

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **13th day May A.D., 2024**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Regular 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, May 13, 2024, 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. May 13, 2024. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, May 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. May 13, 2024. County 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.

(3-1:14)

3. May 13, 2024. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Bill Pozzi, Republican Party Chair, spoke about the upcoming primary runoff election. Earl voting May 20-24, 2024. Election day May 28, 2024.

Michael Vonderau of 2204 E. North Street spoke about the new DeLeon Plaza facilities not working. He also offered Condolences to Jill Fox and what she did for the community.

Dale Zuck, Victoria County resident, spoke about the Public Library Advisory Board and indecent books that still remain in the library.

Zed Stewart, Victoria County resident, spoke about the Public Library Advisory Board and the City

of Victoria voting on a code of conduct, the following day.

Mark Sloat animal services spoke about Cinco de Mayo adoptions and also about the 119 roosters taken from Goliad County during a raid of a cock fighting ring that are in care of Victoria County Animal Services.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-18:58)

4. May 13, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on May 6, 2024. Motion adopted.

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

(5-18:58)

5. May 13, 2024. 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	5/13/2024	\$354,651.24
Supplemental Accounts	5/3/2024 – 5/9/2024	\$204,477.65

Motion adopted.

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

(6-19:24)

6. May 13, 2024. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the District Clerk; Criminal District Attorney; County Tax Assessor Collector; County Auditor; Constables, Precincts Nos. 1 and 2; Pre-Trial Services; County Extension Agent-Family Community Health; County Extension Agent-Ag/Natural Resources; and Victoria County Animal Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-20:04)

7. May 13, 2024. None. No action taken.

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

(8-20:07)

8. May 13, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payment for Citizens Medical Center dated May 9, 2024, in the amount of \$64,567.46 and the ACH report dated May 9, 2024, in the amount of \$1,545,817.39. Motion adopted.

9. Consider approval of Amendment No. 5 to GLO Contract No. 20-065-094-C262 and take appropriate action.

(9-20:42)

9. May 13, 2024. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling spoke about grant project

completion, provided corrections on paperwork should be Precinct 2 instead of Precinct 3. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved Amendment No. 5 to GLO Contract No. 20-065-094-C262. Motion adopted.

10. Receive Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Program (LEORP) Modification No. 0007 for OTA Number 70T02021T6114N288 and take appropriate action.
(10-21:58)

10. May 13, 2024. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling Grant Admin provided information to Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court received the Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Program (LEORP) Modification No. 0007 for OTA Number 70T02021T6114N288. Motion adopted

11. Consider approval of the following items for the Fire Marshal's Office and take appropriate action:

a. Request from Northside Fireworks Store to open their stands for fireworks sales during the Memorial Day holiday.

(11a-23:48)

11a. May 13, 2024. Victoria County Fire Marshall Richard Castillo provided information to Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request from Northside Fireworks Store to open their stands for fireworks sales during the Memorial Day holiday. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of the following items for the Fire Marshal's Office and take appropriate action:

b. Order No. 2024-0036 Authorizing Memorial Day fireworks sales.

(11b-23:48)

11b. May 13, 2024. Victoria County Fire Marshall Richard Castillo provided information to Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Order No. 2024-0036 authorizing Memorial Day fireworks sales. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of the following items for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

a. discretionary bid exemption related to Local Government Code §262.024a (2) an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the Count

(12a-24:34)

12a. May 13, 2024. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved a discretionary bid exemption related to Local Government Code §262.024a (2) an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the County for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of the following items for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**

b. Approval of the proposal from Detention Service, LLC for the installation of detention center doors, including a down payment

(12b-24:34)

12b. May 13, 2024. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the proposal from Detention Service, LLC for the installation of detention center doors, including a down payment of 40% for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County and Gulf Bend Center for the Provision of Mental Health Peace Officers - PESC Funding and take appropriate action.**

(13-27:18)

13. May 13, 2024. Sheriff Justin Marr provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County and Gulf Bend Center for the Provision of Mental Health Peace Officers - PESC Funding. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider the reappointment of Commissioner Gary Burns and Steve Hipes to the Gulf Bend Center Board of Trustees and take appropriate action.**

