

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **27th day November 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, November 27, 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. November 27, 2023. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, November 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. November 27, 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.

(3-1:58)

3. November 27, 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 thanked First Baptist Church along with all other churches that provided a free Thanksgiving meal. Mr. Vonderau also stated the Salvation Army provided a pork chop meal and Froggy's provided a Thanksgiving meal.

County Treasurer Paige Foster provided an update on the Citizens Healthplex enrollment numbers and spoke about some discrepancies they are addressing.

Beth Svetlik with Mid-Coast Family Services presented the FY 2022-2023 Biennial Report for the Golden Crescent Regional Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

Constance Filley Johnson spoke about the background of the report.

Commissioner Gary Burns spoke about the Victoria Regional Airport commercial that is showing on television.

Commissioner Kenneth Sexton informed the Court that Friday evening, most of Precinct No. 4 was without power due to a transformer being shot at the substation on FM 444. Commissioner Sexton commended the electric companies for their hard work and asked the public to please contact the Sheriff's Office if they hear anything about the incident.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-14:12)

4. November 27, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on November 20, 2023. Motion adopted.

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

(5-14:27)

5. November 27, 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	11/27/2023	\$356,772.12
Supplemental Accounts	11/17/2023 – 11/21/2023	\$80,151.63

Motion adopted.

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

(6-14:53)

6. November 27, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the County Treasurer. Motion adopted.

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

(7-15:10)

7. November 27, 2023. None. No action taken.

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

(8-15:23)

8. November 27, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved interim vendor payment for Citizens Medical Center dated November 22, 2023 in the amount of \$679,663.68 and the ACH report dated November 22, 2023 in the amount of \$1,502,661.45. Motion adopted.

9. Receive notice of Operation Lone Star final grant budget adjustment, Grant No. 4381001, and take appropriate action.

(9-15:51)

9. November 27, 2023. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the notice of Operation Lone Star final grant budget adjustment, Grant No. 4381001. Motion adopted.

10. Consider approval of the following request for payment to Constar Construction in

the amount of \$91,803.60 in connection to the CDBG Hurricane Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262 and take appropriate action.

(10-17:20)

10. November 27, 2023. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, and Commissioner Danny Garcia provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment to Constar Construction in the amount of \$91,803.60 in connection to the CDBG Hurricane Disaster Recovery Program Contract No. 20-065-094-C262. Motion adopted.

11. Receive the 2023 Third Quarter Plat Exemption Request Report and take appropriate action.

(11-19:53)

11. November 27, 2023. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the 2023 Third Quarter Plat Exemption Request Report. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of the following items for the Juvenile Justice Detention Facility and take appropriate action:

a. Contract for Dietitian services with Stephanie Whitley, RDN, LD.

(12a-20:46)

12a. November 27, 2023. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the contract for Dietitian services with Stephanie Whitley, RDN, LD for the Juvenile Justice Detention Facility. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following items for the Juvenile Justice Detention Facility and take appropriate action:

b. Contract for psychoeducational/counseling with D. Ross Braune.

(12b-20:46)

12b. November 27, 2023. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the contract for Psychoeducational/Counseling with D. Ross Braune for the Juvenile Justice Detention Facility. Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of a Customer Agreement with VCS Security Systems, Inc. for the Road & Bridge Pct. 4 building and take appropriate action.

(13-21:17)

13. November 27, 2023. Commissioner Sexton provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Customer Agreement with VCS Security Systems, Inc. and Victoria County for the Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4 Building. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of the following 2023 budget amendments and take appropriate

action:

(14-22:02)

14. November 27, 2023. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2023 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- b. LEPC, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. General Fund, Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(15-24:28)

15. November 27, 2023. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Jose Pena, to be paid Advanced Certificate Pay of \$46.15 per pay period, effective December 8, 2023. Certification date for Jose Pena is November 12, 2023. Budget Coding: Special Crimes Certificate Pay 100-564-1137. Remarks: Jose Pena received his Advanced Peace Officer Certificate on 11/12/2023.
 - 2. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Rachel Miller, to be paid Intermediate Certificate Pay of \$23.08 per pay period, effective December 8, 2023. Certification date for Rachel Miller is November 3, 2023. Budget Coding: Detention Certificate Pay 100-565-1137. Remarks: Officer Rachel Miller received her Intermediate Jailer Certificate on 11/03/2023.

Motion adopted.

16. Adjourn.

(16-24:53)

16. November 27, 2023. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of November 27, 2023.