

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **14th day July A.D., 2025**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Regular 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, July 14, 2025, 10:00 AM, REGULAR TERM

VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order.

(1-0:00)

1. July 14, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, July 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. July 14, 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.

(3-3:09)

3. July 14, 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 thanked Captain Kenny Jones of the Salvation Army for going to Kerr County to help them and spoke about the water boil issue for Victoria.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer provided an update on the current water situation in Victoria.

Commissioner Danny Garcia commented on the past and current operations of the Emergency Management Offices.

Commissioner Kenneth Sexton stated the TDEM conference held by the Victoria County Emergency Management Office was helpful.

County Judge Zeller spoke about the Kerr County flooding and the lifting of the water boil notice for Victoria.

Public Health Director David Gonzales spoke about Victoria's water situation.

Commissioners Court discussed the importance of the Emergency Management Office following the Kerr County flooding.

Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, introduced Mallory Elkins as an intern for the Victoria County Emergency Management Office and the County Judge's Office.

Mallory Elkins spoke to the Court.

Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information on the MIT MOD status with the General Land Office.

John Johnston, County Engineer, mentioned the bid opening on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. for the Regional Public Safety Training Center and stated they had a pre-construction conference on the metal building for mosquito trucks at the Victoria Public Health Department and work should start on August 9, 2025.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-16:41)

4. July 14, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on July 7, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-16:55)

5. July 14, 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	7/14/2025	\$418,122.20
Supplemental Accounts	7/3/2025 – 7/10/2025	\$42,862.41

Motion adopted.

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

(6-17:27)

6. July 14, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; District Clerk; Criminal District Attorney; Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3; and Constable, Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

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

(7-17:46)

7. July 14, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the release of the following bond forfeiture judgments from the Court:

- a. Cause No. CIV1-21362: The State of Texas vs. Dora Marie Aumada, Defendant and A-1 Bonding Co., Surety.
- b. Cause No. CIV2-21023: The State of Texas vs. Roxanne Ramos Tijerina, Defendant and Albert Saenz dba AA Best Bail Bonds, Surety.
- c. Cause No. CIV2-21025: The State of Texas vs. Roxanne Ramos Tijerina, Defendant and Albert Saenz dba AA Best Bail Bonds, Surety.
- d. Cause No. CIV1-21810: The State of Texas vs. Kaila Marie Cantu, Defendant and A & A Bail Bonds, Surety.
- e. Cause No. CIV1-21811: The State of Texas vs. Kaila Marie Cantu, Defendant and A & A Bail Bonds, Surety.

Motion adopted.

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

(8-18:07)

8. July 14, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated July 10, 2025, in the amount of \$230,773.80 and the ACH report dated July 10, 2025, in the amount of \$3,016,233.82. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a proclamation congratulating Braxton Rokyta on his achievements competing in the 2025 4-H National Championship through the Victoria 4-H Shotgun Club and take appropriate action.

(9-18:50)

9. July 14, 2025. Gary Smejkal, 4-H Shotgun Club Coach, gave a background and introduced Braxton Rokyta. Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation congratulating Braxton Rokyta on his achievements competing in the 2025 4-H National Championship through the Victoria 4-H Shotgun Club. Motion adopted.

10. Consider the following in regard to the Victoria County Fire Marshal position and take appropriate action:

a. Appoint Victoria County Fire Marshal.

(10a-27:58)

10a. July 14, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved to appoint Daniel Porter as the Victoria County Fire Marshal. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in regard to the Victoria County Fire Marshal position and take appropriate action:

b. Approve bond and oath of office.

(10b-27:58)

10b. July 14, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Bond and Oath of Office for Daniel Porter as the Victoria County Fire Marshal. Daniel Porter provided his background information to the Court. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of the following in connection with the TxDOT FM 616 overpass construction project in Precinct 1 and take appropriate action:

a. Letter of Support designating FM616 as a Major Collector, the existing duration of State Highway 185 to King Road as Local, and the segment from State Highway 185 to Johnson Street as Minor Arterial.

(11a-33:40)

11a. July 14, 2025. Commissioner Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Letter of Support designating FM616 as a Major Collector, the existing duration of State Highway 185 to King Road as Local, and the segment from State Highway 185 to Johnson Street as Minor Arterial in connection with the TxDOT FM 616 overpass construction project in Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in connection with the TxDOT FM 616 overpass construction project in Precinct 1 and take appropriate action:

b. Adopt and designate the portion from Bobcat Ave. to Bobcat Ave. to the Precinct 1 Road and Bridge Inventory.

