

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **11th day August 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, August 11, 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. August 11, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, August 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. August 11, 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.

(3-2:58)

3. August 11, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Bill Pozzi, Republican Chair, informed the Court that the filing dates to run for a political office in the primary election will be November 8, 2025 through December 8, 2025.

County Engineer John Johnston stated that Avery Flessner, Assistant Engineer, has received his Professional Engineering License.

County Judge Zeller stated the budget workshop will resume today at 1:30 p.m. and continue on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-5:27)

4. August 11, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on August 4, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-5:49)

5. August 11, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford,

County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	8/11/2025	\$542,980.07
Supplemental Accounts	8/1/2025 – 8/7/2025	\$52,665.32

Motion adopted.

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

(6-6:11)

6. August 11, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; Criminal District Attorney; County Auditor; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4; and Constables, Precincts Nos. 1 and 2. Motion adopted.

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

(7-6:38)

7. August 11, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-6:46)

8. August 11, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated August 7, 2025, in the amount of \$189,662.22 and the ACH report dated August 7, 2025, in the amount of \$3,607,978.64. Motion adopted.

9. Authorize the County Judge to execute an agreement with Centurion Planning & Design to provide construction administration services in connection with the Victoria Regional Airport Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project and take appropriate action.

(9-7:23)

9. August 11, 2025. Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to execute an agreement with Centurion Planning and Design to provide construction administration services in connection with the Victoria Regional Airport Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project. Motion adopted.

10. Receive and discuss the Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Objectives and Policy Statement for the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA) and take appropriate action.

(10-8:31)

10. August 11, 2025. Lenny Llerena, Airport Executive Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Objectives and Policy Statement for the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA). Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-069 in connection with the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Multi-Year Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program for the Crossroads Regional Public Defenders Office and take appropriate action.

(11-12:43)

11. August 11, 2025. Chief Public Defender Brian Watson provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-069 in connection with the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Multi-Year Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program for the Crossroads Regional Public Defenders Office. Motion adopted.

12. Consider the following in relation to the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) grant program for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action:

a. Grant Award No. HID0925G0579-00.

(12a-17:52)

12a. August 11, 2025. Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Grant Award No. HID0925G0579-00 in relation to the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) grant program for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in relation to the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) grant program for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action:

b. Authorize Grant Administrator to Accept Award.

(12b-17:52)

12b. August 11, 2025. Justin Marr, Sheriff, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the Grant Administrator to accept award in relation to the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) grant program for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of the following for Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room (VCREOC) HMGP DR-4485-0040 peer review services and take appropriate action:

a. Hiring Resolution No. 2025-070.

(13a-19:41)

13a. August 11, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on Resolution No. 2025-070, Hiring of Schultz Square Architects, LLC, for Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room (VCREOC) HMGP DR-4485-0040 peer review services. No action taken.

Consider approval of the following for Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room (VCREOC) HMGP DR-4485-0040 peer review services and take appropriate action:

b. Schultz Squared Letter of Agreement.

(13b-19:41)

13b. August 11, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on the Schultz Squared Letter of Agreement for Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room (VCREOC) HMGP DR-4485-0040 peer review services. No action taken.

14. Consider approval of the following in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project and take appropriate action:

a. Consider award of Additive Alternate One.

(14a-19:53)

14a. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the award of Additive Alternate One in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12, Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project and take appropriate action:

b. Consider award of Additive Alternate Two.

(14b-19:53)

14b. August 11, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the award of Additive Alternate Two in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12, Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project and take appropriate action:

c. Consider award of Additive Alternate Three.

(14c-19:53)

14c. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Commissioner Danny Garcia voted nay, Commissioner Jason Ohrt voted nay, Commissioner Shannon Martin voted nay, Commissioner Kenneth Sexton voted nay, and County Judge Ben Zeller voted nay for the award of Additive Alternate Three in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12, Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project. Motion failed.

Consider approval of the following in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12 – Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project and take appropriate action:

d. Consider award of Additive Alternate Four.

(14d-19:53)

14d. August 11, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Commissioner Danny Garcia voted nay, Commissioner Jason Ohrt voted nay, Commissioner Shannon Martin voted nay, Commissioner Kenneth Sexton voted nay, and County Judge Ben Zeller voted nay for the award of Additive Alternate Four in regard to the Request for Proposals 2025-12, Victoria County Regional Public Safety Center Project. Motion failed.

- 15. Discuss and consider a funding request in the total amount of \$42,377.10 for the new Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) facility renovation project, located at 511 Profit Drive, Victoria, TX 77901, and take appropriate action:**

a. Request for \$33,902.10 for the installation of a cleaning system from JCG Enterprises.

(15a-24:37)

15a. August 11, 2025. Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for \$33,902.10 for the installation of a cleaning system from JCG Enterprises in connection with the new Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) facility renovation project located at 511 Profit Drive, Victoria, Texas 77901. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider a funding request in the total amount of \$42,377.10 for the new Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) facility renovation project, located at 511 Profit Drive, Victoria, TX 77901, and take appropriate action:

b. Request for \$8,475.00 to cover the down payment for half of supply costs.

(15b-24:37)

15b. August 11, 2025. Mark Sloat, Animal Services Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for \$8,475.00 to cover the down payment for half of supply costs in connection with the new Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) facility renovation project located at 511 Profit Drive, Victoria, Texas 77901. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of the following regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 – Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action:

a. Receive submitted bids and bid tabulation.

(16a-28:56)

16a. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston, Commissioner Ohrt, and Commissioner Sexton provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the submitted bids and bid tabulation regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 – Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action:

b. Receive award recommendation letter from CivilCorp, LLC.