(14-27:53)

14. May 13, 2024. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the reappointment of Commissioner Gary Burns and Steve Hipes to the Gulf Bend Center Board of Trustees. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of a residential contract between Midland County and the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center, and take appropriate action.**

(15-29:02)

15. May 13, 2024. Moved Jason Ohrt by and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Midland County. Motion adopted

- 16. Hold a discussion regarding unofficial signage placed in Victoria County Right of Ways and take appropriate action.**

(16-34:51)

16. May 13, 2024. Commissioner Precinct 4 Kenneth Sexton spoke to court on the complaints received regarding unofficial signage obstructing right of ways, Judge Zeller stated that if signs are left for more than 48 hours, they will be pulled from right of way and the business or person can call the commissioner for that precinct. No action taken.

- 17. Consider approval of establishing an evaluation committee for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Pole Barn in Pct. 1 and take appropriate action.**

(17-34:51)

17. May 13, 2024. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved establishing an evaluation committee for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Pole Barn in Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of a request for a Plat Exemption form from Julia Amador for 11020 San Antonio River Rd. in Pct. 3 and take appropriate action.

(18-35:35)

18. May 13, 2024. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Garry Burns and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Julia Amador at 11020 San Antonio River Road in Precinct No. 3.

* Shall secure and verify the 911 addresses for the tracts with the Golden Crescent

Regional Planning Commission.

- * All created/revised tracts, new property deeds and ingress/egress easement(s) must be created and filed in the Victoria County Clerk's Public Records.
- * Further subdivision of tracts shall comply with the requirements of the effective published version of the VCDSM at the time of subdivision.
- * No future tract created shall be less than 1-acre, excluding easements.
- * Each tract shall have public right of way frontage or access to a public right-of-way through an ingress/egress easement.
- * Each tract will have its own water well and Onsite Sanitary Sewer Facility (OSSF) (septic system).

Motion adopted.

19. Hear an update and hold a discussion on capital improvement projects, including the future location of the Crossroads Regional Public Defender Office, and take appropriate action.

(19-36:32)

19. May 13, 2024. Brian Watson CRPD Chief provided information to the Court. The Commissioners Court heard an update and held a discussion regarding capital improvement projects, including the future location of the Crossroads Regional Public Defender Office. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in Pct. 3 for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate action:

a. Resolution 2024-0037 from Dee Brewer at 122 Sandpiper Dr. Victoria, Texas in the value of \$366.

(20a-1:00:20)

20a. May 13, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2024-0037 for a road donation from Dee

Brewer in the amount of \$366.00 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert at 122 Sandpiper Drive, Victoria, Texas in Precinct No. 3 to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of the following resolutions for road donations in Pct. 3 for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage and take appropriate action:**

b. Resolution 2024-0038 from Elizabeth Hay at 1781 Coletoville Rd. East, Victoria, Texas in the value of \$770.08.

(20b-1:00:20)

20b. May 13, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2024-0038 for a road donation from Elizabeth Hay in the amount of \$770.08 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert at 1781 Coletoville Road East, Victoria, Texas in Precinct No. 3 to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2024-0035 for a road donation in Pct. 4 from Noe M. Davila for the installation of a pipe culvert to improve drainage on Tipton Road, Inez, Texas 77968 in the value of \$1,500, and take appropriate action:**

(21-1:00:53)

21. May 13, 2024. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Gary Burns, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2024-0035 for a road donation from Noe M. Davila in the amount of \$1,500.00 for installation of a driveway and pipe culvert on Tipton Road, Inez, Texas, 77968 in Precinct No. 4 to improve drainage. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of the following 2024 budget amendments and take appropriate action:**

(22-1:01:19)

22. May 13, 2024. Moved by Gary Burns and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2024 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments, Expenditures
- b. Patriot Park Donations Fund, Expenditures – Increase

Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.**

(23-1:01:46)

