

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **28th day April 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, April 28, 2025, 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. April 28, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, April 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. April 28, 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.

(3-1:17)

3. April 28, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Republican Chair Bill Pozzi spoke about the election for the City of Victoria and Victoria Independent School District Board positions, along with the Incorporation of Bloomington and provided polling days and times.

County Judge Zeller also spoke about the election.

County Treasurer Paige Foster gave a shout-out to County Clerk Heidi Easley for being nominated for County Clerk of the Year.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-3:29)

4. April 28, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on April 21, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-3:44)

5. April 28, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	4/28/2025	\$443,466.67
Supplemental Accounts	4/17/2025 – 4/24/2025	\$1,058,983.77

Motion adopted.

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

(6-4:19)

6. April 28, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the County Treasurer. Motion adopted.

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

(7-4:35)

7. April 28, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-4:43)

8. April 28, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated April 24, 2025, in the amount of \$190,315.51 and the ACH report dated April 24, 2025, in the amount of \$4,619,857.22. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a proclamation designating May 1, 2025 as National Day of Prayer in Victoria County and take appropriate action.

(9-5:21)

9. April 28, 2025. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating May 1, 2025 as National Day of Prayer in Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

10. Receive for the record the Victoria County Budget Planning Calendar for FY2026 and take appropriate action.

(10-8:22)

10. April 28, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Victoria County Budget Planning Calendar for FY2026. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of the following 2026 Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Resolutions and take appropriate action:

a. Crossroads Defenders Regional Public Defenders Office.

(11a-11:06)

11a. April 28, 2025. Chief Public Defender Brian Watson provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 Victoria County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program for the Crossroads Defenders Regional Public Defender's Office. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following 2026 Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Resolutions and take appropriate action:

b. Indigent Defense Coordinator.

(11b-11:06)

11b. April 28, 2025. Brian Watson, Chief Public Defender, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 Victoria County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program for the Indigent Defense Coordinator. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Victim Notification System (SAVNS) SylogistGov, Inc. Service Agreement, Contract Number 52025-SYZ-Victoria_County and take appropriate action.

(12-17:02)

12. April 28, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Victim Notification System (SAVNS) SylogistGov, Inc. Service Agreement, Contract Number 52025-SYZ-Victoria County. Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of MuttNation Foundation It Takes Balls Spay and Neuter Grant Program Award Contract 421-25-39 and take appropriate action.

(13-18:08)

13. April 28, 2025. Mark Sloat, Animal Services Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the MuttNation Foundation It Takes Balls Spay and Neuter Grant Program Award Contract 421-25-39 for the Victoria County Animal Services. Motion adopted.

14. Receive for the record an affidavit from the County Judge and the Victoria Regional Airport Director identifying the decommissioned water wells located on the Victoria Regional Airport Property as well as adjacent tracts and take appropriate action.

(14-20:00)

14. April 28, 2025. Projects and Planning Assistant Maddison Heibel provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record an affidavit from the County Judge and the Victoria Regional Airport Director identifying the decommissioned water wells located on the Victoria Regional Airport Property as well as adjacent tracts. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of Task Order No. 20 from Stridde, Callins & Associates, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Bridge Street Annex HVAC Improvements Phase II 2025 and take appropriate action.

(15-21:34)

15. April 28, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Task Order No. 20 from Stridde, Callins and Associates, Inc in connection with the Victoria County Bridge Street Annex HVAC Improvements Phase II 2025. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of a lease agreement between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria County Master Gardener Association for the property located at 283 Bachelor Dr., Victoria Tx, 77904 and take appropriate action.

(16-23:43)

16. April 28, 2025. Compliance Specialist Sarah Hamman provided information to the

Court. The Commissioners Court held a discussion regarding the lease agreement between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria County Master Gardener Association for the property located at 283 Bachelor Drive, Victoria, Texas 77904. After discussion, the Commissioners Court passed on the lease agreement. No action taken.

17. Consider approval of the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department regarding the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and take appropriate action:

a. Data Use Agreement (DUA) with Texas Health and Human Services System to facilitate access permissions of confidential information.

(17a-33:00)

17a. April 28, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Data Use Agreement (DUA) with Texas Health and Human Services System to facilitate access permissions of confidential information for the Victoria County Public Health Department regarding the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department regarding the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and take appropriate action:

b. Data Use Agreement Security and Privacy Inquiry (SPI) regarding Texas HHS confidential information in electronic systems.

