

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **2nd day June 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, June 2, 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. June 2, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 2, 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.

(3-1:45)

3. June 2, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Shelly Olguin with the 4-H Shotgun Club voiced her concerns regarding the gun range and provided information on the achievements and services of the 4-H members.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer spoke about the Emergency Management Conference held this past week. Mr. McBrayer thanked the Commissioners Court for their support.

John Johnston, County Engineer, introduced Avery Flessner as the Assistant County Engineer for Victoria County. Mr. Flessner thanked the Court for the opportunity.

Victoria Regional Airport Executive Lenny Llerena informed the public the runway would be closed in July, due to the Taxi Charlie Runway Project.

County Judge Ben Zeller spoke about the legislature's decision on the HOT Tax.

(46:31) Commissioner Kenneth Sexton thanked State Representative A.J. Louderback for his legislature support.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-14:25)

4. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on May 27, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-14:40)

5. June 2, 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	6/2/2025	\$547,324.17
Supplemental Accounts	5/23/2025 – 5/29/2025	\$139,249.98

Motion adopted.

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

(6-15:13)

6. June 2, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the County Clerk. Motion adopted.

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

(7-15:25)

7. June 2, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-15:39)

8. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated May 29, 2025, in the amount of \$163,917.49 and the ACH report dated May 29, 2025, in the amount of \$2,301,835.99. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a proclamation designating the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and take appropriate action.

(9-16:09)

9. June 2, 2025. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Motion adopted.

10. Hear a proclamation designating the week of June 01, 2025 as Victoria Bach Festival Week and take appropriate action.

(10-18:20)

10. June 2, 2025. David Faskas, Victoria Bach Festival President, stated this week is the 50th anniversary of the Victoria Bach Festival and spoke about upcoming events. Mr. Faskas introduced Executive Director Buck Moore. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating the week of June 1, 2025, as Victoria Bach Festival Week. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Order No. 2025-049 for the incorporation of the municipality of Bloomington, Texas and take appropriate action.

(11-26:18)

11. June 2, 2025. County Judge's Chief of Staff, Chris Nicholson, provided information

to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Order No. 2025-049 for the Incorporation of the Municipality of Bloomington in Victoria County, Texas. Commissioner Danny Garcia, Commissioner Jason Ohrt, Commissioner Shannon Martin, Commissioner Kenneth Sexton and County Judge Ben Zeller unanimously voted "aye" and zero (0) "nays". Motion adopted.

12. Receive fully executed FY 2025 TxDOT Local Government Assistance allocation for Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 and take appropriate action.

(12-27:56)

12. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed FY 2025 TxDOT Local Government Assistance material allocations for Precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Motion adopted.

13. Discuss and consider approval of a contract with Centurion Planning and Design in the amount of \$835,143.50 for 30% Design of Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation and Associated Taxiway Improvements (A4 and B3) Design and take appropriate action.

(13-28:20)

13. June 2, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved a contract between Victoria County, Texas and Centurion Planning and Design, LLC in the amount of \$835,143.50 for 30% Design of Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation and Associated Taxiway Improvements (A4 and B3) Design. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of a grant award from the Best Friends Animal Society Neighbor to Neighbor Project to cover spay/neuter costs for Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) and take appropriate action.

(14-29:49)

14. June 2, 2025. Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a grant award from the Best Friends Animal Society Neighbor to Neighbor Project to cover spay/neuter costs for Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS). Motion adopted.

15. Consider the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

a. Receive fully executed Regional Local Health Services Contract No. HHS001588400052.

(15a-31:57)

15a. June 2, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Regional Local Health Services Contract No. HHS001588400052 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

b. Receive fully executed Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Grant Project No. WRC-045i.

(15b-31:57)

15b. June 2, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

Grant Project No. WRC-045i for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

c. Approval of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Contract No. 5613/2-565-03.

(15c-31:57)

15c. June 2, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Contract No. 5613/2-565-03 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Consider the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

d. Receive fully executed Texas Healthy Communities Grant Contract No. HHS001456400001, Amendment No. 1.

(15d-31:57)

15d. June 2, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Texas Healthy Communities Grant Contract No. HHS001456400001, Amendment No. 1 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

16. Hear and consider request to delay timelines in regard to the Portside tax abatement agreement and take appropriate action.

(16-33:19)

16. June 2, 2025. Jonas Titas, President of Victoria Economic Development Corporation, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request to delay the Portside Tax Abatement agreement timelines by two (2) years, which will begin in 2029. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of the following agreements for the County Health Plan and take appropriate action:

a. Boon-Chapman Administrative Services Agreement.

(17a-36:25)

17a. June 2, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Boon-Chapman Administrative Services Agreement for the Victoria County Health Plan. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following agreements for the County Health Plan and take appropriate action:

b. CERIS Plan Sponsor Agreement.

(17b-36:25)

17b. June 2, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the CERIS Plan Sponsor Agreement for the Victoria County Health Plan. Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

a. Detention and Residential Contract with Cameron County.

(18a-37:14)

18a. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Cameron County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

b. Detention and Residential Contract with Anderson County.

