

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **15th 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, 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, September 15, 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 15, 2025. Danny Garcia, County Judge Pro Tem, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, September 15, 2025, at 10:03 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. September 15, 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.

(3-5:01)

3. September 15, 2025. Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Suzanne LaBrecque, Education Chair for the Victoria County Master Gardener, spoke about their 4th Annual Smart Gardening Symposium that was held this past Saturday and provided information on the Gardener's Dirt column.

Harley Fisk of 514 Independence Drive stated the Victoria Public Library is holding their book sale, and on September 25, 2025, the Librarium Nocturne cocktail party and fundraiser will be held.

Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson mentioned the City of Victoria will be utilizing some Victoria County parking lots on October 3rd and 4th for Tejas Fest.

Commissioner Sexton reminded the public about the ditch and culvert repairs on Old Highway Road.

Commissioner Ohrt spoke about the current construction on Northside Road.

(50:06) County Judge Pro Tem Garcia recognized Texas State Representative A. J. Louderback. Representative Louderback expressed his appreciation of the Court.

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

4. Consider approval of September 2, 2025 Special Session amended minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-13:41)

4. September 15, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin,

the Commissioners Court approved the amended minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on September 2, 2025. Motion adopted.

5. Consider approval of September 8, 2025 Regular Session minutes and take appropriate action.

(5-14:02)

5. September 15, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on September 8, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(6-14:19)

6. September 15, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Becky Smiley, Assistant County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	9/15/2025	\$975,646.29
Supplemental Accounts	9/2/2025 – 9/8/2025	\$243,738.10

Motion adopted.

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

(7-15:01)

7. September 15, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; County Clerk; Criminal District Attorney; County Tax Assessor Collector; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 1 and 3; and Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(8-15:24)

8. September 15, 2025. None. No action taken.

9. Consider approval of the following Citizens Medical Center interim vendor payments and take appropriate action:

a. August 28, 2025.

(9a-15:36)

9a. September 15, 2025. The Commissioners Court passed on the CMC interim vendor payments dated August 28, 2025 and the ACH report dated August 28, 2025. No action taken.

Consider approval of the following Citizens Medical Center interim vendor payments and take appropriate action:

b. September 4, 2025.

(9b-15:36)

9b. September 15, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated September 4, 2025, in the amount of \$248,160.87 and the ACH report dated September 4, 2025, in the amount of \$2,729,722.96. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Citizens Medical Center interim vendor payments and take appropriate action:

c. September 11, 2025.

(9c-15:36)

9c. September 15, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated September 11, 2025, in the amount of \$181,125.51 and the ACH report dated September 11, 2025, in the amount of \$2,990,395.32. Motion adopted.

10. Hear a proclamation designating September as Hunger Action Month in Victoria County and take appropriate action.

(10-17:37)

10. September 15, 2025. County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia read the Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as Hunger Action Month in Victoria County, Texas. No action taken.

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

a. Hiring Resolution No. 2025-070.

(11a-22:29)

11a. September 15, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston and Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. County Judge Pro Tem Garcia read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Hiring Resolution No. 2025-070 for Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room HMGP DR-4485-0040 peer review services. Motion adopted.

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

b. Schultz Squared Letter of Agreement.

(11b-22:29)

11b. September 15, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston and Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Schultz Squared Letter of Agreement for Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room HMGP DR-4485-0040 peer review services. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of the following for engineering services related to the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center Generator Installation Project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4485-0040 and take appropriate action:

a. Resolution No. 2025-079 selecting project engineering contractor.

(12a-26:49)

12a. September 15, 2025. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-079 selecting project engineering contractor for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center Generator Installation Project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4485-0040. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following for engineering services related to the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center Generator Installation Project under the

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4485-0040 and take appropriate action:

b. Professional Services Contract between Victoria County and TLC Engineering, Inc.

(12b-26:49)

12b. September 15, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Professional Services Contract between Victoria County and TLC Engineering, Inc. for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center Generator Installation Project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4485-0040. Motion adopted.

- 13. Receive Notice of Approval of a Time Extension for the HMGP-4485-0040 grant supporting the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center Generator Project and take appropriate action.**

(13-29:19)

13. September 15, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the Notice of Approval of a Time Extension for the HMGP-4485-0040 grant supporting the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center Generator Project. Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive notice of FY2025 Texas Indigent Defense Formula Grant Award Number 212-25-235 and take appropriate action.**

(14-30:13)

14. September 15, 2025. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received notice of FY2025 Texas Indigent Defense Formula Grant Award Number 212-25-235. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of FY2026 Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Continued Multi-Year Improvement Grant Award No. 212-26-C09 for Indigent Defense Coordinator position and take appropriate action.**

(15-31:00)

15. September 15, 2025. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the FY2026 Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Continued Multi-Year Improvement Grant Award No. 212-26-C09 for Indigent Defense Coordinator position. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of FY2026 Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meals Program (HDM) Resolution No. 2025-078 for Meals on Wheels South Texas and take appropriate action.**

(16-32:21)

16. September 15, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling and Dan Capone, President of Meals on Wheels South Texas, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the FY2026 Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meals Program (HDM) Resolution No. 2025-078 for Meals on Wheels South Texas. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of FY2026 Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) Grant Contract No. C-02767 from the State of Texas Office of the Attorney General and take appropriate action.**

(17-36:11)

17. September 15, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the FY2026 Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) Grant Contract No. C-02767 from the State of Texas Office of the Attorney General. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of a request for payment to Citizens Medical Center in the amount of \$89,900.00 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-11 and take appropriate action.**

(18-37:26)

18. September 15, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the public. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a request for payment to Citizens Medical Center in the amount of \$89,900.00 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-11. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider the following in connection to a potential partnership with the City of Victoria for county-wide LiDAR-DEM and 1-foot contours and take appropriate action:**

a. Hear a presentation on LiDAR-DEM and 1-foot contours.