23. May 13, 2024. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

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- a. Kenneth Sexton, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 - Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4:
 - 1. Certificate of Completion for Kenneth Sexton for attending the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention training program.
- b. Ashley Hernandez, Tax Assessor Collector - County Tax Office:
 - 1. Position/other change for Kelly Bayardo, from Acctg. Clerk, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-499-1107 to Deputy Clerk, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-499-1106, effective April 20, 2024. Grade 4 Plan General. Remarks: Original misplaced 4/8/24 minutes.
 - 2. Employment of Valerie Gudino, Accounting Clerk, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-499-1107, effective May 14, 2024. Grade 6 Plan General.
- c. John A. Johnston, County Engineer - Administrative Services:
 - 1. Employment of Lila Foster, Extra Help, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-501-1130, effective May 14, 2024. Grade N/A.
- d. Kelly Hubert, Facilities Manager - Facilities Department:
 - 1. Salary change for Adriana Segovia, Custodian, from a rate of \$16.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-510-1104 to a rate of \$16.35 per hour, effective May 4, 2024.
 - 2. Salary change for Barbara Fillmore, Custodian, from a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-510-1104 to a rate of \$16.35 per hour, effective May 4, 2024.
 - 3. Salary change for Alejandra Valle De Garcia, Custodian, from a rate of \$14.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-510-1104 to a rate of \$16.35 per hour, effective May 4, 2024.
 - 4. Employment of Yvonne Vargas, Custodian, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-510-1104, effective May 14, 2024. Grade 1 Plan General.
 - 5. Employment of Elsa Pardo, Custodian, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-510-1104, effective May 14, 2024. Grade 1 Plan General.
- e. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Robert Hinojosa, to be paid Master Certificate Pay of \$69.23 per pay period, effective June 7, 2024. Certification date for Robert Hinojosa is May 5, 2024. Budget Coding: MHPO Certificate Pay 356-560-1137. Remarks: Deputy Hinojosa received his Master Peace Officer Certificate on 05/05/2024.
 - 2. VCSO Salary Adjustment Certification for Abraham Ceron, to be paid Intermediate Certificate Pay of \$23.08 per pay period, effective June 7, 2024. Certification date for Abraham Ceron is May 3, 2024. Budget Coding: Detention Certificate Pay 100-565-1137. Remarks: Sergeant Ceron received his Intermediate Jailer Certificate on 05/03/2024.
 - 3. Employment of Alfredo Lance Castillo, Detention Officer, at a rate of

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- \$20.76 per hour, Budget Codes 100-565-1116-\$18.74 and 288-565-1116-\$2.02, effective May 21, 2024. Grade 5 Plan Law Enforcement Tier 1.
4. Salary and position/other change for Joshua Vaclavik, from Interdiction Deputy, at a rate of \$27.39 per hour, Budget Code 100-564-1112-\$27.39 to SCU Investigator, at a rate of \$31.16 per hour, Budget Code 100-564-1106-\$31.16, effective May 18, 2024. Other Remarks: Cert Pay is unchanged. (100-564-1137). Grade 9 Plan Law Enforcement Tier 2.
 5. Salary and position/other change for Jason Flores, from Maintenance Officer, at a rate of \$20.64 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1113-\$20.64 to Maintenance Supervisor, at a rate of \$23.02 per hour, Budget Code 100-565-1120-\$23.02, effective May 18, 2024. Grade 10 Plan General.
 - f. Pama Hencerling, Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 1. Salary change for Misty Green, Cook, from a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1174 \$5.00 (33.33%) and 392-573-1174 \$10.00 (66.67%) to a rate of \$15.75 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1174 \$5.25 (33.33%) and 392-573-1174 \$10.50 (66.67%), effective May 18, 2024.
 - g. Vinicio Llerena, Airport Executive Director - Victoria Regional Airport:
 1. Resignation of Lauren Daniels, Director of Operations and Maintenance, with 73.41 PTO hours due, effective May 13, 2024.

Motion adopted

24. Adjourn.

(24-1:02:09)

24. May 13, 2024. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of May 13, 2024.