

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **2nd day September 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
AMENDED MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS
Tuesday, September 2, 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. September 2, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 10:04 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. September 2, 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.

(3-5:02)

3. September 2, 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 held a moment of silence for the passing of Commissioner David Hall from Calhoun County and sent condolences to his family.

County Judge Zeller spoke about HB1522, the new posting deadline changes regarding the Commissioners Court agenda and stated the Victoria County 2026 Budget Public Hearing will be held on September 8, 2025 and finalized on September 29, 2025.

Will Joost, Sales Representative for Shoppa's Farm Supply, introduced himself and asked the Court to reach out to him if he may be of service.

Grant Administrator Robin Knipling stated the MIT MOD application is now moving into the contract phase and reviewed the next steps.

Victoria Animal Services Director Mark Sloat stated that employees, Officers Lorraina Kief and Joe Hernandez, received a mental health certificate for completing an online mental health training, specific to animal control officers.

Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena mentioned the Victoria Regional Airport runway will open on Friday at noon and spoke about the parking lot project.

Judge Zeller thanked Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer for presenting at the Texas Association of Counties Legislative conference last week.

County Engineer John Johnston stated that Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner attended the Texas Association of Flood Plains Managers Technical conference last week and is now a National Certified Flood Plain Manager.

Commissioner Shannon Martin mentioned there is a Public Hearing on next week's Commissioners Court agenda regarding traffic sign changes for Victoria County Precinct No. 3.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-19:53)

4. September 2, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on August 25, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-20:05)

5. September 2, 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	9/2/2025	\$826,331.57
Supplemental Accounts	8/22/2025 – 8/27/2025	\$263,917.33

Motion adopted.

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

(6-20:25)

6. September 2, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Judge and County Commissioners, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4. Motion adopted.

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

(7-20:44)

7. September 2, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-20:54)

8. September 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated August 28, 2025, in the amount of \$1,123,698.64 and the ACH report dated August 28, 2025, in the amount of \$2,868,935.10. Motion adopted.

9. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-074 for the receipt of financial assistance valued at \$2,500,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as referenced in Senate Bill 1 Rider, for the Engineering and Design of the Victoria Regional Airport Terminal Building Project and take appropriate action.

(9-21:41)

9. September 2, 2025. Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-074 for the receipt of financial assistance valued at \$2,500,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as referenced in Senate Bill 1 Rider, for the Engineering and Design of the Victoria Regional Airport Terminal Building Project. Motion adopted.

- 10. Consider approval of the following Change Orders from Centurion Planning & Design, LLC in regard to the Victoria Regional Airport Taxiway Charlie Relocation, Project VCT2301D, and take appropriate action:**

a. Change Order No. 004.

(10a-30:52)

10a. September 2, 2025. Lenny Llerena, Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Change Order No. 004 from Centurion Planning and Design, LLC in regard to the Victoria Regional Airport Taxiway Charlie Relocation, Project VCT2301D. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Change Orders from Centurion Planning & Design, LLC in regard to the Victoria Regional Airport Taxiway Charlie Relocation, Project VCT2301D, and take appropriate action:

b. Change Order No. 005.

(10b-30:52)

10b. September 2, 2025. Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Change Order No. 005 from Centurion Planning and Design, LLC in regard to the Victoria Regional Airport Taxiway Charlie Relocation, Project VCT2301D. Motion adopted.

- 11. Receive notice of grant award of the FY2025 Texas Home Visiting (THV) Program Grant for the Victoria County Health Department and take appropriate action.**

(11-33:47)

11. September 2, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on the notice of grant award of the FY2025 Texas Home Visiting (THV) Program Grant for the Victoria County Health Department. No action taken.

- 12. Receive fully executed Intergovernmental Agreement between Victoria County and Victoria County Drainage District #2 in regard to the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT MOD) Program and take appropriate action.**

(12-33:53)

12. September 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Intergovernmental Agreement between Victoria County and Victoria County Drainage District No. 2 in regard to the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT MOD) Program. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of FY2026 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Contract No. C-02349 for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action**

(13-34:20)

13. September 2, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the FY2026 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Contract No. C-02349 for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of a request for payment to Lynn Engineering in the amount of \$5,625.00 in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Award, Grant No. CDV23-0328 (GL #346-420-5011) and take appropriate action.**

(14-35:39)

14. September 2, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a request for payment to Lynn Engineering in the amount of \$5,625.00 in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Award, Grant No. CDV23-0328 (GL No. 346-420-5011). Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider the following in connection to the Northside Road Reconstruction Project in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive fully executed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Victoria, Texas and Victoria County, Texas.

(15a-36:34)

15a. September 2, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Victoria, Texas and Victoria County, Texas in connection to the Northside Road Reconstruction Project in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the Northside Road Reconstruction Project in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action:

b. Receive fully executed agreement between Clark Construction of Texas, Inc. and Victoria County, Texas.

(15b-36:34)

15b. September 2, 2025. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Agreement between Clark Construction of Texas, Inc. and Victoria County, Texas in connection to the Northside Road Reconstruction Project in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection to the Northside Road Reconstruction Project in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action:

c. Reject all other bids submitted for Invitation for Bids 2025-13.

