

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **2nd day February 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, Ben Zeller, County Judge, presiding and the following Commissioners attending:

Danny Garcia,	Commissioner Precinct No. 1	Absent
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, February 2, 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. February 2, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, February 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. February 2, 2026. 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.

(3-2:26)

3. February 2, 2026. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Shannon Martin mentioned that he has been in contact with Victoria County Fire Marshal, Dan Porter, in regard to KBDI numbers due to the concerns of Precinct No. 3 residents that there is no burn ban in place with the hard freezes and mentioned the County Judge can authorize a burn ban when necessary. Commissioner Martin informed the public that tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., he and Constable, Precinct 3 Kenneth Easley will be at the Quail Creek MUD office speaking about and addressing the traffic and speeding concerns in the neighborhood. He also mentioned that construction project work will begin at Patriot Park to enhance the restrooms.

Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner informed the Court about the SpawGlass Pre-Proposal meeting tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. at the City of Victoria Community Room regarding the Mental and Behavioral Health Facility.

County Judge Zeller reminded everyone that today is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming primary election and early voting starts on February 17, 2026.

(58:11) Commissioner Kenneth Sexton stated that tentatively, on February 14, 2026, there will be a ribbon cutting and grand opening for the Victoria County Animal Services and invited everyone to attend.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-6:29)

4. February 2, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the

Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on January 26, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-6:43)

5. February 2, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	2/2/2026	\$385,058.84
Supplemental Accounts	1/20/2026 – 1/26/2026	\$118,711.24

Motion adopted.

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

(6-7:09)

6. February 2, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the monthly report from the County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2. Motion adopted.

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

(7-7:28)

7. February 2, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-7:35)

8. February 2, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated January 29, 2026 in the amount of \$461,372.84 and the ACH report dated January 29, 2026 in the amount of \$2,815,747.16. Motion adopted.

9. Hear an update and presentation from the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) on Winter Storm Fern and Warming Center response and take appropriate action.

(9-8:20)

9. February 2, 2026. Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer gave a presentation on Winter Storm Fern, warming center responses, and gave credit to participating agencies for use of their facilities and providing food. Rey Rosas with Our Lady of Sorrows spoke about how Our Lady of Sorrows assisted Victoria County Residents during Winter Storm Fern. No action taken.

10. Consider approval of an Emergency Notification System Service Agreement with Everbridge, Inc. for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) and take appropriate action.

(10-26:16)

10. February 2, 2026. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved an Emergency Notification System Service

Agreement with Everbridge, Inc. for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM). Motion adopted.

- 11. Ratify Senate Bill 22 Rural Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Program Grant Agreement, Award No. IA-0000002722, for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and take appropriate action.**

(11-28:13)

11. February 2, 2026. Projects and Planning Coordinator Maddison Heibel provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court ratified Senate Bill 22 Rural Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Program Grant Agreement, Award No. IA-0000002722 between the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Victoria County for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office (VCSO). Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval and authorize purchase of a Demod Big Joe LXE40 electric forklift in the amount of \$29,500.00 for Victoria County Animal Services, and take appropriate action.**

(12-29:00)

12. February 2, 2026. Interim Animal Services Director Joe Hernandez provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved and authorized the purchase of a Demod Big Joe LXE40 electric forklift in the amount of \$29,500.00 for Victoria County Animal Services. Motion adopted.

- 13. Receive for the record an Affidavit Regarding Employment from Zinc Resources, LLC in connection to a Tax Abatement Agreement between Victoria County, Texas and Zinc Resources, LLC and take appropriate action.**

(13-31:01)

13. February 2, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record an Affidavit Regarding Employment as related to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Victoria County, Texas and Zinc Resources, LLC. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of the Victoria County Public Health Department Charity Care/Financial Assistance Policy and take appropriate action.**

(14-31:39)

14. February 2, 2026. Public Health Department Director David Gonzlaes provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Victoria County Public Health Department Charity Care/Financial Assistance Policy. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of an agreement between the Victoria County Public Health Department and Family Connects International to provide training and program consultation services specific to implementation of the Family Connects Program, and take appropriate action.**

(15-33:14)

15. February 2, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved an agreement between the Victoria County Public Health Department and Family Connects International to provide training and program consultation services specific to implementation of the Family Connects Program. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of a proposal to replace roofing at the 205 County Annex/Archives, 1967 County Courthouse, McFaddin Building and the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center, and take appropriate action.**
(16-34:16)

