

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **5th day January A.D., 2026**, 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, January 5, 2026, 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. January 5, 2026. Danny Garcia, County Judge Pro Tem, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, January 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. January 5, 2026. 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.

(3-1:49)

3. January 5, 2026. Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Donnie Montemayor, District Extension Administrator with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services, introduced Torri McClellan as the new 4-H Extension Agent for Victoria County 4-H Program.

Fire Marshal Dan Porter spoke about New Year's Eve at Patriot Park. Fire Marshal Porter thanked Raisin and Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Departments for bringing their brush trucks to Patriot Park.

Joe Hernandez, Interim Animal Services Director, gave an update on Victoria Animal Services for the year 2025.

Lenny Llerena, Executive Director, gave an update to the Court regarding the 2025 enplanements for the Victoria Regional Airport.

Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 Shannon Martin recognized and thanked Fire Chief Ron Kramer for his dedicated service to the Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Ron Kramer spoke about the Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Martin reviewed the staff and board for the Quail Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Dustin Cruz, a Wharton County resident, spoke to the Court regarding Government Code 229.001 and citizen's rights.

Commissioner Jason Ohrt recognized Texas State Representative A. J. Louderback. Representative A. J. Louderback responded to Dustin Cruz.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-15:21)

4. January 5, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on December 15, 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(5-15:39)

5. January 5, 2026. 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	1/5/2026	\$1,421,423.77
Supplemental Accounts	12/9/2025 – 12/29/2025	\$607,297.24

Motion adopted.

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

(6-16:07)

6. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the monthly reports from the Constables, Precincts Nos. 2-4 and Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-16:30)

7. January 5, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-16:40)

8. January 5, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated December 18, 2025 in the amount of \$143,884.64 and the ACH report dated December 18, 2025 in the amount of \$3,853,913.64 and the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated December 24, 2025 in the amount of \$268,274.93 and the ACH report dated December 24, 2025 in the amount of \$1,857,914.93 and interim vendor payments dated December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$362,002.81 and the ACH report dated December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$2,745,704.33. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation for 2026 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and take appropriate action.

(9-18:51)

9. January 5, 2026. County Judge Pro Tem Garcia read the Proclamation recognizing January 9, 2026, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Victoria County. No action taken.

10. Consider approval and authorize purchase of an Evo II Enterprise Dual 640T Thermal Aircraft, Rugged Bundle V3, in the amount of \$5,299.00 for the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office and take appropriate action.

(10-24:53)

10. January 5, 2026. Fire Marshal Dan Porter provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved and authorized the purchase of an Evo II Enterprise Dual 640T Thermal Aircraft, Rugged Bundle V3, in the amount of \$5,299.00 for the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

a. Grant Works Administration Contract.

(11a-28:55)

11a. January 5, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Grant Works Administration Contract in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

b. Resolution No. 2026-008 to designate authorized signatories.

(11b-28:55)

11b. January 5, 2026. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-008 to designate authorized signatories in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

c. Resolution No. 2026-009 for the Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures.

(11c-28:55)

11c. January 5, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-009 for the Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

d. Resolution No. 2026-010 for the Section 3 Policy.

(11d-28:55)

11d. January 5, 2026. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-010 for the Section 3 Policy in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

e. Resolution No. 2026-011 for the Excessive Force Policy.

(11e-28:55)

11e. January 5, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners

Court approved Resolution No. 2026-011 for the Excessive Force Policy in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

f. Resolution No. 2026-012 for the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan.

(11f-28:55)

11f. January 5, 2026. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-012 for the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

g. Resolution No. 2026-013 for the Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures.

(11g-28:55)

11g. January 5, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-013 for the Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

h. Resolution No. 2026-014 for the Code of Conduct Policy.

(11h-28:55)

11h. January 5, 2026. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-014 for the Code of Conduct Policy in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

i. Resolution No. 2026-015 for the Fair Housing Policy.

(11i-28:55)

11i. January 5, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-015 for the Fair Housing Policy in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328 and take appropriate action:

j. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

(11j-28:55)

11j. January 5, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. County Judge Pro-Tem Danny Garcia read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in relation to CDBG-MIT, GLO Project No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of Detention and Residential Contracts with Uvalde County for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action.**
(12-38:18)

12. January 5, 2026. 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 Uvalde County. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of Application for Payment No.19 for Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$753,528.87 in connection to the Citizens Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations Project and take appropriate action.**
(13-38:54)

13. January 5, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Application for Payment No. 19 for Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$753,528.87 in connection to the Citizens Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations Project. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of allocation of 2026 Child Safety Fee Revenues and take appropriate action.**
(14-40:04)

14. January 5, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the allocation of the 2026 Child Safety Fee Revenues. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of Order No. 2026-005 for the following 2026 Victoria County appropriations and take appropriate action:**
(15-40:45)

15. January 5, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Order No. 2026-005 for the following 2026 Victoria County Appropriations:

a. Gulf Bend Center	\$ 50,000.00
b. Mid-Coast Family Services	\$ 5,000.00
c. Victoria Economic Development Corporation	\$ 75,000.00
d. Victoria County Senior Citizens Center	\$ 24,000.00
e. Victoria Soil and Water Conservation	\$ 1,500.00
f. Volunteer Fire Departments	\$ 50,000.00

Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of the mileage reimbursement rates beginning January 1, 2026 and take appropriate action.**
(16-43:05)

16. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the standard mileage reimbursement rate of 72.5 cents per mile for Victoria County, beginning January 1, 2026. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-004 determining the general prevailing wage for the year 2026 and take appropriate action.**
(17-43:49)

17. January 5, 2026. County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia read the Resolution. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved

Resolution No. 2026-004 setting the General Prevailing Wage Rate for 2026. Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of Order No. 2026-006 authorizing debt services payments for the fiscal year 2026 and take appropriate action.

