

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

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

1. Call to Order.

(1-0:42)

1. March 10, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:45)

2. March 10, 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-:1:40)

3. March 10, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

District 30 Representative A.J. Louderback provided information on legislation for Hotel Occupancy Tax.

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

Commissioner Precinct 3 Shannon Martin announced a Commissioner Communication Forum at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Department 513 Chukar Drive.

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-7:45)

4. March 10, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on March 03, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-7:43)

5. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	03/10/2025	\$296,004.11
Supplemental Accounts	02/28/2025 – 03/06/2025	\$135,656.92

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

(6-8:07)

6. March 10, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from County Judge; County Commissioners Precincts Nos. 1-4; District Attorney; Tax Assessor Collector; Auditor; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace Precincts Nos. 1-4; Constables Precincts Nos. 2 and 3; Pre-Trail Services; and Victoria County Extension Family and Community Health Report. Motion adopted.

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

(7-8:43)

7. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the following release of bond forfeiture judgment from the Court:

- a. Cause Number No CIV2-21162: The State of Texas vs. Desirea Ann Guerrero, Defendant and TNT Bail Bonds, Surety.

Motion adopted.

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

(8-9:04)

8. March 10, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated March 6, 2025, in the amount of \$402,968.79 and the ACH report dated March 6, 2025, in the amount of \$4,782,804.74 Motion adopted.

9. Consider the following in connection to the Railroad Crossing Road Closures of Phillips Road and Levi Road, and take appropriate action:

a. Hold public hearing on the proposed permanent Railroad Crossing Road Closures of Phillips Road and Levi Road.

(9a-9:43)

9a. March 10, 2025. Judge Zeller opened the Public Hearing at 10:10 am for the proposed permanent Railroad Crossing Road closures of Phillips Road and Levi Road. Public Hearing opened at 10:10 am., Commissioner Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Judge Zeller closed the Public hearing at 10:13 am. No action taken.

Consider the following in connection to the Railroad Crossing Road Closures of Phillips Road and Levi Road, and take appropriate action:

b. Approval of Order Designation Permanent Road Closures within Victoria County.

(9b-9:43)

9b. March 10, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Order Designation Permanent Road Closures within Victoria County. Motion adopted.

- 10. Hear a presentation from Victoria County Animal Services to highlight recent programs, updates and milestones and take appropriate action.**

(10-13:43)

10. March 10, 2025. Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court on the milestones and programs from Animal Services. No action taken.

- 11. Consider approval of Order No. 2025-030 setting salaries for the 24th, 135th, 267th and 377th Official Court Reporters for the year 2025 and take appropriate action.**

(11-31:20)

11. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Order No. 2025-030 setting salaries for the 24th, 135th, 267th and 137th Official Court Reporters for the year 2025. Motion adopted.

- 12. Authorize the purchase of three fully outfitted Tahoes for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.**

(12-32:07)

12. March 10, 2025. The Commissioners passed on authorization to the purchase three fully outfitted Tahoes for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office until the three vehicles are identified and quotes are obtained. No action taken.

- 13. Consider approval of FY 2026-2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Application Submission and Resolution for the following:**

a. Criminal District Attorney's Office, Application No. 2026-5586938936.

(13a-34:31)

13a. March 10, 2025. Robin Knipling - Grant Administrator, and Constance Filley Johnson, District Attorney provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the FY 2026-2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Application Submission and Resolution, Application No. 2026-5586938936.

Consider approval of FY 2026-2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Application Submission and Resolution for the following:

b. Sheriff's Office, Application No. 2026-3202249332.

(13b-34:31)

13b. March 10, 2025. Grant Administrator Ron Knipling and Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the FY 2026-2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Application Submission and Resolution, for the Application No. 2026-3202249332 for the Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider the following in connection to The Oaks – Section II Subdivision, located in Precinct No. 4, and take appropriate action:**

a. Hold a public hearing on the proposed partial Plat Cancellation of The Oaks – Section II, Lot 1 and Lot 5.

(14a-36:36)

14a. March 10, 2025. Judge Zeller opened the Public Hearing for Oaks-Section II Subdivision located in Precinct No. 4. at 10:37. County Engineer John Johnston and Monica Priddy with Urban Engineering provided information to the Court. Judge Zeller closed the Public Hearing at 10:40 am. No action taken.