16. February 2, 2026. Facilities Manager Kelly Hubert provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a proposal to replace roofing at the 205 County Annex/Archives, 1967 County Courthouse, McFaddin Building and the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of a BuyBoard Coop proposal to replace failed readerboard at the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action.**
(17-39:22)

17. February 2, 2026. Commissioner Kenneth Sexton and Facilities Manager Kelly Hubert provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved a BuyBoard Coop proposal to replace failed readerboard at the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of a BuyBoard Coop proposal to install a limited BAS system at the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center and take appropriate action.**
(18-42:18)

18. February 2, 2026. Kelly Hubert, Facilities Manager, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a BuyBoard Coop proposal to install a limited BAS system at the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-022 for the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, Grant/App No. 5799801, required for grant application submittal to the Office of the Governor, and take appropriate action.**
(19-45:05)

19. February 2, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-022 for Victoria County to submit the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, Grant/Application No. 5799801 to the Office of the Governor. Motion adopted.

- 20. Receive for the record the Limited Notice to Proceed Letter to SpawGlass, in connection to the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action.**
(20-46:09)

20. February 2, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Limited Notice to Proceed Letter to SpawGlass, in connection to the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

- 21. Receive for the record Change Order #002 from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project and take appropriate action.**

(21-49:05)

21. February 2, 2026. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record Change Order No. 002 from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project. Motion adopted.

- 22. Receive for the record a letter from SquareOne Consultants regarding the potential contract amendment for additional materials testing services in connection to the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action.**

(22-52:23)

22. February 2, 2026. Assistant County Engineer, Avery Flessner, provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record a letter from SquareOne Consultants regarding the potential contract amendment for additional materials testing services in connection to the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of a request for plat exemption from Manuel & Jessica Reyna at 621 Koutney Road located in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(23-54:38)

23. February 2, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Manuel and Jessica Reyna at 621 Koutney Road located within Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas with the following conditions:

- * Shall secure and verify the 911 addresses for the tracts with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.
- * The tract conveyed must be greater than 10-acres.
- * No future tract created shall be less than 1-acre, excluding easements.
- * All created/revised tracts, new property deeds and ingress/egress easement(s) must be created and filed in the Victoria County Clerk's Public Records.
- * Further subdivision of tracts shall comply with the requirements of the effective published version of the VCDSM at the time of subdivision.
- * Each tract will have its own water well and Onsite Sanitary Sewer Facility (OSSF) (septic system).
- * Each tract shall have public right of away frontage or access to a public right-of-way through an ingress/egress easement with the following requirements:
 - ~Any private/public ingress/egress easements to a public ROW shall be constructed and maintained as an all-weather roadway capable of supporting any/all emergency services vehicles as determined by the Sheriff and the Fire Marshal of Victoria County.
 - ~Maintenance of ingress/egress easement(s) shall be the sole responsibility of the developer and/or property owner(s).
 - ~The developer/property owner(s) shall install Knoxbox(es) at all gates across private/public access easements. The placement and installation of all Knoxbox(es) shall be approved by the Victoria County Fire

Marshal.

Motion adopted.

24. Receive for the record 2026 Victoria County Eminent Domain Report and take appropriate action.

(24-55:38)

24. February 2, 2026. Projects and Planning Coordinator Maddison Heibel provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2026 Victoria County Eminent Domain Report. Motion adopted.

25. Consider approval of Detention and/or Residential Contracts with Titus, Camp, Marion, and Morris Counties for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center, and take appropriate action.

(25-56:21)

25. February 2, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Titus, Camp, Marion, and Morris Counties. Motion adopted.

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

(26-56:42)

26. February 2, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

27. Receive for the record 2026 Discretionary Budget Amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(27-57:12)

27. February 2, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendment from the CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund (370) as an increase to revenues. Motion adopted.

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

(28-57:41)

28. February 2, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Increase
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3, Expenditures - Increase
- d. Rural Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- e. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Airport Capital Projects Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. Debt Service Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- h. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase
- i. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

- 29. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments, §551.0745 to discuss boards and commissions, §551.072 to discuss real property, §551.087 to discuss economic development, §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege, and §551.076 to discuss security matters.**

(29-58:11)

29. February 2, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:09 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.0745 to discuss boards and commissions, §551.072 to discuss real property; §551.087 to discuss economic development; and §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege, and §551.076 to discuss security matters.

- 30. 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.**

(30-1:01:10)

30. February 2, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:59 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

- 31. Adjourn.**

(31-1:02:25)

31. February 2, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of February 2, 2026.