

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **10th day November A.D., 2025**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Regular 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

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Monday, November 10, 2025, 10:00 AM, REGULAR TERM

VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX

1. Call to Order.

(1-0:00)

1. November 10, 2025. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, November 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. November 10, 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.

(3-1:27)

3. November 10, 2025. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Bill Pozzi, Republican Chair, spoke about the filing period for the Republican and Democrat primary and to contact him to receive the paperwork to file.

Michael Vonderau spoke about loose dogs on Jecker Street.

Fire Marshal Dan Porter introduced Nathan Kelley as the new Assistant Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal Porter also spoke about the KBDI numbers and stated the burn ban is still in effect.

Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena stated Aviation Day at the Victoria Regional Airport this past Saturday was a success.

Grant Administrator Robin Knipling stated the draft MIT MOD contract has been received.

Meredith Byrd stated the Victoria Farmer's Market will now be under new management and introduced Miranda Lester as the new Farmer's Market manager. Ms. Lester spoke to the Court.

County Judge Zeller recognized State Representative A J Louderback. Judge Zeller reminded the public of the Veterans Day Parade downtown tomorrow.

Commissioner Danny Garcia thanked Commissioner Martin for taking over the task of setting up and taking down the barricades for the Veterans Day Parade.

Commissioner Sexton mentioned on Friday, November 14, 2025, the Victoria Soil and Water Conservation and Victoria County Precinct No. 4 will hold an Ag Pesticide and Herbicide recycle event at the Precinct No. 4 barn.

County Judge Zeller introduced Adrian Willis as Victoria County's new Procurement Specialist.

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.

Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson recognized and wished the Marine Corp a happy 250th birthday.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-16:56)

4. November 10, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on November 3, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-17:14)

5. November 10, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Becky Smiley, First Assistant County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	11/10/2025	\$294,537.30
Supplemental Accounts	10/28/2025 – 11/3/2025	\$217,113.77

Motion adopted.

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

(6-17:44)

6. November 10, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the County Judge; County Commissioners Precincts No. 1 - 4; County Treasurer; Criminal District Attorney; County Tax Assessor Collector; County Auditor; Sheriff's Office; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 2 and 4; and Constables, Precincts Nos. 1, 2, and 4. Motion adopted.

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

(7-18:23)

7. November 10, 2025. None. No action taken.

8. Consider approval of Citizens Medical Center interim vendor payments and take appropriate action.

(8-18:33)

8. November 10, 2025. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the CMC interim vendor payments dated November 6, 2025, in the amount of \$101,849.15 and the ACH report dated November 6, 2025, in the amount of \$1,663,592.16. Motion adopted.

9. Consider appointments/reappointments to the Victoria Public Library Board and take appropriate action.

(9-19:05)

9. November 10, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the reappointments of La Shaundrea Harris, Sheri Van Sickles, and James Cammock and the appointment of Alicia Cuellar Garcia to the Victoria Public Library Board. Motion adopted.

- 10. Hear presentation from iWorQ Systems regarding Pavement Condition Assessment and Data Collection, and iWorQ Systems - Pavement, Signs, and Work Management Services and take appropriate action.**

(10-20:33)

10. November 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court heard a presentation from iWorQ Systems regarding Pavement Condition Assessment and Data Collection, and iWorQ Systems - Pavement, Signs, and Work Management Services. No action taken.

- 11. Authorize to advertise an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation Project for the Victoria Regional Airport, pending legal review, and take appropriate action.**

(11-39:30)

11. November 10, 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 authorized to advertise an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation Project for the Victoria Regional Airport, pending legal review. Motion adopted.

- 12. Discuss and consider TxDOT State Assisted Airport Development Grant, CSJ No.: 2613VICTR, Amendment No. 01 for Design of a New Terminal Building at the Victoria Regional Airport and take appropriate action.**

(12-41:05)

12. November 10, 2025. Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the TxDOT State Assisted Airport Development Grant, CSJ No. 2613VICTR. Amendment No. 01 for Design of a New Terminal Building at the Victoria Regional Airport. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of STARS Clinic Subcontractor Agreement for Nurse Family Partnership Program of Victoria for Texas Home Visiting Grant and take appropriate action.**

(13-44:33)

13. November 10, 2025. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the STARS Clinic Subcontractor Agreement for Nurse Family Partnership Program of Victoria for Texas Home Visiting Grant. Motion adopted. Public Health Director David Gonzales responded to Judge Zeller's question regarding the shutdown of government impact on VCPHD.

