

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **30th 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 30, 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 30, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 30, 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.

(3-1:57)

3. June 30, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Michael Vonderau of 2107 N. Ben Jordan mentioned Mid-Coast Family Services holds a sale every first Saturday of the month. Mr. Vonderau commented on the water fountain being fixed and mentioned someone trashed Queen City and Christ's Kitchen.

Shannon Longoria with the Texas General Land Office provided the status of the MIT MOD grant pending for Victoria County. Ms. Longoria held a discussion with the Court and Grant Administrator Robin Knipling.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-19:42)

4. June 30, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 23, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-19:58)

5. June 30, 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	6/30/2025	\$907,481.76
Supplemental Accounts	6/20/2025 – 6/26/2025	\$256,604.90

Motion adopted.

6. **Receive monthly and quarterly reports from various county officials and departments and take appropriate action.**
(6-20:23)
6. June 30, 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.**
(7-20:51)
7. June 30, 2025. None. No action taken.
8. **Consider approval of CMC Interim vendor payments and take appropriate action.**
(8-20:55)
8. June 30, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated June 26, 2025, in the amount of \$335,112.04 and the ACH report dated June 26, 2025, in the amount of \$3,710,408.67. Motion adopted.
9. **Hear an update regarding hurricane preparedness from the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) and take appropriate action.**
(9-21:36)
9. June 30, 2025. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, with the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) gave an update regarding the 2025 Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Guide, including the wind scale and cone of uncertainty for hurricanes. Mr. McBrayer explained the code red platform. No action taken.
10. **Discuss the ongoing reorganization of the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office and classification/duties of Assistant Fire Marshal, and take appropriate action.**
(10-30:37)
10. June 30, 2025. The Commissioners Court discussed the ongoing reorganization of the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office and classification and duties for the Assistant Fire Marshal. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved to establish the Assistant Fire Marshal as a part-time role and execute any budget amendments necessary for this change. Motion adopted.
11. **Discuss and consider advertising a solicitation to lease the old Bloomington Little League field to an officially chartered Little League organization and take appropriate action.**
(11-40:40)
11. June 30, 2025. Commissioner Danny Garcia provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved advertising a solicitation to lease the old Bloomington Little League field to an officially chartered Little League organization. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of the Bi-Annual Food Vendor bids for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.

(12-44:28)

12. June 30, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved to award the following Bi-Annual Food Bids for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office:

Dairy, Eggs & Meat	Ben E. Keith Co.
Fruit & Vegetables	Ben E. Keith Co.
Staple Items	Ben E. Keith Co.
Miscellaneous Food Items	Ben E. Keith Co.
Milk/Juice	Hill Country Dairies
Bread	Performance Food Service (PFG)

for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Motion adopted. All per bids as filed in the minutes of this Court.

13. Receive the following fully executed Best Friends Grant Program agreements for the record and take appropriate action:

a. Network Neighbors Kits.

(13a-44:52)

13a. June 30, 2025. Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Best Friends Animal Society Grant Agreement, Network Neighbors Kit Grant, for the Victoria County Animal Services. Motion adopted.

Receive the following fully executed Best Friends Grant Program agreements for the record and take appropriate action:

b. Partner Up Program.

(13b-44:52)

13b. June 30, 2025. Mark Sloat, Animal Services Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Best Friends Animal Society Grant Agreement, Partner Up Challenge Program, for the Victoria County Animal Services. Motion adopted.

14. Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals for the Victoria County Health Department Spray Truck Building Project and take appropriate action:

a. Receive for the record the executed contract with Lauger Companies, Inc.

(14a-46:14)

14a. June 30, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the executed contract with Lauger Companies, Inc. regarding the Request for Proposals for the Victoria County Health Department Spray Truck Building Project. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals for the Victoria County Health Department Spray Truck Building Project and take appropriate action:

b. Reject all unawarded proposals.

(14b-46:14)

14b. June 30, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on rejecting all unawarded

proposals regarding the Request for Proposals for the Victoria County Health Department Spray Truck Building Project. No action taken.

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

a. Residential contract with Hidalgo County.

(15a-47:14)

15a. June 30, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Hidalgo County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Residential contract with Montgomery County.

(15b-47:14)

15b. June 30, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Montgomery County. 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 Fisher, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties.

(15c-47:14)

15c. June 30, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Fisher, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of the following road donations and take appropriate action:

a. Resolution No. 2025-055 for corrugated pipe valued at \$592.94 from John Kopecky at 150 Stehle Road, Victoria County, Texas, Precinct 3.

(16a-47:49)

16a. June 30, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-055 for a road donation in the amount of \$592.94 from John Kopecky at 150 Stehle Road in Precinct No. 3 for corrugated pipe. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following road donations and take appropriate action:

b. Resolution No. 2025-056 for corrugated pipe valued at \$1,200.00 from Reid Schiffbauer at Edna Lane, Victoria County, Texas, Precinct 1.

(16b-47:49)

16b. June 30, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-056 for a road donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Reid Schiffbauer at Edna Lane in Precinct No. 1 for corrugated pipe. Motion adopted.

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

(17-48:30)

17. June 30, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record, the Discretionary Funds Budget

Amendment for the Sheriff Commissary Fund (380) as an increase to expenditures.
Motion adopted.

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

(18-48:57)

18. June 30, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

19. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments and §551.072 to discuss real property.

(19-49:37)

19. June 30, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:50 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; and §551.072 to discuss real property.

20. 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.

(20-50:29)

20. June 30, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:55 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

21. Adjourn.

(21-50:41)

21. June 30, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 30, 2025.