

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **16th 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 16, 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 16, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:04 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 16, 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.

(3-1:59)

3. June 16, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

County Judge Zeller welcomed Mayor Duane Crocker and State Representative A.J. Louderback. Judge Zeller informed Representative Louderback of how appreciative the Court was for the good work he did with the legislative session.

State Representative A.J. Louderback thanked the Court for their support and stated he is honored to serve Victoria County.

Commissioner Shannon Martin thanked all the Victoria County Precinct's Road and Bridge employees for the long and extended hours they worked during the weekend due to the flooding.

Commissioner Sexton and Commissioner Ohrt also thanked all the Precinct's Road and Bridge employees for their hard work.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer presented a recap of the June 12, 2025, severe weather and flooding conditions. The Court thanked Mr. McBrayer and his staff for their hard work during the severe weather. Commissioner Sexton questioned how to get TDEM iStat information out to the public. Mr. McBrayer responded to Commissioner Sexton.

County Judge Zeller stated the Road and Bridge workshop scheduled for this afternoon has been canceled and will be rescheduled for another date.

Executive Director Lenny Llerena informed the public that Runway 1331 at the Victoria Regional Airport will be closed from August 4, 2025, through September 5, 2025. Mr. Llerena stated that the Airport would still be operating, but commercial services

would be closed. Mr. Llerena also spoke about the airport communicating with the airlines in connection with the closure of Runway 1331.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-15:09)

4. June 16, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 9, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-15:21)

5. June 16, 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	6/16/2025	\$1,078,123.81
Supplemental Accounts	6/6/2025 – 6/12/2025	\$215,640.21

Motion adopted.

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

(6-15:47)

6. June 16, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Judge; County Commissioners, Precincts Nos. 1 – 4; and County Tax Assessor-Collector. Motion adopted.

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

(7-16:08)

7. June 16, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-16:20)

8. June 16, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated June 12, 2025, in the amount of \$164,712.15 and the ACH report dated June 12, 2025, in the amount of \$2,226,244.57. Motion adopted.

9. Recognize and congratulate Heidi Easley on being awarded Clerk of the Year, and take appropriate action.

(9-16:57)

9. June 16, 2025. County Judge Zeller recognized and congratulated County Clerk Heidi Easley for being awarded Clerk of the Year at the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas Conference. County Clerk Heidi Easley thanked everyone. No action taken.

10. Discuss and consider revised draft Incidents, Events, And Emergency Compensation Policy and take appropriate action.

(10-25:22)

10. June 16, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu explained the intent of the Incidents, Events, and Emergency Compensation Policy draft. The Commissioners Court, Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer, Public Health Director David Gonzales, First Assistant County Auditor Becky Smiley, and Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena discussed the draft, the amount of compensation, holidays, and official closing of county offices during an event. No action taken.

- 11. Receive fully executed closing documents for purchase of the 20-acre Buhler Telferner Family Partnership tract located on Aviation Dr. in Victoria, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(11-49:34)

11. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received a fully executed closing documents for the purchase of the 20-acre Buhler Telferner Family Partnership tract located on Aviation Drive in Victoria, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of the Victoria County Navigation District and take appropriate action.**

(12-19:37)

12. June 16, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the appointment of Sherry Calhoun McShaffry to the Victoria County Navigation District Board. Motion adopted.

- 13. Ratify the nomination of Commissioner Shannon Martin to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) Board of Directors (BOD) and take appropriate action.**

(13-53:14)

13. June 16, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court ratified the nomination of Commissioner Shannon Martin to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) Board of Directors (BOD). Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-051 for a donation from the American Legion Post 166 valued at \$2,500.00 to the Victoria County Veteran Services Office and take appropriate action.**

(14-54:20)

14. June 16, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, Pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution 2025-051 for a donation from the American Legion Post 166 valued at \$2,500.00 to be utilized for and dedicated to the Victoria County Veterans Services Office. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider the following in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive executed Agreement with Rawley McCoy & Associates.

(15a-54:51)

15a. June 16, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the executed Agreement with Rawley McCoy and Associates in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:

b. Authorize to Advertise for Competitive Sealed Proposals.

