

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **30th day October A.D., 2023**, 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
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, October 30, 2023, 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 30, 2023. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, October 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. October 30, 2023. 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.

(3-1:04)

3. October 30, 2023. Judge Ben Zeller 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 voiced his concerns regarding homeless individuals in Victoria County. Mr. Vonderau thanked the Victoria County Sheriff's Office for the three arrests that were made in Bloomington, Texas.

Commissioner Gary Burns spoke about the Cemetery Tour this past weekend.

County Judge Zeller stated a planning workshop for Victoria County will be held Tuesday morning and will continue on Wednesday morning.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-6:43)

4. October 30, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on October 23, 2023. Motion adopted.

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

(5-6:57)

5. October 30, 2023. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	10/30/2023	\$260,110.68
Supplemental Accounts	10/20/2023 – 10/26/2023	\$151,081.73

Motion adopted.

6. **Receive monthly and quarterly reports from various county officials and departments and take appropriate action.**
(6-7:18)
6. October 30, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the Sheriff. Motion adopted.
7. **Consider approval of bond forfeiture releases and take appropriate action.**
(7-7:34)
7. October 30, 2023. None. No action taken.
8. **Consider approval of CMC Interim vendor payments, payroll, accounts payable, and personnel changes, and take appropriate action.**
(8-7:40)
8. October 30, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved payroll, accounts payable, personnel changes, and interim vendor payment for Citizens Medical Center dated October 26, 2023 in the amount of \$686,906.08 and the ACH report dated October 26, 2023 in the amount of \$2,310,604.62. Motion adopted.
9. **Receive for the record the fully executed Interlocal Agreement between Victoria, Lavaca, Jackson, and Refugio Counties for the Crossroads Regional Public Defender Office and take appropriate action.**
(9-8:25)
9. October 30, 2023. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Interlocal Agreement between Victoria, Lavaca, Jackson, and Refugio Counties for the Crossroads Regional Public Defender Office. Motion adopted.
10. **Consider approval of Petsmart Charities Adoption Prep Grant Application submission and take appropriate action.**
(10-9:13)
10. October 30, 2023. Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court regarding the grant application and adoptions. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling spoke about the financials for this program. The Court held a discussion. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the Petsmart Charities Adoption Prep Grant Application submission. Motion adopted.
11. **Consider approval of a Jury Selection Plan from the Victoria County District Judges and take appropriate action.**
(11-17:32)
11. October 30, 2023. District Clerk Kim Plummer provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved a Jury Selection Plan from the Victoria County District Judges. Motion adopted.
12. **Consider the following items from the Victoria County Public Health Department**

and take appropriate action:

a. Approval of a CPS/Hazards Contract No. HHS001311200045 Amendment No. 1.

(12a-18:59)

12a. October 30, 2023. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CPS/Hazards Contract No. HHS001311200045 Amendment No. 1 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider the following items from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

b. Approval of a HARP - Personal Service Agreement with James Omecinski, D.D.S.

(12b-18:59)

12b. October 30, 2023. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the HARP - Personal Service Agreement with James Omecinski, D.D.S. for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider the following items from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

c. Receive for the record a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Contract No. HHS001349600001.

(12c-18:59)

12c. October 30, 2023. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Victoria County Public Health Department for the DSHS Contract No. HHS001349600001. Motion adopted.

13. Receive the Biannual Fire Safety Inspection Report of the Victoria Regional Juvenile Facility and take appropriate action.

(13-20:36)

13. October 30, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received the Biannual Fire Safety Inspection Report for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Facility. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of the following request for payment to CivilCorp, LLC in the amount of \$3,264.75 in connection to CDBG Hurricane Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262 and take appropriate action.

(14-21:23)

14. October 30, 2023. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment to CivilCorp, LLC in the amount of \$3,264.75 in connection to CDBG Hurricane Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of the 2023 property tax rates for all taxing entities within

Victoria County and take appropriate action.

(15-22:33)

15. October 30, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2023 property tax rates for all taxing entities within Victoria County. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of maintenance contract renewal with Lee Backhoe Service Inc. for the aerobic septic system at 226 Beck Rd., Inez, Texas, in Pct. 4, and take appropriate action.

(16-24:11)

16. October 30, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the maintenance contract renewal with Lee Backhoe Service, Inc. for the aerobic septic system at 226 Beck Rd, Inez, Texas, in Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-0120 for a road donation in Pct. 4 from Willie Rios Jr. for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage on 9187 Old Hwy Rd., Inez, Texas for the value of \$1,100 and take appropriate action.

(17-24:49)

17. October 30, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2023-0120 for a road donation from Willie Rios, Jr. in the amount of \$1,100.00 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage at 9187 Old Hwy Rd, Inez, Texas in Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

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

(18-25:21)

18. October 30, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2023 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Increase
- c. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(19-26:01)

19. October 30, 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. Kim Plummer, District Clerk - District Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Certificate of completion for continuing education hours from Texas District Court Alliance for Kim Plummer, District Clerk.
- b. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Dismissal of Brandon Hodge, JSO - PT, with 3.38 Compensatory hours due, effective October 23, 2023.

2. Resignation of Michael Anderson, JSO-FT, with 27.75 Compensatory hours due, effective October 23, 2023.
 3. Employment of Daryl Luis Rodriguez, JSO - FT, at a rate of \$18.74 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1156 and 231-572-1136 FT @ \$115.38, effective October 31, 2023. Other Remarks: TJJD SALARY ADJUSTMENT - \$115.38. Remarks: Grade 6 Law Enforcement Plan.
- c. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
1. Employment of Joseph Ramirez, SRO - Tier 1, at a rate of \$24.29 per hour, Budget Codes 395-560-1109-23.29 and 395-560-1136-1.00, effective October 31, 2023. Remarks: Grade 9 - Law Enforcement Tier 1.

Motion adopted.

20. Adjourn.

(20-26:18)

20. October 30, 2023. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of October 30, 2023.