

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **4th day August 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	Present until 10:29 a.m.
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, August 4, 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. August 4, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, August 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. August 4, 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.

(3-2:19)

3. August 4, 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 stated the budget calendar has been adjusted with the budget workshop to begin on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. and the Department Head meeting that was scheduled for this Thursday will be rescheduled.

Grant Administrator Robin Knipling stated that GrantWorks will be in Bloomington, Precinct No. 1, this week, going door to door, performing surveys to qualify the area regarding the CDBG Sewer Improvement Grant.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-6:41)

4. August 4, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on July 28, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-6:55)

5. August 4, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	8/4/2025	\$622,459.77
Supplemental Accounts	7/25/2025 – 7/31/2025	\$108,793.77

Motion adopted.

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

(6-7:24)

6. August 4, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the Sheriff; Fire Marshal; and Constable, Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

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

(7-7:49)

7. August 4, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-7:54)

8. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated July 31, 2025, in the amount of \$129,842.59 and the ACH report dated July 31, 2025, in the amount of \$1,346,681.40. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a proclamation designating the week of August 4 as National Farmers Market Week and take appropriate action.

(9-8:25)

9. August 4, 2025. Meridith Byrd with the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent provided an update on the Farmer's Market. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating the week of August 3-9, 2025, as Farmers' Market Week in Victoria County, in conjunction with the observance of National Farmers' Market Week. Motion adopted.

10. Hear a proclamation designating the month of August as National Emergency Management Awareness Month and take appropriate action.

(10-17:41)

10. August 4, 2025. Emergency Management Director Rick McBrayer spoke to the Court regarding the Emergency Management Office. 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 August 2025 as National Emergency Management Awareness Month. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-065 accepting a donation valued at \$2,282.87 for Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) operational costs from Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply "Round Up" Promotion and take appropriate action.

(11-30:20)

11. August 4, 2025. Joe Hernandez with Victoria Animal Services provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved

Resolution No. 2025-065 for a donation valued at \$2,282.87 from Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply "Round Up" Promotion to be utilized for and dedicated to Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) for operational use. Motion adopted.

**12. Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:
a. Receive three (3) submitted bids.**

(12a-32:23)

12a. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received three (3) submitted bids regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 - Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

**Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:
b. Receive bid evaluation summary and award recommendation letter from RMA.**

(12b-32:23)

12b. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received a bid evaluation summary and award recommendation letter from RMA regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 - Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

**Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:
c. Consider Base Bid award in the amount of \$1,229,000.00.**

(12c-32:23)

12c. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Base Bid award in the amount of \$1,229,000.00 regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 - Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

**Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:
d. Authorize the County Judge to enter into an agreement with Lauger Companies, Inc., pending legal review, for the Base Bid.**

(12d-32:23)

12d. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to enter into an agreement with Lauger Companies, Inc., pending legal review, for the Base Bid. Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of a request for payment to Lynn Engineering in the total amount of \$12,375.00 in connection to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Award, Grant No. CDV23-0328 (GL#346-420-5011) and take appropriate action.

(13-39:04)

13. August 4, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment in the total amount of \$12,375.00 to Lynn Engineering in connection to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Award, Grant No. CDV23-0328 (GL No. 346-420-5011). Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive DR-4332-356 Budget Modification/Cost Overrun Request Approval Notice for the EOC Stair Enclosure Project and take appropriate action.**

(14-39:55)

14. August 4, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the DR-4332-356 Budget Modification/Cost Overrun Request Approval Notice for the EOC Stair Enclosure Project. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of a lease agreement between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria County Master Gardener Association for the property located at 283 Bachelor Dr. and take appropriate action.**

(15-41:04)

15. August 4, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on the lease agreement between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria County Master Gardener Association for the property located at 283 Bachelor Drive. No action taken.

- 16. Ratify to release remaining cash bond funds in the amount of \$50,113.41.00 in connection to the Tennessee Pipeline – Victoria County Road Use Agreement contract and take appropriate action.**

(16-41:16)

16. August 4, 2025. County Auditor Michelle Samford, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Sexton provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court ratified to release the remaining cash bond funds in connection to the Tennessee Pipeline - Victoria County Road Use Agreement contract. Motion adopted.

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

a. Approval of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Contract No. 5613/2-565-04.

(17a-42:54)

17a. August 4, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Contract No. 5613/2-565-04 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

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

b. Receive HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) Contract No. 5612/2-565-02.

(17b-42:54)

17b. August 4, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) Contract No. 5612/2-565-02 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive fully executed agreement with JE Construction, LLC, in connection with the Victoria Regional Airport Parking Lot Rehabilitation project solicitation, grant agreement No. VCT-SWG-3-48-0219-029-2025 and take appropriate action.**

(18-44:11)

18. August 4, 2025. Lenny Llerena, Executive Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed agreement with JE Construction, LLC. in connection with the Victoria Regional Airport Parking Lot Rehabilitation project solicitation, grant agreement No. VCT-SWG-3-48-0219-029-2025. Motion adopted.

- 19. Receive a certificate of the 2025 anticipated tax collection percentage rate as provided by the Victoria County Tax Assessor-Collector and take appropriate action.**

(19-47:20)

19. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received a certificate of the 2025 anticipated tax collection percentage rate as provided by the Victoria County Tax-Assessor Collector. Motion adopted.

- 20. Hear and receive Quarterly Report of Investment and ratify purchases of certificate of deposits and U.S. agencies from the Victoria County Treasurer and take appropriate action.**

(20-48:07)

20. August 4, 2025. County Treasurer Paige Foster provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the order ratifying purchase of certificate of deposits from the Victoria County Treasurer. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of a request from the Victoria County Fire Marshal to issue a reimbursement from the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Fund in the amount of \$9,799.48 to the Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Department for equipment repairs and take appropriate action.**

(21-50:52)

21. August 4, 2025. Fire Marshal Dan Porter and Commissioner Martin provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved a request from the Victoria County Fire Marshal to issue a reimbursement from the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Fund in the amount of \$9,799.48 to the Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Department for equipment repairs. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**
a. Johnson County.

(22a-52:04)

22a. August 4, 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 Johnson County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

b. Val Verde County.

(22b-52:04)

22b. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional

Juvenile Justice Center and Val Verde County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

c. Fort Bend County.

(22c-52:04)

22c. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Fort Bend County. Motion adopted.

23. Receive for the record a 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment from the Sheriff's DOT Federal Forfeiture Fund (372) and take appropriate action.

(23-52:25)

23. August 4, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment from the Sheriff's DOT Federal Forfeiture Fund No. 372 as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

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

(24-52:50)

24. August 4, 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. Courthouse Security Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

25. Closed meeting pursuant to V.C.T.A. Government code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters in various departments, §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege, §551.072 to discuss real property, and §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions.

(25-53:56)

25. August 4, 2025. The Commissioners' Court did not hold a closed session, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters in various departments; §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege; §551.072 to discuss real property; and §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions.

26. Pursuant to V.C.T.A. Government Code §551.102, return to an open meeting and take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in the closed meeting.

(26-54:08)

26. August 4, 2025. The Commissioners Court did not return to an open meeting, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102.

27. Adjourn.

(27-54:42)

27. August 4, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of August 4, 2025.