(18b-37:14)

18b. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Anderson County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

c. Psychoeducational/Counseling Contract with Brittney Morris.

(18c-37:14)

18c. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Psychoeducational/Counseling Services Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Brittney Morris. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

d. Detention and Residential Contract with Refugio County.

(18d-37:14)

18d. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Refugio County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

e. Detention and Residential Contract with Madison County.

(18e-37:14)

18e. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Madison County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

f. Detention and Residential Contract with Cen-Tex Juvenile Services.

(18f-37:14)

18f. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Cen-Tex Juvenile Services. Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-048 for a road donation valued at \$573.84 for pipe and limestone from Albert Beamon at 206 Al Beamon Dr., Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(19-38:02)

19. June 2, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-048 for a road donation in the amount of \$573.84 from Albert Beamon at 206 Al Beamon Drive, Victoria County, Texas, for pipe and limestone. Motion adopted.

20. Receive updated employment agreement for the Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director and take appropriate action.

(20-39:02)

20. June 2, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court ratified the updated employment agreement between the Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director, Vinicio L. Llerena, and Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

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

(21-44:34)

21. June 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2, Expenditures - Increase
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Increase
- d. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- e. Airport Capital Projects Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Elections Administrators Special, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

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

(22-45:32)

22. June 2, 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. Kim Plummer, District Clerk - District Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Resignation of Laura Magana, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk, effective May 23, 2025.
- b. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
 - 1. Salary change for Charlotte Garner, Accounting Clerk II, from a rate of \$21.27 per hour, Budget Codes 800-631-1191 (92.34%) \$19.64 and 800-628-1191 (7.66%) \$ 1.63 to a rate of \$21.91 per hour, Budget Codes 800-631-1191 (92.34%) \$20.23 and 800-628-1191 (7.66%) \$ 1.68, effective May 17, 2025. Grade 5 Plan General.
 - 2. Salary change for Karen Caughron, RN Nurse (Staff), from a rate of \$27.30 per hour, Budget Code 800-649-1107 to a rate of \$28.05 per hour, effective May 17, 2025. Grade 10 Plan General.
 - 3. Salary change for Sharon Taylor, Accounting Clerk, from a rate of \$19.00

per hour, Budget Codes 800-631-1174 (91.42%) \$17.37 and 800-628-1174 (8.58%) \$ 1.63 to a rate of \$19.57 per hour, Budget Codes 800-631-1174 (91.42%) \$17.89 and 800-628-1174 (8.58%) \$ 1.68, effective May 17, 2025. Grade 3 Plan General.

c. Heidi Easley/Daniel F. Gilliam, County Clerk/County Court at Law Judge – County Clerk's Office/County Courts at Law:

1. Salary and position change for Theresa Novosad, from Assistant Chief Deputy (County Clerk's Office), at a rate of \$24.53 per hour, Budget Codes 100-403-1104/124-403-1105 to Senior Court Coordinator (County Courts at Law), at a rate of \$28.07 per hour, Budget Code 100-425-1107, effective June 16, 2025. Grade 9 Plan General. Other Remarks: Transfer of Departments.

d. Pama Hencerling, Juvenile Chief Probation Officer - Juvenile Detention:

1. Retirement of Dora Marie Chavez, JSO Assistant Supervisor, effective May 27, 2025..

e. Vinicio Llerena, Airport Executive Director - Victoria Regional Airport:

1. Correction: Salary and position/other code (supp pay) change for Marshall Frazier, Director of Operations and Maintenance, from a rate of \$35.91 per hour, Budget Codes 321-606-1103 and 321-606-1139 - \$41.54 to a rate of \$38.46 per hour, Budget Codes 321-606-1103, 321-606-1139 - \$41.54, 100-550-1107 - \$1000 PER PAY PERIOD and 100-550-1137 - \$46.15 Biweekly, effective May 12, 2025. Grade 15 Plan General. Other Remarks: TEMP APPOINTED - COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL.

f. Daniel F. Gilliam, County Court at Law Judge - County Courts at Law:

1. Retirement of Rebecca L. Wade, Senior Court Coordinator, effective June 27, 2025. Other Remarks: This employee will have 33 years of service as of her retirement date. Remarks: pay out full pto hours.

g. Michelle Samford, County Auditor - County Auditor's Office:

1. Dismissal of Kristina Castillo, Accounting Clerk II, effective May 23, 2025.

h. John Johnston, County Engineer - Engineering and Development:

1. Employment of Avery M. Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, at a rate of \$37.66 per hour, Budget Code 100-501-1102, effective June 2, 2025. Other Remarks: Expanded Cell Phone allowance. Grade 18 Plan General. Remarks: 2025 budget - 75K, amt over budget. grading sets midpoint at 86092 (\$41.39/hr)

Motion adopted.

- 23. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege; §551.087 to discuss economic development; and §551.072 to discuss real property. (23-46:06)**

23. June 2, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:47 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege; §551.087 to discuss economic development; 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.**

(24-48:00)

24. June 2, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:30 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

25. Adjourn.

(25-48:18)

25. June 2, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 2, 2025.