(15b-51:41)

15b. June 16, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court authorized to Advertise for Competitive Sealed Proposals in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

- 16. Discuss and consider prospective renovation plans and timelines for the 311 E. Constitution building and potential relocation of county offices and take appropriate action.**

(16-59:34)

16. June 16, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the 311 E. Constitution Street building space renovation plans and timelines to eventually relocate the Election's Office, County Treasurer's Office, County Auditor's office, and renovate cafeteria meeting space, and upgrade the existing restroom. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of Road Use Agreement with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC for a pipeline maintenance project located within Precinct 3 and take appropriate action.**

(17-1:03:55)

17. June 16, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston and Commissioner Shannon Martin provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Road Use Agreement with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC for a pipeline maintenance project located within Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of request for plat exemption from Carolyn Swenson, C.J. Strnadel III & Lynette Migl at 31 Strnadel Lane and take appropriate action.**

(18-1:04:35)

18. June 16, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston spoke to the Court about the plat exemption. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the plat exemption request from Carolyn Swenson, C.J. Strnadel III and Lynette Migl at 31 Strnadel Lane in Precinct No. 4 with the following conditions:

- * Shall secure and verify the 911 addresses for the tracts with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.
- * No future tract created shall be less than 1-acre, excluding easements.
- * All created/revised tracts, new property deeds and ingress/egress easement(s) must be created and filed in the Victoria County Clerk's Public Records.
- * Further subdivision of tracts shall comply with the requirements of the effective published version of the VCDSM at the time of subdivision.
- * Each tract will have its own water well and Onsite Sanitary Sewer Facility (OSSF) (septic system).
- * Each tract shall have public right of way frontage or access to a public right-of-way through an ingress/egress easement with the following

requirements:

Motion adopted.

- 19. Discuss and consider approval of master employer services agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for services and supplemental insurance products, contingent upon legal review of agreement, and take appropriate action.**

(19-1:06:16)

19. June 16, 2025. Laura Gwaltney with Walker and Associates introduced Lela Yu with American Fidelity Assurance Company. Ms. Gwaltney informed the Court of the assistance that American Fidelity would provide to Victoria County. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the master employer services agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for services and supplemental insurance products, contingent upon legal review of the agreement.

Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider the following from the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive fully executed Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant Program Contract No. HHS001315700028, Amendment No. 1.

(20a-1:09:29)

20a. June 16, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant Program Contract No. HHS001315700028, Amendment No. 1 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 Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Contract No. 5613/2-565-03.

(20b-1:09:29)

20b. June 16, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed 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:

c. Approval of Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Agreement Contract No. HHS000537900511 under the Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program.

(20c-1:09:29)

20c. June 16, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Agreement Contract No. HHS000537900511 under the Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

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

d. Approval of Quote No. 43200 from ProPlaygrounds, valued at \$16,999.00, for the purchase of playground equipment in connection with the 2024/2025 Texas Healthy Communities Grant No. HHS001456400001.

(20d-1:09:29)

20d. June 16, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Quote No. 43200 from ProPlaygrounds, valued at \$16,999.00, for the purchase of playground equipment in connection with the 2024/2025 Texas Healthy Communities Grant No. HHS001456400001 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-052 for a road donation valued at \$371.60 for pipe and limestone from Mark Stafford at 6365 Coletoville Road, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(21-1:13:35)

21. June 16, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-052 for a road donation in the amount of \$371.60 from Mark Stafford at 6365 Coletoville Road, Victoria County, Texas, for pipe and limestone. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of Citizens Medical Center ICU Additions and Renovations AIA Document G702 for Payment No.13 and take appropriate action.**

(22-1:13:48)

22. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Citizens Medical Center ICU Additions and Renovations AIA Document G702 for Payment No. 13. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of request for payment No. 13 to Citizens Medical Center in the amount of \$175,461.83 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-11 and take appropriate action.**

(23-1:14:37)

23. June 16, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment No. 13 to Citizens Medical Center in the amount of \$175,461.83 for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-11. Motion adopted.

- 24. Consider approval of the following contracts from the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**

a. Residential contract with Brazos County.

(24a-1:15:27)

24a. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Brazos County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Detention and Residential contract with the First Judicial District: Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine Counties.

(24b-1:15:27)

24b. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and First Judicial District: Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine Counties. Motion adopted.

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

c. Detention and Residential Contract with 33rd and 424th Judicial Districts: Burnet, Llano, Blanco, San Saba, and Gillespie Counties.

(24c-1:15:27)

24c. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and 33rd and 424th Judicial Districts: Burnet, Llano, Blanco, San Saba, and Gillespie Counties. Motion adopted.

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

d. Detention and Residential contract with Wise County.

(24d-1:15:27)

24d. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Wise County. Motion adopted.

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

e. Detention and Residential contract with Parker County.

(24e-1:15:27)

24e. June 16, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Parker County. Motion adopted.

25. Receive for the record Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment, Sheriff Commissary Fund (380) and take appropriate action.

(25-1:16:11)

25. June 16, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment, Sheriff Commissary Fund (380) as Increase to Expenditures. Motion adopted.

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

(26-1:16:30)

26. June 16, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures - Increase
- b. Health Insurance Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

27. Adjourn.

(27-1:16:58)

27. June 16, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 16, 2025.