

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **19th day May 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	Absent
Jason Ohrt,	Commissioner Precinct No. 2	
Shannon Martin,	Commissioner Precinct No. 3	Absent
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 19, 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. May 19, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, May 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. May 19, 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.

(3-2:24)

3. May 19, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

County Treasurer Paige Foster gave a shout-out to Oscar Stiles, who works at the courtesy station in Precinct No. 1, for passing his audit on spraying chemicals with flying colors.

County Judge Zeller stated the Victoria Regional Airport flight promotions do not include elected officials.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-3:59)

4. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on May 12, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-4:16)

5. May 19, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	5/19/2025	\$1,144,399.43
Supplemental Accounts	5/9/2025 – 5/15/2025	\$118,513.22

Motion adopted.

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

(6-4:46)

6. May 19, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

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

(7-5:06)

7. May 19, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-5:17)

8. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated May 15, 2025, in the amount of \$176,794.15 and the ACH report dated May 15, 2025, in the amount of \$2,659,400.89. Motion adopted.

9. Hear an introduction of the Victoria County 360 (VC360) citizens education program and take appropriate action.

(9-5:52)

9. May 19, 2025. Lauren Meaux, Public Safety Communications Coordinator, introduced the Victoria County 360 (VC360) citizens education program to the Court. Mrs. Meaux gave an overview of the program. No action taken.

10. Consider approval of a Disaster Recovery Services Agreement with AshBritt Inc., Amendment No. 4, and take appropriate action.

(10-14:36)

10. May 19, 2025. Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Disaster Recovery Services Agreement with AshBritt, Inc., Amendment No. 4. Motion adopted.

11. Authorize the dedication of county funds in the amount of \$1,165,000.00 for pre-application schematic design and engineering services, to be reimbursed upon grant award, for the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA) Terminal Parking Lot Improvements and take appropriate action.

(11-16:29)

11. May 19, 2025. Lenny Llerena, Airport Executive Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the dedication of county funds in the amount of \$1,165,000.00 for pre-application schematic design and engineering services, to be reimbursed upon grant award, for the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA) Terminal Parking Lot improvements. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of and authorization to advertise the Invitation for Bids (IFB) – Parking Lot Rehabilitation for the Victoria Regional Airport and take appropriate action.**

(12-21:59)

12. May 19, 2025. Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved and authorized to advertise the Invitation for Bids (IFB)-Parking Lot Rehabilitation for the Victoria Regional Airport. Motion adopted.

- 13. Receive for the record the executed documentation establishing an electrical utility easement to service the airfield vault at the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA) and take appropriate action.**

(13-26:23)

13. May 19, 2025. Lenny Llerena, Airport Executive Director, and Heidi Easley, County Clerk, provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record the executed documentation establishing an electrical utility easement to service the airfield vault at the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA). Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of the creation of a regular, part-time custodian position at the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.**

(14-28:17)

14. May 19, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the creation of a regular part-time custodian position at the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Road Donations and take appropriate action:**

a. Resolution No. 2025-042, valued at \$1,250.00 for installation of a 24x30 pipe and material from Joey Coatney at 258 Savannah Ranch Road in Precinct No. 4.

(15a-30:05)

15a. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-042 for a road donation in the amount of \$1,250.00 from Joey Coatney at 258 Savannah Ranch Road in Precinct No. 4 for installation of a 24x30 pipe and material. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Road Donations and take appropriate action:

b. Resolution No. 2025-043, valued at \$700.00 for installation of a 15x30 pipe and material from Billy Wright at 886 Wischkaemper Road in Precinct No. 4.

(15b-30:05)

15b. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-043 for a road donation in the amount of \$700.00 from Billy Wright at 886 Wischkaemper Road in Precinct No. 4 for installation of a 15x30 pipe and material. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider authorization of payment to Staff Concrete Construction for Certificate of Payment #4 for retainage in connection to the Victoria County Downtown Parking Lot Improvements project and take appropriate action.**

(16-30:55)

16. May 19, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the payment to Staff Concrete Construction for Certificate of Payment No. 4 for retainage in connection to the Victoria County Downtown Parking Lot Improvements project. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of an offer of \$14,000 in funding from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to host the 2025 Well-Being in Rural Communities Conference to be held in Victoria, TX and take appropriate action.**

(17-32:12)

17. May 19, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the offer of \$14,000.00 in funding from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to host the 2025 Well-Being in Rural Communities Conference to be held in Victoria, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive notice of resignation from Drew Pilkington, Assistant County Fire Marshal, and take appropriate action.**

(18-33:35)

18. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the notice of resignation from Drew Pilkington, Assistant County Fire Marshal. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of Forney Payment Application No.12 from Citizens Medical Center and take appropriate action.**

(19-34:12)

19. May 19, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Forney Payment Application No. 12 from Citizens Medical Center. Motion adopted.

- 20. Authorize the creation of the following line items and take appropriate action:
a. "VC360" program line item.**

(20a-34:39)

20a. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the creation of the VC360 program line item. Motion adopted.

- Authorize the creation of the following line items and take appropriate action:
b. Budget amendment allocating \$5,000.00 to VC360 fund.**

(20b-34:39)

20b. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the creation of the Budget amendment allocating \$5,000.00 to the VC360 fund. Motion adopted.

- Authorize the creation of the following line items and take appropriate action:
c. "Community Engagement" line item.**

Budget amendment allocating \$2,000.00 to Community Engagement fund.

(20c-34:39)

20c. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the

Commissioners Court authorized the creation of the Community Engagement line item.
Motion adopted.

**Authorize the creation of the following line items and take appropriate action:
d. " Budget amendment allocating \$2,000.00 to Community Engagement fund.**
(20d-34:39)

20d. May 19, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the creation of the Budget Amendment, allocating \$2,000.00 to the Community Engagement fund. Motion adopted.

21. Consider approval of the following 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action:
(21-35:14)

21. May 19, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- c. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

22. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.
(22-36:24)

22. May 19, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Brian Watson, Chief Public Defender - Public Defender's Office:
 - 1. Employment of James Darby Huddleston, Assistant Public Defender I, at a rate of \$37.14 per hour, Budget Code 525-401-1105, effective May 19, 2025. Grade 17 Plan General.
- b. Pama Hencerling, Juvenile Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:
 - 1. Salary change and position/other code change for Rosalinda Borjas, from Extra Help/PRN (Non-Certified), at a rate of \$14.33 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1130 to Custodian, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-573-1178, effective May 17, 2025. Grade 1 Plan General.
- c. Marshall Frazier, Interim County Fire Marshal - Fire Marshal Department:
 - 1. Resignation of Drew Pilkington, Deputy Fire Marshal-ARFF, effective May 30, 2025. Other Due: payout PTO and Comp on final in accordance w/policy. Other Remarks: Due to departmental restructuring.
- d. JJ Janssen, Extension Office:
 - 1. Correction (cell phone) Employment of Kara Matheney, County Extension Agent-AG & Nat. Res., at a rate of \$17.66 per hour, Budget Code 100-665-1104, effective May 1, 2025. Other Remarks: cell phone basic \$479.96 basic (100-665-1139).

Motion adopted.

- 23. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.087 to discuss economic development, §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments, and §551.072 to discuss real property.**

(23-37:17)

23. May 19, 2025. The Commissioners Court went into closed session at 10:37 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.087 to discuss economic development; §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; and §551.072 to discuss real property.

- 24. 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.**

(24-37:49)

24. May 19, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:20 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

- 25. Adjourn.**

(25-38:01)

25. May 19, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of May 19, 2025.