(16b-28:56)

16b. August 11, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the award recommendation letter from CivilCorp, LLC regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 – Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action:

c. Consider award of Base Bid.

(16c-28:56)

16c. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the award of Base Bid regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 – Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action:

d. Consider award of Additive Alternate 1.

(16d-28:56)

16d. August 11, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the award of Additive Alternate 1 regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 – Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action:

e. Consider award of Additive Alternate 2.

(16e-28:56)

16e. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the award of Additive Alternate 2 regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 – Northside Road Reconstruction Project and take appropriate action:

f. Authorize the County Judge to execute an agreement with Clark Construction of Texas, Inc., pending legal review

(16f-28:56)

16f. August 11, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to execute an agreement with Clark Construction of Texas, Inc., pending legal review, regarding the Invitation for Bids 2025-13 for the Northside Road Reconstruction Project. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of request for plat exemption from Jack & Charlotte Garrett at 2466 Old Port Lavaca Road, located in Victoria County, Precinct 1, and take appropriate action.

(17-32:46)

17. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston spoke to the Court about the plat exemption. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the plat exemption request from Jack and Charlotte Garrett at 2466 Old Port Lavaca Road in Victoria County, Precinct No.1 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.

18. Consider approval of Lauger Companies Inc. Change Order 001 in connection to the Health Department Spray Truck Building project and take appropriate action.

(18-33:38)

18. August 11, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Lauger Companies, Inc. Change Order 001 in connection to the Health Department Spray Truck Building project. Motion adopted.

- 19. Authorize to advertise an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Annual Supply Contract for Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, and Dyed Diesel Fuel and take appropriate action.**

(19-34:54)

19. August 11, 2025. Procurement Specialist Amanda Reyes provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Annual Supply Contract for Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, and Dyed Diesel Fuel. Motion adopted.

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

a. Approval of Contract No. 5635/25-26/565/01 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant.

(20a-35:57)

20a. August 11, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Contract No. 5635/25-26/565/01 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

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

b. Approval of Contract No. 5625/25-26/565/01 for the HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) grant.

(20b-35:57)

20b. August 11, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Contract No. 5625/25-26/565/01 for the HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) grant for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

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

c. Receive fully executed Contract No. 5613/2-565-04 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) grant.

(20c-35:57)

20c. August 11, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Contract No. 5613/2-565-04 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

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

d. Receive fully executed Contract No. 5612/2-565-02 for the HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) grant.

(20d-35:57)

20d. August 11, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Contract No. 5612/2-565-02 for the HIV Health and Social Services (State Services) grant for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of a Master Interlocal Agreement with TechShare to provide case management software for the Victoria County Criminal District Attorney's Office and take appropriate action.**

(21-38:54)

21. August 11, 2025. Criminal District Attorney Constance Filley Johnson provided the Court with information and answered Commissioner Ohrt's question. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Master Interlocal Agreement with TechShare to provide case management software for the Victoria County Criminal District Attorney's Office. Motion adopted.

- 22. Receive the 2025 Victoria County Completion Report for Cybersecurity Training, mandated under Texas Local Government Code §2054.5191 and take appropriate action.**

(22-42:23)

22. August 11, 2025. IT Director Matt Schneider provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the 2025 Victoria County Completion Report for Cybersecurity Training, mandated under Texas Local Government Code §2054.5191. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvements in Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action.**

a. Resolution No. 2025-066 valued at \$825.00 from John Durham located at Lake Placedo Road, Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas.

(23a-43:25)

23a. August 11, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-066 for a road donation valued at \$825.00 from John Durham at Lake Placedo Road in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, for a culvert installation for drainage improvement. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvements in Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action:

b. Resolution No. 2025-067 valued at \$260.10 from Kevin Kelso located at 2073 Old Goliad Road, Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.

(23b-43:25)

23b. August 11, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-067 for a road donation valued at \$260.10 from Kevin Kelso at approximately 2073 Old Goliad Road in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, for corrugated pipe and limestone for drainage improvement. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvements in Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action:

c. Resolution No. 2025-068 valued at \$471.48 from James Robertson located at 386 Kemper City Road South, Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.

(23c-43:25)

23. August 11, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-068 for a road donation valued at

\$471.48 from James Robertson at 386 Kemper City Road South in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, for corrugated pipe and limestone for drainage improvement. Motion adopted.

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

a. Upton/Reagan County.

(24a-44:28)

24a. August 11, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Upton/Reagan County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Leon County.

(24b-44:28)

24b. August 11, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Leon County. Motion adopted.

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

c. Angelina County.

(24c-44:28)

24c. August 11, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Angelina County. Motion adopted.

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

d. Frio County.

(24d-44:28)

24d. August 11, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Frio County. Motion adopted.

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

e. Nueces County.

(24e-44:28)

24e. August 11, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Nueces County. Motion adopted.

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

(25-45:02)

25. August 11, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

a. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director - Human Resources:

1. Request for payment of 24 hours overtime to Jena Banda for work related to the disaster and recovery efforts during the Texas Hill Country flooding disaster, to be coded to 194-599-1106.

Motion adopted.

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

(26-45:28)

26. August 11, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendment for:

a. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

27. Enter into a closed meeting pursuant to V.C.T.A. Government Code §551.087 to discuss economic development; and §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

(27-45:45)

27. August 11, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:46 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.087 to discuss economic development; and §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

28. 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.

(28-46:25)

28. August 11, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 1:31 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

29. Adjourn.

(29-47:09)

29. August 11, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of August 11, 2025.