

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **23rd 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
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 23, 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 23, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. February 23, 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.

(3-1:07)

3. February 23, 2026. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Michael Vonderau of 2107 N. Ben Jordan thanked Victoria County Sheriff's Department & ATF for the work they did this past week. Mr Vondererau also spoke about dogs at 2207 N Jecker.

Lenny Llerena, Executive Director, spoke about changes in airplanes and times at the Victoria Regional Airport

Emergency Management Coordinator, Rick McBrayer recognized Jena West Banda for her 10 years of service with EOC.

County Judge Zeller informed the Court this is the last week of early voting for the upcoming primary election. Election day is Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-4:49)

4. February 23, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on February 17, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-11:40)

5. February 23, 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	2/23/2026	\$2,175,430.02
Supplemental Accounts	2/10/2026 – 2/16/2026	\$447,324.83

Motion adopted.

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

(6-12:06)

6. February 23, 2026. There were no monthly or quarterly reports. No action taken.

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

(7-12:18)

7. February 23, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-12:29)

8. February 23, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated February 19, 2026 in the amount of \$14,476.01 and the ACH report dated February 19, 2026 in the amount of \$3,277,177.61. Motion adopted.

9. **Authorize monthly payments to the City of Victoria in the amount of \$333,556.47 for the months of January 2026 through September 2026, in connection with the Interlocal Agreement between Victoria County and the City of Victoria for the provision of fire and rescue services, and take appropriate action.**

(9-13:06)

9. February 23, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized monthly payments to the City of Victoria in the amount of \$333,556.47 for the months of January 2026 through September 2026, in connection with the Interlocal Agreement between Victoria County and the City of Victoria for the provision of fire and rescue services. Motion adopted.

10. **Consider approval of a Subscription Agreement between the Victoria County Elections Division and SOE Software Corp. in connection with Election Night Reporting 2026-2028 and take appropriate action.**

(10-14:31)

10. February 23, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Subscription Agreement between the Victoria County Elections Division and SOE Software Corporation in connection with Election Night Reporting 2026-2028. Motion adopted.

11. **Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Victoria County Sheriff's Office grant applications through the Office of the Governor and take appropriate action:**
a. Resolution No. 2026-030 for FY2025 Operation Stonegarden Grant No. 318211

(11a-15:17)

11a. February 23, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-030 for submission of the FY2025 Operation Stonegarden Grant No. 318211 for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office grant application through the Office of the Governor. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for Victoria County Sheriff's Office grant applications through the Office of the Governor and take appropriate Resolution No. 2026-031 for FY2027 Operation Lone Star Grant No. 5818101

b. Resolution No. 2026-031 for FY2027 Operation Lone Star Grant No. 5818101

(11b-15:17)

11b. February 23, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-031 for submission of the FY2027 Operation Lone Star Grant No. 5818101 for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office grant application through the Office of the Governor. Motion adopted.

12. Ratify Resolution No. 2026-029 authorizing the FY2027 Sheriff Immigration Enforcement Grant Program (Senate Bill 8) application submission for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.

(12-17:06)

12. February 23, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court ratified Resolution No. 2026-029 authorizing the FY2027 Sheriff Immigration Enforcement Grant Program (Senate Bill 8) application submission to the Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted.

**13. Consider the following in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG), Water Control Improvement District (WCID) No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. CDV23-0328, and take appropriate action:
a. Reject all bids for the Water Control Improvement District (WCID) No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project**

(13a-18:25)

13a. February 23, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court rejected all bids for the Water Control Improvement District (WCID) No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. CDV23-0328 in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG), Water Control Improvement District (WCID) No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. CDV23-0328, and take appropriate action:

b. Authorize to advertise for the rebid of Water Control Improvement District (WCID) No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project on March 1, 2026 and March 8, 2026

(13b-18:25)

13b. February 23, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise for the rebid of Water Control Improvement District (WCID) No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. CDV23-0328 on March 1, 2026 and March 8, 2026, in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Motion adopted.