(17b-33:00)

17b. April 28, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Data Use Agreement Security and Privacy Inquiry (SPI) regarding Texas HHS confidential information in electronic systems for the Victoria County Public Health Department regarding the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Motion adopted.

18. Receive for the record a letter from the Victoria County AgriLife Extension Office setting Victoria County's contribution for the County Extension Agent salary in the amount of \$36,743.00 and take appropriate action.

(18-34:45)

18. April 28, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record a letter from the Victoria County AgriLife Extension Office setting Victoria County's contribution for the County Extension Agent salary in the amount of \$36,743.00. Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of request for payment No. 12 to Citizens Medical Center in the amount of \$418,884.58 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-11 and take appropriate action.

(19-35:44)

19. April 28, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment No. 12 to Citizens Medical Center in the amount of \$418,884.58 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-11. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the following contracts from Juvenile Services and take appropriate action:

a. Detention and Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Titus, Camp, Morris and Marion County

(20a-36:26)

20a. April 28, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Titus, Camp, Morris, and Marion County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contracts from Juvenile Services and take appropriate action:

b. Detention and Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Jasper, Newton, Sabine and San Augustine County.

(20b-36:26)

20b. April 28, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine County. Motion adopted.

21. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-040 for a road donation in Precinct 3 from James Broz for pipe and limestone at 88 Donna Dr, Victoria County, Texas in the amount of \$349.10 and take appropriate action.

(21-37:09)

21. April 28, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-040 for a road donation in the amount of \$349.10 from James Broz at 88 Donna Drive, Victoria County, Texas, in Precinct No. 3 for pipe and limestone. Motion adopted.

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

(22-37:45)

22. April 28, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

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

(23-38:23)

23. April 28, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Pama Hencerling, Juvenile Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Salary change for Chelsea Olisea Sedillo, JSO, at a rate of \$20.76 per hour, from Budget Code 100-573-1156 to Budget Codes 100-573-1156 and 231-572-1136 FT @ \$230.77, effective April 19, 2025.
 - 2. Salary change for Rebecca Dianne Aguirre, Part Time JSO, at a rate of \$20.76 per hour, from Budget Code 100-573-1157 to Budget Codes 100-

- 573-1157 and 231-572-1136 @ \$173.08, effective April 19, 2025.
3. Salary change for Celine Rae Alaniz, JSO, at a rate of \$20.76 per hour, from Budget Code 100-573-1156 to Budget Codes 100-573-1156 and 231-572-1136 FT@ \$230.77, effective April 19, 2025.
 4. Retirement of Regina Perez, Compliance Officer, effective April 30, 2025.
 5. Position/other code change for Christina Perez, from Residential JPO, at a rate of \$26.83 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1160 and 231-585-1135 FT@ \$230.77 to Compliance Officer, at a rate of \$26.83 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1142 and 231-585-1135 FT@ \$230.77, effective May 3, 2025. Grade 9 Plan General.
 6. Salary change for Kayliana McNary, Extra Help-PRN, from a rate of \$16.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130 to a rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective May 3, 2025.
 7. Employment of Carolyn Hernandez, Cook, at a rate of \$16.23 per hour, Budget Codes 100-573-1174 \$5.61 (33.33%) and 392-573-1174 \$11.23 (66.67%), effective May 3, 2025. Grade 1 Plan General.
- b. Justin Marr, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office:
1. Correction: Employment of Christina Cornish, SRO, at a rate of \$25.56 per hour, Budget Codes, 395-560-1109-\$25.56 and 395-560-1137-\$23.08-Cert Pay, effective May 5, 2025. Grade 7 Plan Law Enforcement Tier 2.
 2. Retirement of Kenneth Wells, Court/Extradition, with 219.84 PTO hours and 1.02 Compensatory hours due, effective May 1, 2025.
- c. District Judges-District Court:
1. Correction: Employment of Shaye Roskey, Senior Court Coordinator, at a rate of \$26.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-435-1107, effective April 28, 2025. Grade 9.
- d. Kelly R. Hubert, Facilities Manager-Facilities Department:
1. Resignation of Jenny Herrera, Custodian, effective April 25, 2025.
 2. Employment of Patricia Segovia, Custodian, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-510-1104, effective April 28, 2025. Grade 1 Plan General.

Motion adopted.

24. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

(24-39:45)

24. April 28, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:40 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

25. 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.

(25-40:28)

25. April 28, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:21 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

26. Adjourn.

(26-40:35)

26. April 28, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of April 28, 2025.