Consider the following in connection to The Oaks – Section II Subdivision, located in Precinct No. 4, and take appropriate action:

b. Approval of Partial Plat Cancellation of The Oaks – Section II, Lot 1 and Lot 5
(14b-36:36)

14b. March 10, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Monica Priddy with Urban Engineering provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton, and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Partial Plat Cancellation of The Oaks-Section II, Lot 1 and Lot 5 located in Precinct No. 4 Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to The Oaks – Section II Subdivision, located in Precinct No. 4, and take appropriate action:

c. Approval of Variance Request for The Oaks – Section II, Resubdivision No. 1, Lot 1R.
(14c-36:36)

14c. March 10, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Monica Priddy with Urban Engineering provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Variance Request for The Oaks-Section II, Resubdivision No. 1, Lot 1R located in Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to The Oaks – Section II Subdivision, located in Precinct No. 4, and take appropriate action:

d. Approval of Final Plat for The Oaks – Section II, Resubdivision No. 1, Lot 1R
(14d-36:36)

14d. March 10, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Monica Priddy with Urban Engineering provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Final Plat for The Oaks-Section II, Resubdivision No.1, Lot 1R located in Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to The Oaks – Section II Subdivision, located in Precinct No. 4, and take appropriate action:

e. Approval of Final Plat for The Oaks – Section II, Resubdivision No. 1, Lot 5R
(14e-36:36)

14e. March 10, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Monica Priddy with Urban Engineering provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Final Plat for The Oaks-Section II Resubdivision No. 1, Lot 5R located in Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of a request for plat exemption from Tanya Asbury at 11206 US HWY 87 South, located in Precinct 1, and take appropriate action.
(15-41:04)

15. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the plat exemption request from Tany Asbury at 11206 US HWY 87 South, located in Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

- 16. Ratify DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl Public Assistance (PA) Subrecipient Agreement for Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)- Administered Grant Awards and take appropriate action.**

(16-42:16)

16. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court Ratified DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl Public Assistance (PA) Subrecipient Agreement for Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)- Administered Grant Awards. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of contract No. 4944562 with LAMAR to provide promotion and outreach for Texas Home Visiting programs per the FY25 project work plan under contract number HHS001105400020 and take appropriate action.**

(17-43:29)

17. March 10, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Contract No. 4944562 with LAMAR to provide promotion and outreach for Texas Home Visiting programs per the FY25 project work plan under contract number HHS001105400020. Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive corrected legal services agreement with KW Immigration Law to begin extension of the H1-B visa for the Epidemiologist and take appropriate action.**

(18-43:11)

18. March 10, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the corrected legal services agreement with KW Immigration Law to begin extension of the H1-B Visa for the Epidemiologist. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider contract with Crimson Hexagon, Inc. dba. Brandwatch for social media listening and management software services and take appropriate action.**

(19-45:20)

19. March 10, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Crimson Hexagon Inc dba Brandwatch for social media listening and management software services contingent of legal review and revisions. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-029 for a donation from the Victoria Legion Post 166 valued at \$2,500.00 for Veteran Services.**

(20-48:46)

20. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, Pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032 the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2025-029 for a donation from the American Legion Post 166 valued at \$2,500.00 to be utilized for and dedicated to the Victoria County Veteran Services. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-028 for road donation in Precinct 3 from Jay Thigpen for corrugated pipe and limestone at 487 Fleming Praire Rd, Victoria County, Texas in the amount of \$498.06 and take appropriate action.**

(21-49:26)

21. March 10, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-028 for a road donation in the amount of \$498.06 from Jay Thigpen at 487 Fleming Praire Rd. in Precinct No. 3 for corrugated pipe and limestone. Motion adopted.

- 22. Discuss and consider Draw Request 4 from the Victoria County Navigation District for the payment of \$158,246.00 for materials to Industrial Fabrics, Inc. and take appropriate action.**

(22-54:20)

22. March 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court denied on the Draw Request 4 from the Victoria County Navigation District for the payment of \$158,246.00 for the materials to Industrial Fabrics, Inc. Motion was not adopted.

- 23. Receive for the record 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment, Juvenile Commissary Fund (390) and take appropriate action.**

(23-50:40)

23. March 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record, the 2025 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment for the Juvenile Commissary Fund (390) as a increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

- 24. Consider approval of the following 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action:**

(24-51:03)

24. March 10, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the budget amendments with the exception of removing the amount applicable to the Sheriff's Tahoe purchase from General Fund/Various Departments, and Revenues and Expenditures. Revenues the Sheriff's Motion adopted.

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues, and Expenditures – Increase
- b. Airport Operating Fund, Revenues – Line item transfer
- c. Airport Capital Projects Fund, Revenues – and Expenditures- Line item transfer
- d. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures – Increase
- e. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures – Line item transfer

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

(25-53:13)

25. March 10, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Constance Filley Johnson, Criminal District Attorney - Criminal District Attorney's Office:
 - 1. Correction (GLCode) of Zachary A. Miles, Assistant CDA (Felony), at a rate of \$55.29 per hour, Budget Codes 100-475-1103 \$40.87 and 289-475-1103 \$14.42, effective February 25, 2025. Grade 19 Plan General.
- b. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director - Human Resources Office:
 - 1. Salary Change for Olivia Joy liggett, HR Specialist, from a rate of \$29.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-505-1102 to a rate of \$31.00 per hour, effective February 22, 2025. Grade 11 Plan General.

Motion adopted.

- 26. 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.

(26-55:45)

26. March 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court went into closed session at 10:57 am., 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 attorney-client privilege; and §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions.

27. 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.

(27-56:30)

27. March 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to an open meeting at 1:04 pm., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

28. Adjourn.

(28-56:34)

28. March 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of March 10, 2025.