

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **3rd day March A.D., 2025**, 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
Shannon Martin,	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, March 3, 2025, 10:00 AM, SPECIAL TERM
VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order.

(1-1:51)

1. March 3, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 10:02 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-1:54)

2. March 3, 2025. 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.

(3-1:58)

3. March 3, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Michael Vonderau, of 2107 N. Ben Jordan, spoke about dog issues at the East North Mobile Home Park.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-5:14)

4. March 3, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on March 24, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-6:29)

5. March 3, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	03/03/2025	1,017,787.05
Supplemental Accounts	02/21/2025 - 02/27/2025	\$174,211.28

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

(6-6:53)

6. March 3, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from County Clerk. Motion adopted.

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

(7-7:04)

7. March 3, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-7:21)

8. March 3, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated February 27, 2025, in the amount of \$292,385.02 and the ACH report dated February 27, 2025, in the amount of \$2,607,711.28. Motion adopted.

9. Receive a briefing from the Victoria County Public Health Department regarding the measles outbreak in Texas and take appropriate action.

(9-7:47)

9. March 3, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided information to the Court on the measles outbreak in the State of Texas. Currently, there are no confirmed cases of measles outbreak in Victoria County. No action taken.

10. Receive a briefing from the County Judge on matters affecting Victoria County and take appropriate action.

(10-15:01)

10. March 3, 2025. County Judge Ben Zeller provided information to the Court. No action taken.

11. Consider approval of a contract amendment for the Immunization/Local Grant Contract No. HHS001331300049, Amendment No. 2 and take appropriate action.

(11-28:12)

11. March 3, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved a contract amendment for the Immunization/Local Grant Contract No. HHS001331300049, Amendment No. 2., for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of legal services agreement with KW Immigration Law to begin extension of the H1-B visa for the Epidemiologist and take appropriate action.

(12-29:48)

12. March 3, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the legal services agreement with KW Immigration Law. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider the creation of a Supervising Physician Assistant Position for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.**

(13-31:51)

13. March 3, 2025. Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the creation of a Supervising Physician Assistant Position for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of Change Order No. 002 with Centurion Planning & Design, LLC in regard to the Victoria Regional Airport Taxiway Charlie Relocation, Project VCT2301D and take appropriate action**

(14-36:52)

14. March 3, 2025. Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Change Order No. 002 with Centurion Planning & Design LLC in regards to the Victoria Regional Airport Taxiway Charlie Relocation, Project VCT2301D. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of Change Order No. 001 in connection to the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation project and take appropriate action.**

(15-39:51)

15. March 3, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Change Order No. 001 in connection to the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation project. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of the contract for Psychoeducational/Counseling Services between Victoria County and Hope of South Texas Inc./Hope Child Advocacy Center for youth placed at the Victoria County Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.**

(16-43:13)

16. March 3, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the contract for Psychoeducational/Counseling Services between Victoria County and Hope of South Texas Inc./Hope Child Advocacy Center for youth placed at the Victoria County Juvenile Justice Center. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of the following for Citizens Medical Center in regard to the ICU additions and renovations and take appropriate action:**

a. AIA doc G702 for payment application No. 8.

(17a-43:59)

17a. March 3, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on agenda item 17a, regarding the AIA doc G702 for payment application No. 8 due to already approved for Citizens Medical Center ICU additions and renovations, No action taken.

Consider approval of the following for Citizens Medical Center in regard to the ICU additions and renovations and take appropriate action:

b. AIA doc G702 for payment application No. 9.

(17b-43:59)

17b. March 3, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the AIA doc G702 for payment application No. 9. for Citizens Medical Center ICU additions and renovations. Motion adopted

18. Receive for the record 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment, Sheriff's DOJ Federal Forfeiture (372) and take appropriate action.

(18-44:41)

18. March 3, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment Sheriff's DOT Federal Forfeiture (372) as a Increase to Expenditures. Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of the following 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action:

(19-45:17)

19. March 3, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures – Line item transfer
- b. Rural Sheriffs Office Salary Assistance Fund, Expenditures - Decrease
- c. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures – Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(18-1:17:14)

18. March 3, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
 - 1. Resignation of Thay Blute, Detention Officer, with 35.8 PTO and 4.13 Compensatory hours due, effective March 6, 2025.
- b. Kenneth Sexton, Commissioners, Precinct No. 4 - Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4:
 - 1. Employment of Jon Helsel, Sr. Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$24.00 per hour, Budget Code 204-614-1108, effective March 4, 2025. Grade 7 Plan General.
 - 2. Employment of Luis Villarreal, Sr Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$23.50 per hour, Budget Code 204-614-1108, effective March 4, 2025. Grade 7 Plan General.
- c. Pama Hencerling, Juvenile Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Dismissal of Daniel Ray Wells, JSO, effective January 26, 2025.
- d. Constance Filley Johnson, Criminal District Attorney - Criminal District Attorney's Office:
 - 1. Correction (G/L Code): Salary change for Andrea Harvey, Assistant CDA (Felony), from a rate of \$51.92 per hour, from Budget Codes 100-475-1103 \$40.87 and 289-475-1103 \$11.05 to a rate of \$55.29 per hour, from Budget Codes 100-475-1103 \$40.87 and 289-475-1103 \$14.42. effective February 22, 2025.
- e. Kelly R. Hubert, Facilities Manager- Facilities:
 - 1. Dismissal of Barbara Fillmore, Custodian, effective February 28, 2025.

Other Remarks: Payout in accordance with PTO policy.

- f. G/L coding changes from General Fund and SB22 for VCSO employees effective February 22, 2025 (See attached list)

Motion adopted

- 21. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.072 to discuss real property; §551.087 to discuss economic development; §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege; §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions.**

(21-46:30)

21. March 3, 2025. The Commissioners Court went into closed session at 10:48 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments, §551.072 to discuss real property, §551.087 to discuss economic development, and §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege; §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions.

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

(22-56:30)

22. March 3, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to an open meeting at 11:49 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

- 23. Adjourn.**

(23-01:17:07)

23. March 3, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of March 3, 2025.