

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **6th day October 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, October 6, 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. October 6, 2025. Danny Garcia, County Judge Pro Tem, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, October 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. October 6, 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.

(3-1:55)

3. October 6, 2025. Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Republican Chair Bill Pozzi mentioned there is one more month until filing starts for the political season.

Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson stated there is a Constitutional Amendment Election to be held in November 2025.

County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia stated today is the last day to register to vote for the election in November 2025.

State Representative AJ Louderback spoke about the Constitutional Amendments for the upcoming election.

County Clerk Heidi Easley informed the Court of the passing of Louis Mendoza, a former County employee, and asked the Court to hold a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Mendoza.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-5:18)

4. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on September 29, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-5:30)

5. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	10/6/2025	\$661,286.29
Supplemental Accounts	9/23/2025 – 9/29/2025	\$161,732.00

Motion adopted.

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

(6-6:08)

6. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; Auditor; Sheriff; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 1 - 3, and Constables, Precincts Nos. 3 and 4. Motion adopted.

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

(7-6:35)

7. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the release of the following bond forfeiture judgments from the Court:

- a. Cause No. CIV1-21716: The State of Texas vs. Jacob Liquez, Defendant and A & A Bail Bonds, Surety.
- b. Cause No. CIV2-21696: The State of Texas vs. Sebastian Lee Vargas, Defendant and Bring Em Home 24/7 Bail Bonds, Surety.

Motion adopted.

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

(8-6:51)

8. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated October 2, 2025, in the amount of \$281,338.14 and the ACH report dated October 2, 2025, in the amount of \$3,780,504.87. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a proclamation designating the week of October 5, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week in Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(9-7:39)

9. October 6, 2025. Fire Marshal Dan Porter provided information to the Court. County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia read the Proclamation designating the week of October 5-11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week in Victoria County, Texas. No action taken.

10. Hear a proclamation designating the week of October 5, 2025 as National 4-H Week in Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(10-13:27)

10. October 6, 2025. Paige Melton, 4-H Agent introduced 4-H Ambassadors Noah Rung, Abbie Nunez, Magi Jo Cantu, Madison Cowan, Brynnley Laake, Madelyn Rung,

C J Hood, and Cody Robles, Jr. Four of the Ambassadors informed the Court about the 4-H Program and National 4-H Week. Commissioner Sexton read the Proclamation designating the week of October 5-11, 2025 as National 4-H Week in Victoria County, Texas. No action taken.

11. Receive for the record the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center Building Use Policy and take appropriate action.

(11-20:34)

11. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center Building Use Policy. Motion adopted.

12. Receive for the record the Victoria County Master Gardener Certificate of Insurance listing Victoria County as co-insured for the building located at 283 Bachelor Dr. Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(12-22:02)

12. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Victoria County Master Gardener Certificate of Insurance listing Victoria County as co-insured for the building located at 283 Bachelor Drive, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

13. Consider the following Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and the following entities in regard to the 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Program and take appropriate action:

a. Approval of MOU with Victoria Independent School District (VISD).

(13a-22:35)

13a. October 6, 2025. Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and Victoria Independent School District (VISD) in regard to the 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Program. Motion adopted.

Consider the following Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and the following entities in regard to the 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Program and take appropriate action:

b. Receive MOU with Bloomington Independent School District (BISD).

(13b-22:35)

13b. October 6, 2025. Justin Marr, Sheriff, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and Bloomington Independent School District (BISD) in regard to the 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Program. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of FY26 Operation Lone Star (OLS) Grant Program Grant Award, Application No. 4381004 and take appropriate action.

(14-23:42)

14. October 6, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the FY26 Operation Lone Star (OLS) Grant Program Grant Award, Application No. 4381004 from the State of Texas Office of the Governor (OOG) in the amount of \$741,255.24 for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of FY25 Border Crisis Response Resolution No. 2025-090 for Office of the Governor Application No. 5619701 and take appropriate action.**

(15-25:29)

15. October 6, 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. 2025-090 for the submission of the grant application for the Border Crisis Response - FY2025 to the Office of the Governor, Application No. 5619701. Motion adopted.

- 16. Receive for the record a copy of Check No. 2485238 in the amount of \$2,864,234.40 from Union Pacific Railroad Company, in connection to the Railroad Crossing Road Closures of Phillips Road and Levi Road (UPRR Project 796498) in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(16-27:02)

16. October 6, 2025. Commissioner Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record a copy of Check No. 2485238 in the amount of \$2,864,234.40 from Union Pacific Railroad Company, in connection to the Railroad Crossing Road Closures of Phillips Road and Levi Road (UPRR Project 796498) in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider the following in regard to the Bloomington Yard Expansion Project and Halk Road Right-of-Way and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive June 4, 2025 Notice of Completion.

(17a-27:33)

17a. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the June 4, 2025, Notice of Completion in regard to the Bloomington Yard Expansion Project and Halk Road Right-of-Way. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in regard to the Bloomington Yard Expansion Project and Halk Road Right-of-Way and take appropriate action:

b. Receive June 25, 2025 Notice of Acceptance Letter.

(17b-27:33)

17b. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received the June 25, 2025, Notice of Acceptance Letter in regard to the Bloomington Yard Expansion Project and Halk Road Right-of-Way. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in regard to the Bloomington Yard Expansion Project and Halk Road Right-of-Way and take appropriate action:

c. Accept the road improvements of Halk Road as public roadway. infrastructure in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas, per the February 18, 2025 Road Relocation Agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(17c-27:33)

17c. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved to accept the road improvements of Halk Road as public roadway infrastructure in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas, per the February 18, 2025, Road Relocation Agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and

Victoria County, Texas in regard to the Bloomington Yard Expansion Project and Halk Road Right-of-Way. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 for the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:**
a. Receive executed agreement with Lauger Companies, Inc.