(15c-36:34)

15c. September 2, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court rejected all other bids submitted for Invitation for Bids 2025-13 in connection to the Northside Road Reconstruction Project in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of a plat exemption request from Gary Smith at FM 447, located in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action.**

(16-38:09)

16. September 2, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston spoke to the Court about the plat exemption. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the plat exemption request from Gary Smith at FM 447 in Victoria County, 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:

Motion adopted.

17. Receive for the record the following fully executed agreements in regard to the County Health Plan and take appropriate action:

a. Boon-Chapman Administrative Services Agreement.

(17a-39:55)

17a. September 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Boon-Chapman Administrative Services Agreement in regard to the County Health Plan. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following fully executed agreements in regard to the County Health Plan and take appropriate action:

b. CERIS Plan Sponsor Agreement.

(17b-39:55)

17b. September 2, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed CERIS Plan Sponsor Agreement in regard to the County Health Plan. Motion adopted.

18. Consider FY2026 budget reclassification requests and receive for the record updated title and grades, and take appropriate action.

(18-40:44)

18. September 2, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the FY2026 budget reclassification requests and received for the record updated title and grades for Victoria County employees. Motion adopted.

19. Receive for the record the fully executed Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement and take appropriate action.

(19-42:47)

19. September 2, 2025. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Juvenile Probation Salary Order and take appropriate action

(20-43:19)

20. September 2, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025-2026 Juvenile Probation Salary Order. Motion adopted.

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

(21-44:05)

21. September 2, 2025. Heidi Easley, County Clerk, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Proposed 2026 Victoria County Sheriff and Constable fees. Motion adopted.

22. Consider approval of the revised proposal Q-01887, with Kofile Technologies, Inc., for the Victoria County Clerk's Office ongoing restoration and archival of historic records project and take appropriate action.

(22-45:09)

22. September 2, 2025. County Clerk Heidi Easley provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the revised proposal Q-01887, with Kofile Technologies, Inc. for the Victoria County Clerk's Office ongoing restoration and archival of historic records project. Motion adopted.

23. Receive for the record the Texas Lawyers Insurance Exchange (TLIE) Judge's Professional Liability Policy in lieu of a bond for the Victoria County Courts at Law under Texas Government Code §25.0006 and take appropriate action.

(23-46:11)

23. September 2, 2025. Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Texas Lawyers Insurance Exchange (TLIE) Judge's Professional Liability Policy in lieu of a bond for the Victoria County Courts at Law under Texas Government Code §25.0006. Motion adopted.

24. Receive a letter of permission to enter the private property of Tinajero Rodrigo located at 942 Old Goliad Rd. Victoria, Texas, for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action.

(24-48:53)

24. September 2, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission to enter the private property of Tinajero Rodrigo of 942 Old Goliad Road, Victoria, Texas for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

25. Receive a letter of permission to enter the private property of Mark Kouba located at 88 Glenwood Dr. Inez, Texas 77968 for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action.

(25-49:16)

25. September 2, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission to enter the private property of

Mark Kouba of 88 Glenwood Drive, Inez, Texas 77968 for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements in Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

26. Discuss upcoming CO Bond issue, eligible projects, and dollar amounts and take appropriate action.

(26-49:36)

26. September 2, 2025. The Commissioners Court discussed the upcoming CO Bond issue, eligible projects, and dollar amounts with County Engineer John Johnston, Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner, Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson, and Compliance and Development Specialist Sarah Hamman. No action taken.

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

(27-1:02:48)

27. September 2, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record a Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for Sheriff's DOT Federal Forfeiture Fund No. 372 as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

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

a. Bandera County, Detention and Residential.

(28a-1:03:23)

28a. September 2, 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 Bandera County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Smith County, Detention and Residential

(28b-1:03:23)

28b. September 2, 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 Smith County. Motion adopted.

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

c. Deaf Smith County, Detention and Residential.

(28c-1:03:23)

28c. September 2, 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 Deaf Smith County. Motion adopted.

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

d. Brazoria County, Detention and Residential.

(28d-1:03:23)

28d. September 2, 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 Brazoria County. Motion adopted.

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

e. 36th Judicial District, Residential.

(28e-1:03:23)

28e. September 2, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and 36th Judicial District - Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, San Patricio County. Motion adopted.

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

f. Kaufman County, Residential and Detention.

(28f-1:03:23)

28f. September 2, 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 Kaufman County. Motion adopted.

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

g. Rockwall County, Residential and Detention.

(28g-1:03:23)

28g. September 2, 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 Rockwall County. Motion adopted.

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

h. Williamson County, Residential and Detention.

(28h-1:03:23)

28h. September 2, 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 Williamson County. Motion adopted.

29. Consider approval of 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action:

(29-1:04:05)

29. September 2, 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
- c. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

30. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.072 to discuss real property; §551.087 to discuss Economic Development; §551.0745 to discuss Boards and Commissions and §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

(30-1:04:37)

30. September 2, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:11

a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.072 to discuss real property; §551.087 to discuss Economic Development; §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.

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

(31-1:05:50)

31. September 2, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:59 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

32. Adjourn.

(32-1:05:59)

32. September 2, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of September 2, 2025.