(19a-38:31)

19a. September 15, 2025. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, gave a presentation on county-wide LiDAR-DEM and 1-foot contours in connection to a potential partnership with the City of Victoria. No action taken.

Consider the following in connection to a potential partnership with the City of Victoria for county-wide LiDAR-DEM and 1-foot contours and take appropriate action:

b. Authorize the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Victoria, pending legal review.

(19b-38:31)

19b. September 15, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Victoria, pending legal review, in connection to a potential partnership with the City of Victoria for county-wide LiDAR-DEM and 1-foot contours. Motion adopted.

- 20. Authorize to advertise a solicitation for the relocation of the Continental Hotel Building and take appropriate action.**

(20-50:59)

20. September 15, 2025. Commissioner Sexton and John Kisalus of the Victoria County Historical Commission, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise a solicitation for the relocation of the Continental Hotel Building. Motion adopted.

- 21. Receive for the record the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program policy statement in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) 49 CFR Part 26 for the Victoria Regional Airport and take appropriate action.**

(21-54:03)

21. September 15, 2025. Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program policy statement in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) 49 CFR Part 26 for the Victoria Regional Airport. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of an Electronic Recording Agreement with Hopdox, LLC for the filing of electronically submitted documents within the Victoria County Clerk's Office and take appropriate action.**

(22-59:33)

22. September 15, 2025. County Clerk Heidi Easley explained the Hopdox program to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners approved an Electronic Recording Agreement with Hopdox, LLC for the filing of electronically submitted documents within the Victoria County Clerk's Office. Motion adopted.

- 23. Receive for the record the fully executed agreement with Kofile Technologies, Inc. proposal Q-01887 for the Victoria County Clerk's Office ongoing restoration and archival of historic records project and take appropriate action.**

(23-59:44)

23. September 15, 2025. Heidi Easley, County Clerk, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed agreement with Kofile Technologies, Inc. proposal Q-01887 for the Victoria County Clerk's Office ongoing restoration and archival of historic records projects. Motion adopted.

- 24. Receive for the record a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria County Master Gardener Association for the property located at 283 Bachelor Dr. Victoria, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(24-59:59)

24. September 15, 2025. Mark David, President of the Victoria County Master Gardener Association, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for record a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County, Texas and the Victoria County Master Gardener Association for the property located at 283 Bachelor Drive, Victoria, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 25. Consider approval of payment application No. 15 to Forney Construction, LLC in regard to the Citizens Medical Center ICU Additions and Renovations Project and take appropriate action.**

(25-1:02:23)

25. September 15, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved payment application No. 15 to Forney Construction, LLC in regard to the Citizens Medical Center ICU Additions and Renovations Project. Motion adopted.

- 26. Receive for the record the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for 2024 and take appropriate action.**

(26-1:03:11)

26. September 15, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for record the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for 2024. Motion adopted.

- 27. Consider approval of a sales agreement with Holt Texas LTD. for the purchase of a Caterpillar RM400 Rotary Mixer for Victoria County Road and Bridge Precincts and take appropriate action.**

(27-1:03:57)

27. September 15, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the sales agreement with Holt Texas LTD for the purchase of a Caterpillar RM400 Rotary Mixer for Victoria County Road and Bridge, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4. Motion adopted.

- 28. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-076 for a road donation from Derek Jansky for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvement in Victoria County right-of-way at 409 Quail Creek Dr. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(28-1:05:50)

28. September 15, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-076 for a road donation in the amount of \$420.10 from Derek Jansky at 409 Quail Creek Drive in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvement in Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

- 29. Receive the following Letters of Permission to enter private property in Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action:**
a. From Tim Rampey, located at the East corner of Northside Rd. & Tate Rd. in Precinct 2, for the purpose of mowing and spraying to improve traffic visibility & safety.

(29a-1:06:20)

29a. September 15, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission to enter the private property of Tim Rampey at the East corner of Northside Road and Tate Road in Precinct No. 2 for the purpose of mowing and spraying to improve traffic visibility and safety. Motion adopted.

Receive the following Letters of Permission to enter private property in Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action:

- b. From Eduardo Jaime, located at 100 Josephine Ln. in Precinct 3, for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements along county right-of-way.**

(29b-1:06:20)

29b. September 15, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission to enter the private property of Eduardo Jaime of 100 Josephine Lane in Precinct No. 3 for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements along county right-of-way. Motion adopted.

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

a. Coleman County, Detention and Residential.

(30a-1:07:06)

30a. September 15, 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 Coleman 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:

b. Callahan County, Detention and Residential.

(30b-1:07:06)

30b. September 15, 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 Callahan 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. Taylor County, Detention and Residential.

(30c-1:07:06)

30c. September 15, 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 Taylor 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. Tom Green County, Detention and Residential.

(30d-1:07:06)

30d. September 15, 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 Tom Green 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:

e. Hunt County, Detention and Residential.

(30e-1:07:06)

30e. September 15, 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 Hunt 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. 118th Judicial District - Howard, Glasscock, and Martin Counties, Residential.

(30f-1:07:06)

30f. September 15, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and 118th Judicial District - Howard, Glasscock, and Martin Counties. Motion adopted.

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

(31-1:07:47)

31. September 15, 2025. None. No action taken.

32. Receive for the record Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(32-1:08:15)

32. September 15, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Discretionary Funds Budget Amendments from the Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund No. (360) as an increase to expenditures and the Sheriff Commissary Fund (380) as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

33. Consider approval of 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action.

(33-1:08:43)

33. September 15, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. National School Lunch Program, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

34. Adjourn.

(34-1:09:15)

34. September 15, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of September 15, 2025.