(11b-33:40)

11b. July 14, 2025. Commissioner Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court adopted and designated the portion from Bobcat Avenue to Bobcat Avenue to the Precinct No. 1 Road and Bridge Inventory in connection with the TxDOT FM 616 overpass construction project in Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of District Subrecipient Agreement Amendment 03 for Victoria County Navigation District amending Appendix II – Budget contingent upon legal review and take appropriate action.**

(12-37:35)

12. July 14, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the District Subrecipient Agreement Amendment No. 3 for the Victoria County Navigation District, amending Appendix II - Budget contingent upon legal review. Motion adopted.

- 13. Discuss & consider approval of a \$396,000 Design Contract with Centurion Planning & Design for “Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation Project”, funded under a Federal Grant in the amount of \$1.7M for design and construction of the project and take appropriate action.**

(13-38:55)

13. July 14, 2025. Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the \$396,000.00 Design Contract with Centurion Planning and Design for "Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation Project", funded under a Federal Grant in the amount of \$1.7M for design and construction of the project. Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive for the Record an Amended Land Lease Agreement with L3Harris Technologies, INC and take appropriate action.**

(14-41:38)

14. July 14, 2025. Victoria Regional Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 1st Amendment to Lease Agreement/Lease Number SV162-04 between Victoria Regional Airport and L3Harris Technologies, Inc. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of a discretionary bid exemption to purchase a software license renewal with GrayShift for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.**

(15-44:04)

15. July 14, 2025. Chief Deputy Will Franklin provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the discretionary bid exemption under Local Government Code 262.024(a)(2) to purchase a software license renewal with GrayShift for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of the purchase of a Hydraulic Ram, Gas Injector Unit and Ram Cam with Monitor for Law Enforcement in the amount of \$58,741.18 from the Sheriff DOT Federal Forfeiture Fund through Lenco Armored Vehicles under the**

General Services Administration Contract # GS-07F-169DA and take appropriate action.

(16-44:32)

16. July 14, 2025. Will Franklin, Chief Deputy, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the purchase of a Hydraulic Ram, Gas Injector Unit and Ram Cam with Monitor for Law Enforcement in the amount of \$58,741.18 from the Sheriff DOT Federal Forfeiture Fund through Lenco Armored Vehicles under the General Services Administration Contract No. GS-07F-169DA. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of the Department of State Health Services Grant Agreement for the Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Spay and Neuter Grant Program, Contract No. HHS001521400008 and take appropriate action.

(17-47:34)

17. July 14, 2025. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Department of State Health Services Grant Agreement for the Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Spay and Neuter Grant Program, Contract No. HHS001521400008 for Victoria County. Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of ASPCA The Rescue Effect Campaign Grant application G-202506-33487 award contingent upon legal review and take appropriate action.

(18-48:41)

18. July 14, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the ASPCA The Rescue Effect Campaign Grant application G-202506-33487 award for Victoria County Animal Services, contingent upon legal review. Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of Change Order No. 002 in connection to the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation project and take appropriate action.

(19-50:16)

19. July 14, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Change Order No. 002 in connection to the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation project. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of and authorize to advertise the Invitation for Bids for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action.

(20-51:33)

20. July 14, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston and Commissioner Jason Ohrt provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved and authorized to advertise the Invitation for Bids for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

21. Consider approval of request for plat exemption from Cheyenne Reynolds at 17967 US HWY 87 N., located in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(21-52:38)

21. July 14, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston spoke to the Court about the plat exemption. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners

Court approved the plat exemption request from Cheyenne Reynolds at 17967 US Hwy 87N in Precinct No. 2 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:
 - ~Any private/public ingress/egress easements to a public ROW shall be constructed and maintained as an all-weather roadway capable of supporting any/all emergency services vehicles as determined by the Sheriff and the Fire Marshal of Victoria County.
 - ~Maintenance of ingress/egress easement(s) shall be the sole responsibility of the developer and/or property owner(s).
 - ~The developer/property owner(s) shall install Knoxbox(es) at all gates across private/public access easements. The placement and installation of all Knoxbox(es) shall be approved by the Victoria County Fire Marshal.

Motion adopted.

22. Consider approval of the Printing and Mailing Services Agreement from the Victoria County Tax Assessor Collector and take appropriate action.

(22-53:28)

22. July 14, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Printing and Mailing Services Agreement between Victoria County Tax Office and Usio Output Solutions, Inc. Motion adopted.

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

a. Fully executed Residential Contract with Brazos County.

(23a-55:46)

23a. July 14, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the fully executed Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Brazos County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Residential Contract with Cameron County.

(23b-55:46)

23b. July 14, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Cameron County. Motion adopted.

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

c. Detention and Residential Contract with Kerr County.

(23c-55:46)

23c. July 14, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Kerr County. Motion adopted.

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

(24-56:28)

24. July 14, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

25. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss Personnel in various departments, §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions and §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

(25-57:08)

25. July 14, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:07 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions; §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

26. 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.

(26-57:50)

26. July 14, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:13 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

27. Adjourn.

(27-57:57)

27. July 14, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of July 14, 2025.