
 7. Employment of Tiara Pipes Wilkins, JSO (Juvenile Detention Officer), at a rate of \$18.74 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1156, effective June 13, 2023.
 8. Employment of Terek Juwaun Dilworth, JSO (Juvenile Supervision Officer), at a rate of \$18.74 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1156, effective June 13, 2023.
 9. Resignation of Terrean Steele, Extra Help-PRN, effective June 6, 2023.
 10. Resignation of Theresa Haywood, JPO, with 80.0 PTO and 3.28 Compensatory hours due, effective June 16, 2023.

Motion adopted.

22. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.072 to discuss real property.

(22-31:54)

22. June 12, 2023. The Commissioners Court went into closed session at 10:32 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.072 to discuss real property.

23. Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, return to an open meeting and take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in the closed meeting.

(23-40:21)

23. June 12, 2023. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 10:42 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102 with no action taken.

24. Adjourn.

(24-41:09)

24. June 12, 2023. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 12, 2023.