14. Receive for the record Victoria County Constable Precinct 4 Racial Profiling Analysis Report and take appropriate action.

(14-20:12)

14. February 23, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Victoria County Constable Precinct No. 4 Racial Profiling Analysis Report. Motion adopted.

15. Ratify the purchase of property located at 204 S. William St. Victoria County, Texas and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents to complete the purchase, and take appropriate action.

(15-20:43)

15. February 23, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court ratified the purchase of property located at 204 S. William Street, Victoria County, Texas and authorized the County Judge to execute all necessary documents to complete the purchase. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of Payment Application No. 21 to Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$853,082.03 in connection with the Citizen's Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations, and take appropriate action.

(16-21:28)

16. February 23, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Payment Application No. 21 to Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$853,082.03 in connection with the Citizen's Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations. Motion adopted.

**17. Consider the following regarding a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews of an approximate .44-acre tract, excluding mineral rights, located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:
a. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-023 for the donation of property to Victoria County, Texas for use by Victoria County Road & Bridge, Precinct 3**

(17a-22:21)

17a. February 23, 2026. The Commissioners Court passed on approving Resolution No. 2026-023 for the donation of real property from Jack and Leslie Crews, consisting of the surface estate only, being a .44-acre tract located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas, and having an appraised value of \$23,180.00, may be accepted and recorded as property of Victoria County, Texas for the intended use by Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3. No action taken.

**Consider the following regarding a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews of an approximate .44-acre tract, excluding mineral rights, located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:
b. Authorize filing a Gift Deed (Surface Only), transferring ownership to Victoria County, Texas into the official records of the Victoria County Clerk Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3.**

(17b-22:21)

17b. February 23, 2026. The Commissioners Court passed on authorizing filing of the Gift Deed (Surface Only), transferring ownership to Victoria County, Texas into the official records of the Victoria County Clerk, regarding a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews of an approximate .44-acre tract, excluding mineral rights, located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas. No action taken.

- 18. Consider approval of Quote No. 46 from Castillo B Concrete in the amount of \$23,000.00 for concrete work and bridge upgrades in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(18-22:25)

18. February 23, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Quote No. 46 from Castillo B Concrete in the amount of \$23,000.00 for concrete work and bridge upgrades in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-026 for a road donation valued at \$576.00 from Larry Dolgner for the installation of a pipe culvert located at 1748 Kemper City Rd. S. in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(19-23:07)

19. February 23, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-026 for a road donation valued at \$576.00 from Larry Dolgner at 1748 Kemper City Road South in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for corrugated pipe. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of a Renewal Agreement with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS), and take appropriate action.**

(20-23:36)

20. February 23, 2026. Treasurer, Paige Foster, provided information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Renewal Agreement with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS). Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-027 adopting the Victoria County List of Authorized Broker/Dealers for FY2026 and take appropriate action.**

(21-24:44)

21. February 23, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-027 adopting the Victoria County List of Authorized Broker/Dealers for FY2026 and take appropriate action. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-028 adopting the Victoria County Investment Policy and Strategies, Investment Committee, and Appointment of an Investment Officer for FY2026 and take appropriate action.**

(22-27:33)

22. February 23, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-028 adopting the 2026 Victoria County Investment Policy, setting forth its investment strategies by fund type and designating the Victoria County Investment Committee, and appointing Victoria County Treasurer Paige Foster as the Victoria County Investment Officer to implement and carry out the stated investment policy. Motion adopted.

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

(23-29:24)

23. February 23, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

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

(24-30:26)

24. February 23, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

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

(25-30:41)

25. February 23, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2, 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, §551.0745 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 the attorney-client privilege.

(26-31:07)

26. February 23, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:32 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.

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.

(27-2:25:27)

27. February 23, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:29 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

28. Adjourn.

(28-2:25:32)

28. February 23, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of February 23, 2026.