(18a-30:09)

18a. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the executed agreement with Lauger Companies, Inc. regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 for the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 for the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action:
b. Reject all other proposals.

(18b-30:09)

18b. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court rejected all other proposals regarding the Request for Proposals 2025-12 for the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

- 19. Receive for the record the executed proposal for Groundwater Monitoring from AD Environmental Services, LLC, in connection with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Disaster Recovery, HMGP-DR4485, Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Saferoom Project and take appropriate action.**

(19-30:42)

19. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record the executed proposal for Groundwater Monitoring from AD Environmental Services, LLC in connection with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Disaster Recovery, HMGP-DR4485, Victoria County Regional Emergency Operations Community Saferoom Project. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider the following regarding the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation Project and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive executed Change Order No. 004.

(20a-31:39)

20a. October 6, 2025. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the executed Change Order No. 004 regarding the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation Project. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation Project and take appropriate action:

b. Receive Partial Substantial Completion Letter from Rawley McCoy & Associates (RMA).

(20b-31:39)

20b. October 6, 2025. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the Partial Substantial Completion Letter from Rawley McCoy and Associates (RMA) regarding the Victoria County Animal Services Relocation Project. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of the following for the Victoria County Health Department and take appropriate action:**

a. CPS/Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant (CPS/Hazards) Contract No. HHS001439500032 Amendment No. 3.

(21a-34:55)

21a. October 6, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the CPS/Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant (CPS/Hazards) Contract No. HHS001439500032 Amendment No. 3 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

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

b. Agreement with Justice Benefits, Incorporated, to provide professional services for Medicaid Administrative Claiming and Public Health Provider Charity Care Program.

(21b-34:55)

21b. October 6, 2025. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the agreement with Justice Benefits, Incorporated, to provide professional services for Medicaid Administrative Claiming and Public Health Provider Charity Care Program for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals - Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan and take appropriate action:**

a. Hear and receive summary of proposals and evaluations.

(22a-36:49)

22a. October 6, 2025. Laura Gwaltney with Walker and Associates reviewed the Group Medical Plan with the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the summary of proposals and evaluations for the Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals - Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan and take appropriate action:

b. Receive recommendation of Insurance Committee regarding award.

(22b-36:49)

22b. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the recommendation of the Insurance Committee regarding the award for the Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals - Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan and take appropriate action:

c. Consider award to Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan.

(22c-36:49)

22c. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the award of the Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan to the Texas Association of Counties. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals - Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan and take appropriate action:

d. Authorize County Judge to execute necessary contracts pending legal review

(22d-36:49)

22d. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Judge to execute necessary contracts pending legal review for the Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Proposals - Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan and take appropriate action:

e. Reject all other proposals

(22e-36:49)

22e. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved to reject all other proposals for the Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance for Group Medical Plan. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-087 for a donation from James Wayne Properties contributed toward Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) medical expenses and take appropriate action.**

(23-47:00)

23. October 6, 2025. Victoria Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-087 for a donation valued at \$1,000.00 from James Wayne Properties to be utilized for and dedicated to Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) to be contributed towards medical expense costs. Motion adopted.

- 24. Receive for the record a letter of permission to enter private property from John and Tonya Sager at 707 East Grouse Rd. Victoria County, Texas for Victoria County Road & Bridge Precinct 3 and take appropriate action.**

(24-48:05)

24. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission from John and Tonya Sager to enter private property located at 707 East Grouse Road, Victoria County, Texas in Victoria County Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3 to dump dirt or material from cleaning ditches or cutting road shoulders. Motion adopted.

- 25. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donation to install a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvements in Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action:**

a. Resolution No. 2025-088 in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Mike Melton and K&J Industries at Lot 9 of Garcitas Creek Ranch Estates Phase 2 in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas.

(25a-48:37)

25a. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-088 for a road donation valued at \$2,000.00 from Mike Melton and K&J Industries at Lot 9 of Garcitas Creek Ranch Estates Phase 2 in Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvement in Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

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

b. Resolution No. 2025-089 in the amount of \$2,450.00 from Wayne Leita at Ragsdale Rd. in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas.

(25b-48:37)

25b. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-089 for a road donation valued at \$2,450.00 from Wayne Leita at Ragsdale Road in Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert for drainage improvement in Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

- 26. Ratify a Contractual Services Agreement with Region 3 Education Service Center for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.**

(26-49:46)

26. October 6, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court ratified a Contractual Services Agreement with Region 3 Education Service Center for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center. Motion adopted.

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

(27a-50:36)

27a. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Lubbock 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. Navarro County, Detention and Residential.

(27b-50:36)

27b. October 6, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Navarro County. Motion adopted.

- 28. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.**

(28-51:06)

28. October 6, 2025. None. No action taken.

29. Consider approval of Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(29a-52:11)

29a. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for Sheriff's DOJ Federal Forfeiture Fund No. 362 as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(29b-52:11)

29b. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, 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.

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

(30-52:39)

30. October 6, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendment for:

- a. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenses - Increase
- c. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

31. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

(31-54:25)

31. October 6, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:55 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments.

32. 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.

(32-54:53)

32. October 6, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:07 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

33. Adjourn.

(33-55:06)

33. October 6, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of October 6, 2025.