- 14. Consider approval of a maintenance contract renewal with Lee Backhoe Services Inc. for the aerobic treatment systems at 226 Beck Rd. in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(14-47:52)

14. November 10, 2025. Commissioner Kenneth Sexton provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners

Court approved a maintenance contract renewal with Lee Backhoe Services Inc. for the aerobic treatment systems at 226 Beck Road in Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 15. Receive for the record a letter of permission to enter the private property of Deanna Jacob located at 410 Raab Rd. in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas for the purpose of improving drainage related to Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action.**

(15-48:07)

15. November 10, 2025. Commissioner Jason Ohrt provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court received a letter of permission from Deanna Jacob to enter private property located at 410 Raab Road in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas for the purpose of improving drainage related to Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage within Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action:**

a. Resolution No. 2025-099 valued at \$470.24 from Daniel Jimenez at 703 Duck Dr. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.

(16a-48:53)

16a. November 10, 2025. Commissioner Ohrt provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-099 for a road donation in the amount of \$470.24 from Daniel Jimenez at 703 Duck Drive in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage within Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage within Victoria County right-of-way and take appropriate action:

b. Resolution No. 2025-100 valued at \$150.00 from Jonathan Gonzalez at 405 Viking St. in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas.

(16b-48:53)

16b. November 10, 2025. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2025-100 for a road donation in the amount of \$150.00 from Jonathan Gonzalez at 405 Viking Street in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a driveway and pipe culvert to improve drainage within Victoria County right-of-way. Motion adopted.

- 17. Ratify Order purchasing Certificates of Deposit and take appropriate action.**

(17-49:56)

17. November 10, 2025. Paige Foster, County Treasurer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court ratified the Order purchasing Certificates of Deposit. Motion adopted.

- 18. Receive for the record 3rd Quarter Treasurer's report and take appropriate action.**

(18-50:28)

18. November 10, 2025. County Treasurer Paige Foster provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's report. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of emergency notification system service agreement with OnSolve, LLC for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management and take appropriate action.**

(19-53:08)

19. November 10, 2025. Jena West, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the emergency notification system service agreement with OnSolve, LLC for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of a request to pay out compensatory time for Lauren Meaux, Victoria County Public Safety Communications Coordinator, and take appropriate action.**

(20-53:46)

20. November 10, 2025. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a request to pay out 102.80 hours of compensatory time in the amount of \$3,930.82 from Victoria Office of Emergency Management's budget to Lauren Meaux, Victoria County Public Safety Communications Coordinator. Motion adopted.

- 21. Ratify the Group Retiree 65+ Medicare Supplement for 2026 with United American through Bay Bridge Administrators and take appropriate action.**

(21-54:14)

21. November 10, 2025. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu and Laura Gwaltney with Walker and Associates provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court ratified the Group Retiree 65+ Medicare Supplement for 2026 with United American through Bay Bridge Administrators. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider recommendation of the Insurance Committee, and to authorize County Judge to execute a contract contingent upon legal review with WEX Health, Inc. for COBRA administration services for the 2026 health plan year and take appropriate action.**

(22-57:14)

22. November 10, 2025. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the recommendation of the Insurance Committee, and authorized County Judge to execute a contract contingent upon legal review with WEX Health, Inc. for COBRA administration services for the 2026 health plan year. Motion adopted.

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

(23-58:22)

23. November 10, 2025. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Vinicio Llerena, Airport Executive Director - Victoria Regional Airport:
 - 1. Salary change for Beth Sedlar, Financial Assistant, from a rate of \$22.53 per hour, Budget Code 321-606-1106 to a rate of \$25.52 per hour, effective

November 17, 2025. Other Remarks: TEMP APPOINTED - COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL.

- b. Kim Plummer, District Clerk - District Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Certificate of Completion for Satisfactory Participation in the 25th Annual TDCA Workshop from the Texas District Court Alliance for Kim Plummer, District Clerk.
- c. Elections - Elections Commission:
 - 1. Position Profile for Elections Administrator for the Elections Office.

Motion adopted.

24. Receive for the record Discretionary Fund budget amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(24-1:11:27)

24. November 10, 2025. None. No action taken.

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

(25-1:11:50)

25. November 10, 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, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. 4/H Activity Center, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. National School Lunch Program, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- h. Health Department, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

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

(26-1:12:48)

26. November 10, 2025. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:13 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege, and §551.072 to discuss real property.

27. 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.

(27-1:13:28)

27. November 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:40 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

28. Adjourn.

(28-1:13:38)

28. November 10, 2025. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of November 10, 2025.