

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **26th 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 26, 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 26, 2026. Danny Garcia, County Judge Pro Tem, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, January 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. January 26, 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.

(3-2:22)

3. January 26, 2026. Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer spoke about the winter weather that pushed through Victoria County this past weekend.

Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena spoke about the December 2025 flight promotion and provided the 2025 enplanement numbers for the Victoria Regional Airport.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-11:23)

4. January 26, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on January 20, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-11:38)

5. January 26, 2026. 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	1/26/2026	\$2,142,694.47
Supplemental Accounts	1/13/2026 – 1/20/2026	\$279,284.08

Motion adopted.

6. **Receive monthly and quarterly reports from various county officials and departments and take appropriate action.**
(6-12:13)
6. January 26, 2026. There were no monthly or quarterly reports. No action taken.
7. **Consider approval of bond forfeiture releases and take appropriate action.**
(7-12:29)
7. January 26, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.
8. **Consider approval of Citizens Medical Center interim vendor payments and take appropriate action.**
(8-12:37)
8. January 26, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated January 22, 2026, in the amount of \$104,347.56 and the ACH report dated January 22, 2026, in the amount of \$1,664,439.19. Motion adopted.
9. **Hear a presentation from the Victoria County Fire Marshal regarding website upgrades and take appropriate action.**
(9-13:22)
9. January 26, 2026. Victoria County Fire Marshal Dan Porter reviewed and explained each section of the website for the Victoria County Fire Marshal's office. No action taken.
10. **Receive for the record an Order from the Victoria County Elections Commission to Appoint a County Elections Administrator, and take appropriate action.**
(10-27:50)
10. January 26, 2026. Democratic Party Chair Jewel Buchanan spoke about the Elections Administrator position. The Commissioners Court passed on the Order from the Victoria County Elections Commission to appoint a new Elections Administrator for Victoria County. No action taken.
11. **Receive for the record a Certificate of Substantial Completion in connection to the Patti Dodson Spray Truck Storage Building Project and take appropriate action.**
(11-29:08)
11. January 26, 2026. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record a Certificate of Substantial Completion in connection to the Patti Dodson Spray Truck Storage Building Project. Motion adopted.
12. **Consider approval of Indigent Defense Costs in Criminal Court and Pre-Trial Bonding Information Yearly Report, and take appropriate action.**
(12-30:22)
12. January 26, 2026. Pre-Trial Services Director Nora Kucera reviewed the report with the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners

Court approved the Indigent Defense Costs in Criminal Court and Pre-Trial Bonding Information Yearly Report. Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of the 2025 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification and take appropriate action.

(13-42:53)

13. January 26, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Victoria County Sheriff's Office 2025 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. Motion adopted.

14. Consider approval of requests for payment in connection to the Rehabilitate and Widen Roadway Project for McCoy Road and Bayer Road in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(14-43:25)

14. January 26, 2026. County Judge Pro Tem Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the requests for payment in connection to the Rehabilitate and Widen Roadway Project for McCoy Road and Bayer Road in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-021 valued at \$779.84 from Johnny Wagner for the installation of a pipe culvert at 417 Duck Dr. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(15-44:48)

15. January 26, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-021 for a road donation valued at \$779.84 from Johnny Wagner at 417 Duck Drive in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

16. Ratify JP Morgan Commercial Card Purchase Program Authorizations Form and take appropriate action.

(16-45:22)

16. January 26, 2026. County Treasurer Paige Foster provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court ratified the JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Commercial Card Purchase Program Authorizations Form for Victoria County. Motion adopted.

17. Consider approval of 2026 Discretionary Budget Amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(17-47:55)

17. January 26, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

18. Consider approval of 2026 budget amendments and take appropriate action.

(18-48:17)

18. January 26, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Increase
- b. Records Management Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- c. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Increase

- d. Leose Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- e. Capital Projects Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- f. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

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

(19-49:16)

19. January 26, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. Joe Hernandez, Interim Animal Services Director - Victoria County Animal Services:
 - 1. Salary change for Carol Shaw, Clerk III, from a rate of \$18.90 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1108 to a rate of \$18.92 per hour, effective January 20, 2026.
 - 2. Salary change and position/other code change for Sheridan Larson, Animal Adoption Coordinator, from a rate of \$15.50 per hour, Budget Code 560-630-1113 to a rate of \$16.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1113, effective January 20, 2026.
 - 3. Salary change for Amber Pyle, Animal Adoption Coordinator, from a rate of \$18.90 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1113 to a rate of \$18.92 per hour, effective January 20, 2026.
 - 4. Salary change for Lorraina Kief, Animal Control Officer, from a rate of \$20.00 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1107 to a rate of \$20.05 per hour, effective January 20, 2026.
 - 5. Salary change for Dean Hazelwood, Animal Control Officer, from a rate of \$22.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-630-1106 to a rate of \$22.53 per hour, effective January 20, 2026.
- b. Commissioners Court:
 - 1. Corrected Salary Orders for 2026 Cell Phone Allowances and Various Victoria County Departments.
- c. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
 - 1. New Hire (Re-Hire) of Lucinda Sandoval, Environmental Administrative Secretary, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, Budget Code 800-631-1173, effective February 2, 2026. Grade 2 Plan General.
- d. Kim Plummer, District Clerk - District Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Certificate of Completion from the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas awarded to Kim Plummer, District Clerk, for completing the required 20 hours of continuing education for 2025.
- e. Heidi Easley, County Clerk - County Clerk's Office:
 - 1. Certificate of Completion from the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas awarded to Heidi Easley, County Clerk, for completing the required 20 hours of continuing education for 2025.

Motion adopted.

20. Adjourn.

(20-50:37)

20. January 26, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of January 26, 2026.