



COUNTY OF VICTORIA

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Monday, January 22, 2024, 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. January 22, 2024. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. January 22, 2024. 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.

(3-3:00)

3. January 22, 2024. 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 everyone for the warming centers being opened and spoke about a sewer leak at his residence.

Animal Services Director Mark Sloat updated the court on the microchip clinic at Bloomington ISD.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-4:55)

4. January 22, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on January 16, 2024. Motion adopted.

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

(5-5:59)

5. January 22, 2024. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	1/22/2024	\$440,587.59
Supplemental Accounts	1/12/2024 – 1/18/2024	\$146,130.11

Motion adopted.

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

(6-5:59)

6. January 22, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff, and Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

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

(7-6:04)

7. January 22, 2024. None. No action taken

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

(8-6:14)

8. January 22, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payment for Citizens Medical Center dated January 18, 2024, in the amount of \$690,284.80 and the ACH report dated January 18, 2024, in the amount of \$1,690,952.08. Motion adopted.

9. Recognize the 2023 fourth-quarter employee anniversaries.

(9-6:53)

9. January 22, 2024. County Judge Zeller recognized Victoria County employees' anniversaries for the 2023 fourth quarter. Judge Zeller presented each of the following employees with a certificate for their years of service.

EMPLOYEE	YEARS
KAITLYN BAKER	1
THERESA BOGGESS	1
MORGAN BUSBY	1
DIANA CANO	1
SARITA DE LA GARZA	1
GABRIEL GUAJARDO	1
LORRAINA KIEF	1
ETHAN MEDRANO	1
LIAM MCCAIN	1
ANDREW NEUENKIRK	1
ZACKERY OZUNA	1
LINDA RICHARDS	1
ARMANDO RUIZ JR	1
JARED SEPULVEDA	1
MARK SLOAT	1
JORDAN TREVINO	1
BRAEDEN YAWS	1

ABRAHEM ALHAMZAWI	5
EDWARD BRISENO	5
MARSHALL FRAZIER IV	5
BRANDI HARROLD	5
MATEO MUNOZ	5
JOHNNY VALADEZ	5

JASON BOYD	10
LAUREN DANIELS	10
ADRIAN FLORES	10
ERNEST GUTERREZ, JR	10
JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ	10
KESHA ROSS	10

ISRAEL BRIONES	15
GREG KUTAC	15

JUSTIN WHITE	25
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No action taken.

10. Receive notice and updates regarding the Central Appraisal District's upcoming election of 3 Board Member positions and take appropriate action.

(10-18:21)

10. January 22, 2024. Keri Wickliff, Chief Appraiser for the Central Appraisal District, provided information about the Victoria Central Appraisal Board Election process. Margetta Hill, Elections Administrator, spoke about upcoming Elections and the contract with Victoria Central Appraisal District regarding the ARB Election. Giani Cantu, County Judge's Chief of Staff, provided information regarding the link on the County website for the VCAD Board Election. No action taken.

11. Receive for the record the 2023 Indigent Defense and Pre-Trial Services Yearly Report and take appropriate action.

(11-36:02)

11. January 22, 2024. Nora Kucera, Pre-Trial Services Coordinator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the record 2023 Indigent Defense and Pre-Trial Services Yearly Report. Motion adopted.

12. Consider the following items for the Victoria Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

a. Approval of a revised IDCU/COVID-19 contract No. HHS000812700032 Amendment No. 5

(12a-52:02)

12a. January 22, 2024. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the revised IDCU/COVID-19 Contract No. HH5000812700032 Amendment No. 5 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted

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

b. A fully executed Interlocal Cooperation contract, DSHS contract No. HHS001077700001 Amendment No. 3 (CPS/Public Health Workforce)

(12b-52:02)

12b. January 22, 2024. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Interlocal Cooperation Contract, DSHSD contract No. HHS001077700001 Amendment No. 3 (CPS/Public Health Workforce) for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted

13. Receive for the record the 2023 Racial Profiling Report for Victoria County Constable Pct. 3 and take appropriate action.

(13-55:00)

13. January 22, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received the Racial Profiling Report for 2023 from Victoria County Constable Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of the following requests for plat exemptions and take appropriate action:

a. Estela Martinez & Josephine Garza at FM 444 S. Inez, TX 77968 for Pct. 4

(14a-55:28)

14a. January 22, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Estela Martinez & Joseph Garza at FM 444 S., Inez, Texas 77968 in Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following requests for plat exemptions and take appropriate action:

b. Russell & Laura Bagnall at 2364 Nursery Rd., for Pct. 2.

(14b-55:28)

14b. January 22, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Russell & Laura Bagnall at 2364 Nursery Road in Precinct No. 2. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of the purchase of eCivis software through DIR contract No. DIR-TSO-4288 and take appropriate action.

(15-56:55)

15. January 22, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the purchase of eCivis software through DIR contract No. DIR-TSO-4288. Motion adopted.

16. Receive for the record a 2024 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's DOJ Federal Forfeiture Fund #362 and take appropriate action.

(16-1:01:54)

16. January 22, 2024. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the 2024 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's DOJ Federal Forfeiture Fund #362 as an increase. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of the following 2024 budget amendments and take appropriate action:

(17-1:11:03)

17. January 22, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2024 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures – Increase
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Airport Capital Projects Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Increase
- d. Health Department, Expenditures -Line item transfer
- e. General Fund Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(18-1:11:04)

18. January 22, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Salary and position/other change for Brandon Lee Escobar, JSO-PT from a rate of \$20.76 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1157 to JSO, Budget Codes 100-573-1156 and 231-572-1136 @ \$115.38 Sal. Adj Bi-weekly, effective January 27, 2024. Grade 5 Plan Enforcement Tier 1.

2. Employment of Skyleigh Starr Sears, Residential JPO, at a rate of \$24.05 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1160 and 231-572-1135 @ \$115.38 Sal Adj Bi-weekly, effective January 30, 2024. Grade 9 Plan General.
3. Employment of Tony Landry Thomas, JSO-PT, at a rate of \$20.76 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1157, effective January 23, 2024. Grade 5 Plan Law Enforcement Tier 1.

Motion adopted.

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

(19-1:20:00)

19. January 22, 2024. The Commissioners Court passed on the closed session, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.072 to discuss real property.

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

(20-1:20:00)

20. January 22, 2024. Due to the closed session not being held, the Commissioners Court did not return to an open meeting, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102

21. Adjourn.

(21-1:20:00)

21. January 22, 2024. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of January 22, 2024.