(18-47:07)

18. January 5, 2026. County Treasurer Paige Foster provided information to the Court. County Judge Pro Tem Garcia read the Order. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Order 2026-006 authorizing debt services payments for the fiscal year 2026. Motion adopted.

19. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-007 authorizing substitutions, withdrawals, and additions of pledged collateral for 2026 and take appropriate action.

(19-49:24)

19. January 5, 2026. Paige Foster, County Treasurer, provided the Court with information. County Judge Pro Tem Garcia read the Resolution. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-007 authorizing the substitutions, withdrawals, and additions of pledged collateral for the fiscal year 2026. Motion adopted.

20. Consider authorization for the Victoria County Auditor to conduct the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report required by Article 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure for all Victoria County law enforcement agencies upon their request, and take appropriate action.

(20-51:26)

20. January 5, 2026. County Auditor Michelle Samford provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court authorized the Victoria County Auditor to conduct the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report required by Article §59.06(g) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure for all Victoria County law enforcement agencies, upon their request. Motion adopted.

21. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Donations and take appropriate action:

a. Resolution No. 2026-01 valued at \$800.00 from Donald Renfrow for the installation of a pipe culvert at 124 Farice St. in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas.

(21a-52:28)

21a. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-01 for a road donation in the amount of \$800.00 from Donald Renfrow at 124 Farice Street, Victoria County, Texas, in Precinct No. 4 for installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Donations and take appropriate action:

b. Resolution No. 2026-02 valued at \$450.00 from Carroll Services LLC to repair road damage on De La Garza Rd. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.

(21b-52:28)

21b. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-02 for a one-time donation with a total value of \$450.00 from Carroll Services LLC to be contributed to Victoria County Precinct No. 3 for materials

and labor needed to repair road damage on De La Garza Road caused by Carroll Services LLC. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Donations and take appropriate action:

c. Resolution No. 2026-03 valued at \$552.20 from Gregg Woodring for the installation of a pipe culvert at 55 E. Grouse St. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.

(21c-52:28)

21c. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-03 for a road donation in the amount of \$552.20 from Gregg Woodring at 55 E. Grouse Street, in Victoria County, Texas, Precinct No. 3, for installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

22. Receive for the record the following letter of permission to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

a. Jim Miori at 403 Warehouse Rd., Victoria County, Texas.

(22a-54:03)

22a. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the letter of permission from Jim Miori at 403 Warehouse Road, Victoria County, Texas, to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage related to a county road in Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following letter of permission to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

b. Kayla Brown at 13 Golden Eye Loop, Victoria County, Texas.

(22b-54:03)

22b. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the letter of permission from Kayla Brown at 13 Golden Eye Loop, Victoria County, Texas, to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage related to a county road in Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following letter of permission to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

c. South Texas Rentals at 463 Golden Eye Loop, Victoria County, Texas.

(22c-54:03)

22c. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the letter of permission from South Texas Rentals at 463 Golden Eye Loop, Victoria County, Texas, to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage related to a county road in Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following letter of permission to enter private property for the purpose of improving drainage in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

d. Mark Turner at 3802 Weber Rd., Victoria County, Texas.

(22d-54:03)

22d. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the letter of permission from Mark Turner at 3802 Weber

Road, Victoria County, Texas, to enter private property for the purpose of mowing and removing brush to improve visibility on a corner and/or intersection in Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

- 23. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(9), grant discretionary bid exemption for Victoria County purchases through a state-licensed auctioneer and take appropriate action.**

(23-54:53)

23. January 5, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(9), the Commissioners Court approved the grant discretionary bid exemption for Victoria County purchases through a state licensed auctioneer. Motion adopted.

- 24. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(11), grant discretionary bid exemption for Victoria County vehicle and equipment repairs and take appropriate action.**

(24-56:19)

24. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(11), the Commissioners Court approved the grant discretionary bid exemption for Victoria County vehicle and equipment repairs. Motion adopted.

- 25. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(8) and (d), grant food bid exemptions at intervals of six months for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office, and take appropriate action.**

(25-57:00)

25. January 5, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(8), and (d), the Commissioners Court approved the grant food bid exemptions at intervals of six months for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

- 26. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §263.152, authorize the sales of surplus and salvage property of Victoria County and Citizens Medical Center and take appropriate action.**

(26-57:40)

26. January 5, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §263.152, the Commissioners Court authorized the sales of surplus and salvage property of Victoria County and Citizens Medical Center. Motion adopted.

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

(27-58:05)

27. January 5, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

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

(28-59:10)

28. January 5, 2026. There were no Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

- 29. Consider approval of 2026 budget amendments and take appropriate action.**

(29-59:28)

29. January 5, 2026. There were no budget amendments. No action taken.

30. Adjourn.

(30-59:51)

30. January 5, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of January 5, 2026.