

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **22nd 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	Absent

and the following orders were passed:



COUNTY OF VICTORIA

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Monday, September 22, 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 22, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. September 22, 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.

(3-1:23)

3. September 22, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-1:57)

4. September 22, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on September 15, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-2:13)

5. September 22, 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	9/22/2025	\$870,708.93
Supplemental Accounts	9/9/2025 – 9/15/2025	\$162,786.97

Motion adopted.

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

(6-2:48)

6. September 22, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the District Clerk. Motion adopted.

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

(7-3:14)

7. September 22, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the release of the following bond forfeiture judgment from the Court:

- a. Cause No. CIV1-21565: The State of Texas vs. Brian Baltazar Corona-Perez, Defendant and Davis Bonding Co., Surety.

Motion adopted.

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

(8-3:21)

8. September 22, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia 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.

9. Consider the reappointment of Byron Burris to the Victoria County Navigation District Board of Directors for a 2-year term beginning 9/22/25 and take appropriate action.

(9-3:39)

9. September 22, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the reappointment of Byron Burris to the Victoria County Navigation District Board of Directors for a 2-year term beginning 9/22/25. Motion adopted.

10. Receive for the record the fully executed interlocal agreement with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management and take appropriate action.

(10-4:20)

10. September 22, 2025. Moved by and seconded by, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed interlocal agreement with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Final Plat for Chocolate Bayou Bloomington Subdivision, located within Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(11-5:10)

11. September 22, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston and Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Final Plat for Chocolate

Bayou Bloomington Subdivision, located within Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas.
Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of a request for plat exemption from Southern Hope Mennonite Church, Inc and the Friends of William Wood Community, Inc. at 101 Wood Hi School Road, located within Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(12-6:37)

12. September 22, 2025. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Southern Hope Mennonite Church, Inc. and the Friends of William Wood Community, Inc. at 101 Wood Hi School Road located within Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of request for payment No. 6 to the Victoria County Navigation District in the amount of \$1,402,701.05 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-13 and take appropriate action.**

(13-8:19)

13. September 22, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling and County Auditor Michelle Samford provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment No. 6 to the Victoria County Navigation District in the amount of \$1,402,701.05 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Project No. VICT-13. Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive for the record a letter of permission to enter the private property of Curtis Parker at 2347 Kemper City Rd. S. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas, for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements along county right-of-way and take appropriate action.**

(14-9:31)

14. September 22, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission from Curtis Parker to enter private property located at 2347 Kemper City Road South in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the purpose of conducting drainage improvements along county right-of-way. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**
a. Ellis County, Residential and Detention.

(15a-9:46)

15a. September 22, 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 Ellis 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. Colorado/Lavaca County, Residential and Detention.

(15b-9:46)

15b. September 22, 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 Colorado/Lavaca 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. Fayette County, Residential and Detention

(15c-9:46)

15c. September 22, 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 Fayette County. Motion adopted.

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

(16-10:15)

16. September 22, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Michelle Samford, County Auditor - County Auditor's Office:
 1. Request for Payout of Compensatory Time for Becky Smiley, Priscilla Madrigal, and Elizabeth Vasquez.
- b. Mark Sloat, Animal Services Director - Victoria County Animal Services:
 1. Request for Payout of Compensatory Time for Dean Hazelwood, Jose Hernandez, Lorraina Kief, Amber Pyle, and Arlette Rocha.
- c. Danny Garcia, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 - Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1:
 1. Request to payout compensatory time of 220.14 hours for a total of \$8,198.01 to Pete Villarreal, to be paid out of 201-611-1131.

Motion adopted.

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

(17-11:24)

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

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

(18-12:23)

18. September 22, 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 - Increase
- b. Emergency Management, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. Health Department, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

- 19. Closed Meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A Government Code §551.072 to discuss real property; §551.076 to discuss security matters; and §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.**

(19-13:43)

19. September 22, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:14 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.072 to discuss real property; §551.076 to discuss security matters; and §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

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

(20-14:28)

20. September 22, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:34 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

- 21. Adjourn.**

(21-14:48)

21. September 22, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of September 22, 2025.