

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **16th day March 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, March 16, 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. March 16, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 10:01 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. March 16, 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.

(3-2:55)

3. March 16, 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.

Lieutenant Grace Butler spoke to the Court about the Civil Air Patrol program. Commissioner Jason Ohrt responded to Lieutenant Butler.

Rick Collie with the Kiwanis Club stated the club would like to partner with the City of Victoria or County of Victoria to host a capital investment program project and invited the public to the Kids Fest this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverside Park.

County Judge Zeller and Commissioner Kenneth Sexton recognized County Engineer John Johnston for receiving the Roy D. Sedwick Service Award at the Texas Floodplain Management Association Conference.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-14:26)

4. March 16, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on March 9, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-15:04)

5. March 16, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford,

County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	3/16/2026	\$1,174,160.11
Supplemental Accounts	3/3/2026 – 3/9/2026	\$74,574.60

Motion adopted.

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

(6-15:28)

6. March 16, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; District Clerk; County Clerk; Sheriff; Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1; Constables, Precincts Nos. 1 and 4; and Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-15:53)

7. March 16, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-16:04)

8. March 16, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated March 12, 2026, in the amount of \$214,464.92 and the ACH report dated March 12, 2026, in the amount of \$3,100,203.84. Motion adopted.

9. Consider funding for a temporary position within the Elections Administrator's Office through the May Primary run-off election, and take appropriate action.

(9-16:47)

9. March 16, 2026. The Commissioners Court passed on the temporary position within the Elections Administrator's Office through the May primary run-off election. No action taken.

10. Consider approval of Payment Application No. 22 to Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$662,415.38 in connection with the Citizens Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations and take appropriate action.

(10-17:24)

10. March 16, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Payment Application No. 22 to Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$662,415.38 in connection with the Citizens Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-041 for various monetary and material donations made to Victoria County Animal Services, and take appropriate action.

(11-18:02)

11. March 16, 2026. Interim Animal Services Director Joe Hernandez thanked the donors for their donations. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-041 for various materials and supplies and one-time cash donations with a total value of \$805.00 from various donors in the months of January and February

2026 to be utilized for and dedicated to Victoria County Animal Services to be contributed towards their identified purposes. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of a Texas Health and Human Services Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action.

(12-18:47)

12. March 16, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Texas Health and Human Services Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

13. Consider approval of Avita Pharmacy Services Agreement Third Amendment to remove two pharmacy locations, and add one location, to the Victoria County Public Health Department HRSA registered pharmacies and take appropriate action.

(13-19:57)

13. March 16, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Avita Pharmacy Services Agreement Third Amendment to remove two pharmacy locations, and add one location, to the Victoria County Public Health Department HRSA registered pharmacies. Motion adopted.

14. Receive for the record the following fully executed contracts in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

a. Texas Healthy Communities Grant Contract No. HHS001456400001 Amendment No. 2.

(14a-21:35)

14a. March 16, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Texas Healthy Communities Grant Contract No. HHS001456400001 Amendment No. 2 in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following fully executed contracts in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

b. Release and Settlement Agreement for September 2024 Claims Under the Medicaid Administrative Claim (MAC) Program Contract No. HHS00537900831.

(14b-21:35)

14b. March 16, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Release and Settlement Agreement for September 2024 Claims under the Medicaid Administrative Claim (MAC) Program Contract No. HHS00537900831 in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

15. Consider approval of the following request for payment to Grant Works in the total amount of \$85,816.80 in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-MIT) GLO Award, Grant No. 24-065-186-F328, and take appropriate action.

(15-22:42)

15. March 16, 2026. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment in the total amount of \$85,816.80 to GrantWorks in

connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-MIT) GLO Award, Grant No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of Request for Plat Exemption from Kaleb Coffey at TBD Black Bayou Road No. 1, located in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(16-24:01)

16. March 16, 2026. County Engineer John Johnston provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Kaleb Coffey at Black Bayou Road No. 1, located in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas with the following conditions:

- * Shall secure and verify the 911 addresses for the tracts with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.
- * 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 way 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.

17. Ratify Construction Material Testing Proposal No. PV-261045 with TSI Laboratories, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility, and take appropriate action.

(17-24:51)

17. March 16, 2026. County Engineer John Johnston provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court ratified the Construction Material Testing Proposal No. PV-261045 with TSI Laboratories, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility. Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of Garcitas Creek Ranch Estates – Phase 2, Resubdivision No. 1 Final Plat, and take appropriate action.

(18-25:58)

18. March 16, 2026. John Johnston, County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Garcitas Creek Ranch Estates-Phase 2, Resubdivision No. 1 Final Plat. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of a Letter of Permission from Harvey Mueller to enter private property located at 1279 Bliss Dr. in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(19-27:04)

19. March 16, 2026. Commissioner Jason Ohrt provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record the letter of permission from Harvey Mueller to enter private property located at 1279 Bliss Drive in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas for the purpose of checking elevations for drainage improvement purposes on county maintained roads. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-039 for a road donation from Benson Pantel in the amount of \$339.60 for installation of a pipe culvert located at 3486 Coletoville Road in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(20-27:38)

20. March 16, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-039 for a road donation valued at \$339.60 from Benson Pantel at 3486 Coletoville Road in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

- 21. Receive for the record an annual audit report for the Victoria County Juvenile Probation Department for Fiscal Year 2025 and take appropriate action.**

(21-28:16)

21. March 16, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record an annual audit report for the Victoria County Juvenile Probation Department for Fiscal Year 2025. Motion adopted.

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

(22-28:44)

22. March 16, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

- 23. Receive for the record Discretionary Budget Amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.**

(23-28:56)

23. March 16, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

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

(24-29:09)

24. March 16, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

- 25. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments, §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.**

(25-29:52)

25. March 16, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:30 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §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.

- 26. 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.**

(26-30:27)

26. March 16, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:15 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

- 27. Adjourn.**

(27-30:38)

27. March 16, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of March 16, 2026.