

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **27th 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, 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	Absent
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 27, 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 27, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 10:02 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. October 27, 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.

(3-3:44)

3. October 27, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Jody Yancey Sandoval, Founder and Executive Director of Teens Grounded, spoke about C3 Victory and Teens Grounded holding an after-school community homework club for 6th through 12th grade students.

Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena informed the Court that Texas A&M Victoria will be hosting an Aviation Day on November 8, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

County Treasurer Paige Foster stated they are now using the new postage machine.

Michael Vonderau of 3107 N. Ben Jordan spoke about loose violent dogs and stated voting is on November 4, 2025.

Victoria Animal Services Director Mark Sloat discussed the dog situation on Jecker Street and stated there were 20 adoptions at PetsMart this weekend.

Grant Administrator Robin Knipling gave an update on the MIT-MOD status with the General Land Office.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer spoke about the G-317 Basic Community Emergency Response Team Training Course that was held this past weekend.

Commissioner Shannon Martin informed the public of his second Commissioner Communication Forum to be held at the Heritage Building on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

John Willson with Noble Construction introduced himself and asked for an update

regarding the Lime product for Victoria County.

County Judge Zeller invited the public to a Coffee with the Judge event this Thursday at Blume and Flour Coffee Shop starting at 7:30 am and Representative Louderback will be his special guest.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-20:21)

4. October 27, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on October 20, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-20:34)

5. October 27, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	10/27/2025	\$1,115,626.65
Supplemental Accounts	10/15/2025 – 10/20/2025	\$65,049.79

Motion adopted.

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

(6-21:08)

6. October 27, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Judge, County Commissioners, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4; and County Treasurer. Motion adopted.

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

(7-21:28)

7. October 27, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(8-21:34)

8. October 27, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated October 23, 2025, in the amount of \$330,738.98 and the ACH report dated October 23, 2025, in the amount of \$4,284,731.99. Motion adopted.

9. Recognize Human Resources Director Giani Cantu on having earned the Public Sector Human Resources Association Certified Professional credential and take appropriate action.

(9-22:18)

9. October 27, 2025. The Commissioners Court recognized Human Resources Director Giani Cantu for having earned the Public Sector Human Resources Association Certified Professional credential. No action taken. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu reminded Victoria County employees about open enrollment this week.

- 10. Receive for the record fully executed TxDOT State Assisted Airport Development Grant Agreement, TxDOT Project No. 2613VICTR, in the amount of \$2,777,778.00 for the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA) and take appropriate action.**

(10-25:39)

10. October 27, 2025. Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed TxDOT State Assisted Airport Development Grant Agreement, TxDOT Project No. 2613VICTR, in the amount of \$2,777,778.00 for the Victoria Regional Airport (VRA). Motion adopted.

- 11. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-095 for a donation of labor and materials valued at \$21,283.30 from the Victoria County Navigation District for the installation of fencing at the Bloomington Little League Fields and take appropriate action.**

(11-28:15)

11. October 27, 2025. Commissioner Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-095 for a donation of labor and materials valued at \$21,283.30 from the Victoria County Navigation District, to be utilized for and dedicated to the Bloomington Little League Fields fence installation. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider the following for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and take appropriate action:**

a. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(2), grant a discretionary bid exemption for continued use of Cellebrite software for use of an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county.

(12a-30:38)

12a. October 27, 2025. Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(2), the Commissioners Court approved to grant a discretionary bid exemption for continued use of Cellebrite software for use of an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO). Motion adopted.

Consider the following for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and take appropriate action:

b. Approve annual Online Pro Agreement.

(12b-30:38)

12b. October 27, 2025. Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the annual Online Pro Agreement for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO). Motion adopted.

Consider the following for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and take appropriate action:

c. Approve Inseyets Limited Unlocks Subscription.

(12c-30:38)

12c. October 27, 2025. Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the

Inseyets Limited Unlocks Subscription for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO). Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of the following Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) grant awards for the Crossroads Defenders Regional Public Defender's Office and take appropriate action:

a. FY2026 Continued Improvement Grant SG-26-014.

(13a-32:14)

13a. October 27, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY2026 Continued Improvement Grant SG-26-014 award for the Crossroads Defenders Regional Public Defender's Office. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) grant awards for the Crossroads Defenders Regional Public Defender's Office and take appropriate action:

b. FY2026 Continued Improvement Grant — Supplemental Funding TR-26-007.

(13b-32:14)

13b. October 27, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY2026 Continued Improvement Grant - Supplemental Funding TR-26-007 award for the Crossroads Defenders Regional Public Defender's Office. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of request to terminate Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Spay and Neuter Grant Program Contract No. HHS001521400008 and take appropriate action.

(14-34:22)

14. October 27, 2025. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling and Animal Services Director Mark Sloat provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request to terminate Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Spay and Neuter Grant Program Contract No. HHS001521400008. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of a System Data Use Agreement with Texas Health and Human Services for the Victoria County Public Health Department Women, Infants and Children (WIC) grant and take appropriate action.

(15-39:26)

15. October 27, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved a System Data Use Agreement between Texas Health and Human Services System and the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

16. Discuss and consider the following plan options through Baybridge Administrators for retiree Medicare supplement coverage effective January 1, 2026 and take appropriate action:

a. Hartford Insurance.

(16a-40:11)

16a. October 27, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. The Commissioners Court passed on the Hartford Insurance plan through

Baybridge Administrators for retiree Medicare supplement coverage effective January 1, 2026. No action taken.

Discuss and consider the following plan options through Baybridge Administrators for retiree Medicare supplement coverage effective January 1, 2026 and take appropriate action:

b. United American.

(16b-40:11)

16b. October 27, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. The Commissioners Court passed the United American plan through Baybridge Administrators for retiree Medicare supplement coverage effective January 1, 2026. No action taken.

- 17. Consider approval of Payment Application No. 17 to Forney Construction, LLC. in connection with the Citizens Medical Center (CMC) Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Additions and Renovations project and take appropriate action.**

(17-41:55)

17. October 27, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Payment Application No. 17 to Forney Construction LLC in connection with the Citizens Medical Center (CMC) Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Additions and Renovations project. Motion adopted.

- 18. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments and §551.076 to discuss security matters.**

(18-42:47)

18. October 27, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:43 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments and §551.076 to discuss security matters.

- 19. 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.**

(19-43:24)

19. October 27, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:26 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

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

(20-43:35)

20. October 27, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(21-43:44)

21. October 27, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2025 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment for CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund (370) as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of 2025 budget amendments and take appropriate action.**

(22-44:06)

22. October 27, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2025 budget amendment for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Emergency Management, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- h. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- i. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Revenues and Expenditures – Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

23. Adjourn.

(23-44:22)

23. October 27, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of October 27, 2025.