

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **23rd day August A.D., 2024**, the Commissioners Court convened in **a Town Hall Meeting** at the St. Patrick Catholic Church Hall, Bloomington, 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



COUNTY OF VICTORIA
MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS
Thursday, August 22, 2024, 6:30 PM, SPECIAL TERM
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL
13316 STATE HWY 185, BLOOMINGTON, TX
VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

1. Call to Order.

1. August 22, 2024. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Town Hall, informational meeting, at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Danny Garcia made introductions of officials present.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

2. August 22, 2024. Reverend Tran Dinh, Pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church opened the Town Hall Meeting with prayer and Commissioner Danny Garcia led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

3. Acknowledgement of Court and Guests.

3. August 22, 2024. Judge Ben Zeller acknowledged the Commissioners Court, attending in its entirety, as well as Sheriff Justin Marr and his Chief Deputy Will Franklin, Animal Services Director Mark Sloat, Elections Administrator Margetta Hill, Victoria Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Keri Wickliffe, and Jim Allison with the Law Firm of Allison Bass.

4. Citizens Communication.

4. August 22, 2024. Judge Ben Zeller explained how the meeting will proceed and gave information on the presentation of the Petition to Incorporate that was filed and the status of proceedings. Each person will have an opportunity to speak and ask questions about anything. Individuals will have 5 minutes to speak (later changed to 3 minutes due to increasing numbers of persons wanting to speak). Judge Zeller then opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address the Court and/or audience.

The following persons spoke: Ernest Longoria, Dan Lange, Naomi Tronceso, Gloria Galvan, Tiki Venglar, Maria Solorio, Joseph Garrison, Clara Ramos, Nancey Tovar, Ricky Valenzuela, Carlos Castro, James Hilscher, Charles Stubblefield, Linda Hernandez Richards, Charlene "Tootie" Jones Gaskamp, Alejandro Salazar, Sherry Wells Lampkin, Joe Jimenez, Yvonne Mercado Gonzales, Elroy Alex, Jose Ramos and Michael Garza all voiced concerns and questioned a petition filed to incorporate a portion of Bloomington into the Village of Bloomington, as well issues with the water board, utilities and elections.

Judge Ben Zeller, Commissioner Danny Garcia, Sheriff Justin Marr, Elections Administrator Margetta Hill, Chief Appraiser Keri Wickliffe, and attorney Jim Allison responded to questions.

5. Conclusion and Closing of Meeting.

5. August 22, 2024. Judge Ben Zeller thanked all who came to the Town Hall meeting and encouraged more meetings be initiated by the citizens of Bloomington and to work together to accomplish their goals. Judge Ben Zeller then concluded the Town Hall Meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.