

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **25th 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, Danny Garcia, County Judge Pro Tem, presiding and the following Commissioners attending:

Ben Zeller,	County Judge	Absent
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 25, 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 25, 2025. Danny Garcia, County Judge Pro Tem, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. August 25, 2025. County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia 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.

(3-1:30)

3. August 25, 2025. Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Fire Marshal Dan Porter provided an update on the KBDI numbers.

Commissioner Shannon Martin informed the public there will be a bridge replacement at the 1500 Block of Cologne Road in Precinct No. 3 that will begin on Monday, September 8, 2025.

Hearing no further comments, Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia continued with the next agenda item.

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-4:42)

4. August 25, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on August 18, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-4:55)

5. August 25, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Motion adopted.

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

(6-5:32)

6. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Treasurer and County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development. Motion adopted.

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

(7-5:55)

7. August 25, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-6:15)

8. August 25, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated August 21, 2025, in the amount of \$49,089.46 and the ACH report dated August 21, 2025, in the amount of \$2,123,477.53. Motion adopted.

9. Discuss and commend local schools recognized by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Healthy South Texas Program for the 2024-2025 school year and take appropriate action.

(9-7:03)

9. August 25, 2025. Marcie Kucera, Health Agent for Healthy South Texas with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, provided information about the program. Commissioner Sexton read the Aloe Elementary Proclamation. Commissioner Martin read the Patti Welder Middle School Proclamation. Commissioner Ohrt read the STEM Middle School Proclamation. County Judge Pro Tem Garcia read the Victoria East High School Proclamation. The Court commended Aloe Elementary, Patti Welder Middle School, STEM Middle School and Victoria East High School for being recognized by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Healthy South Texas Program for the 2024-2025 school year. No action taken.

10. Discuss House Bill 1522, amending §551.043 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act), regarding changes to statutory meeting posting deadline and potential effects on Commissioners Court meeting schedule effective September 1, 2025 and take appropriate action.

(10-18:27)

10. August 25, 2025. Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson discussed House Bill 1522, amending §551.043 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act), regarding changes to the statutory meeting posting deadline and potential effects on the Commissioners Court meeting schedule effective September 1, 2025. Dee Pawlik, a resident, questioned the Court about County offices being closed. No action taken.

11. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria Master Gardener Association and take appropriate action.

(11-25:09)

11. August 25, 2025. County Extension Agent Kara Matheney provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria Master Gardeners Association. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$186,264.00 to Rain Seal Master Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. in connection with the Central Fire Station Roof Replacement Project and take appropriate action.**

(12-27:55)

12. August 25, 2025. John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$186,264.00 to Rain Seal Master Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in connection with the Central Fire Station Roof Replacement Project. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of amendments to the Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement with Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. in accordance with the Secure 2.0 Act and take appropriate action.**

(13-29:42)

13. August 25, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved amendments to the Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement with Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. in accordance with the Secure 2.0 Act. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider the following regarding the Victoria County Dental and Vision Insurance Plan and take appropriate action:**

a. Hear Insurance Committee recommendation.

(14a-31:10)

14a. August 25, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu spoke about the Insurance Committee's recommendation to MetLife regarding the Victoria County Dental and Vision Insurance Plan. No action taken.

Consider the following regarding the Victoria County Dental and Vision Insurance Plan and take appropriate action:

b. Consider approval of dental and vision plan changes for the 2026 plan year.

(14b-31:10)

14b. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the dental and vision plan changes for the 2026 plan year. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Victoria County Dental and Vision Insurance Plan and take appropriate action:

c. Authorize the County Judge to execute agreements with MetLife, contingent upon legal review.

(14c-31:10)

14c. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to execute agreements with MetLife, contingent upon legal review, regarding the Victoria County Dental and Vision Insurance Plan. Motion adopted.

- 15. Receive for the record the following Salary Orders from the Victoria County District Court Judges and take appropriate action:**
a. Order for FY2026 Auditor's Office salaries in an amount exceeding 5%-TXLGC §111.013.

(15a-35:12)

15a. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record Order for FY2026 Auditor's Office salaries in an amount exceeding 5%-TXLGC §111.013 from the Victoria County District Court Judges. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following Salary Orders from the Victoria County District Court Judges and take appropriate action:

- b. Order for FY2026 Court Reporter salaries.**

(15b-35:12)

15b. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record Order for FY2026 Court Reporter salaries from the Victoria County District Court Judges. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider the following from the Victoria County Clerk and take appropriate action:**
a. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §118.025, hold a public hearing for the 2026 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan.

(16a-36:25)

16a. August 25, 2025. The Commissioners Court, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §118.025, held a public hearing for the 2026 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan. County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia opened the public meeting at 10:37 a.m. County Clerk Heidi Easley spoke on the 2026 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan. Judge Pro Tem Garcia closed the public meeting at 10:40 a.m. No action taken.

Consider the following from the Victoria County Clerk and take appropriate action:

- b. Consider approval of the 2026 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan.**

(16b-36:25)

16b. August 25, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 Victoria County Clerk Archival Plan. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of the Proposed 2026 Victoria County Sheriff & Constable fees and take appropriate action.**

(17-40:35)

17. August 25, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on the the Proposed 2026 Victoria County Sheriff and Constable fees. No action taken.

- 18. Receive a Quarterly Investment Report from the County Treasurer and take appropriate action.**

(18-40:55)

18. August 25, 2025. County Treasurer Paige Foster provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received a Quarterly Investment Report from the County Treasurer. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of a request for payment to the Victoria County Navigation District in the amount of \$597,215.01 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-13 and take appropriate action.**

(19-42:03)

19. August 25, 2025. County Auditor Michelle Samford provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment to the Victoria County Navigation District in the amount of \$597,215.01 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-13. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**
a. 258th & 411th Judicial District-Polk, San Jacinto, and Trinity Counties.

(20a-43:05)

20a. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and 258th and 411th Judicial District-Polk, San Jacinto, and Trinity Counties. Motion adopted.

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

b. Hale County.

(20b-43:05)

20b. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential and Detention Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Hale County. Motion adopted.

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

c. Guadalupe County.

(20c-43:05)

20c. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Guadalupe County. Motion adopted.

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

d. Falls, Milam, and Robertson Counties.

(20d-43:05)

20d. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Falls, Milam, and Robertson Counties. Motion adopted.

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

e. Jefferson County.

(20e-43:05)

20e. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Jefferson County. Motion adopted.

**Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:
f. Brown and Mills Counties.**

(20f-43:05)

20f. August 25, 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 Brown and Mills Counties. Motion adopted.

**Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:
g. Dawson County.**

(20g-43:05)

20g. August 25, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Dawson County. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-073 for a road donation from Santiago Garcia for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvements in Victoria County right-of-way at 258 Serene Drive in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(21-43:56)

21. August 25, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-073 for a road donation valued at \$1,200.00 from Santiago Garcia at 258 Serene Drive in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvement in Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

- 22. Receive for the record Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund (370) and take appropriate action.**

(22-45:41)

22. August 25, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund No. 370 as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of the following 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action:**

(23-46:52)

23. August 25, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendment for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenue and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. National School Lunch Program, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. Debt Service Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- g. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- h. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

24. Adjourn.

(24-47:48)

24. August 25, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of August 25, 2025.