

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **6th day April 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	Absent
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, April 6, 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. April 6, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, April 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. April 6, 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.

(3-2:33)

3. April 6, 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.

J.J. Janssen of the Victoria County Extension Office introduced Amanda Porter as the new secretary for the Victoria County Extension Office.

Commissioner Kenneth Sexton introduced and welcomed Crystal Riemenschneider as the new Victoria County Animal Services Director. Ms. Riemenschneider spoke to the Court. County Judge Zeller thanked Interim Animal Services Director Joe Hernandez for his leadership as Interim Animal Services Director.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-4:58)

4. April 6, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on March 30, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-5:10)

5. April 6, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Motion adopted.

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

(6-5:35)

6. April 6, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly report from the Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4. Motion adopted.

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

(7-5:56)

7. April 6, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-6:04)

8. April 6, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated April 2, 2026, in the amount of \$232,131.00 and the ACH report dated April 2, 2026, in the amount of \$3,241,513.30. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation recognizing April as County Government Month, and take appropriate action.

(9-6:48)

9. April 6, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation recognizing April 2026 as County Government Month. Motion adopted.

10. Hear a Proclamation designating April as National Gardening Month, and take appropriate action.

(10-10:02)

10. April 6, 2026. Brynn Lee, President of Victoria Master Gardeners, provided information to the Court. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating April as National Gardening Month in Victoria County. Motion adopted.

11. Hear a presentation from the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) regarding renewal of the NOAA NWS StormReady program, and take appropriate action.

(11-16:15)

11. April 6, 2026. Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer gave a presentation to the Court regarding the renewal of the NOAA NWS StormReady program for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) and the 2026 Mid-Coast Hurricane and Disaster Conference. No action taken.

12. Discuss and consider an updated draft Victoria County Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Policy and take appropriate action.

(12-21:31)

12. April 6, 2026. Procurement Specialist Adrienne Willis provided the Court with information on the updated draft for Victoria County Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Policy. No action taken.

- 13. Receive for the record Proposal No. Q-815460-46105KD from Axon Enterprise Inc. for a Digital Evidence Management System for the Victoria County Criminal District Attorney's Office, and take appropriate action.**

(13-23:01)

13. April 6, 2026. IT Director Matt Schneider provided information to the Court. Criminal District Attorney Constance Filley Johnson thanked Mr. Schneider for his work regarding this project. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record Proposal No. Q-815460-46105KD from Axon Enterprise Inc. for a Digital Evidence Management System for the Victoria County Criminal District Attorney's Office. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of the following in regard to the donation of a Gateway Monument for the unincorporated community of Inez, located in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:**

a. Resolution No. 2026-048 for the donation of a Gateway Monument, including all design, labor, and materials associated with its construction and installation, from Boy Scouts of America Troop 364.

(14a-24:40)

14a. April 6, 2026. Michael Barjenbruch with Boy Scouts of America Troop 364 spoke about the Gateway Monument. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-048 for a donation of a Gateway Monument, including all design, labor, and materials associated with its construction and installation from Boy Scouts of America Troop 364 for the unincorporated community of Inez, located in Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas to be contributed towards their identified purposes. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in regard to the donation of a Gateway Monument for the unincorporated community of Inez, located in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

b. Donation Agreement with the Boy Scouts of America for the donation, installation and recurring maintenance of the Gateway Monument within TxDOT right-of-way.

(14b-24:40)

14b. April 6, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.032, the Commissioners Court approved the Donation Agreement with the Boy Scouts of America for the donation, installation, and recurring maintenance of the Gateway Monument, within TxDOT right of way for the unincorporated community of Inez, located in Precinct No. 4, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider the following in connection with proposed drainage improvements within Serenity Estates, located in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive a Letter of Permission from Harvey H. Mueller to enter private property located at 1279 Bliss Drive.

(15a-30:29)

15a. April 6, 2026. Projects and Planning Assistant Maddison Heibel and Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the letter of permission from Harvey H. Mueller to enter private property located at 1279 Bliss Drive in connection with proposed drainage improvements within Serenity Estates, located in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection with proposed drainage improvements within Serenity Estates, located in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

b. Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §343.0111, grant a discretionary bid exemption to conduct drainage improvements on private property.

(15b-30:29)

15b. April 6, 2026. Projects and Planning Assistant Maddison Heibel and Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code §343.0111, the Commissioners Court approved to grant a discretionary bid exemption to conduct drainage improvements on private property within Serenity Estates, located in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in connection with proposed drainage improvements within Serenity Estates, located in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

c. Authorize payment of an invoice dated 3-24-2026 in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Cat Skinner, LLC to conduct drainage improvements.

(15c-30:29)

15c. April 6, 2026. Projects and Planning Assistant Maddison Heibel and Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court authorized payment of an invoice dated 3-24-2026, in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Cat Skinner, LLC to conduct drainage improvements within Serenity Estates, located in Precinct No. 2, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

16. Consider approval of a Request for Plat Exemption from Grant Tyler McGehee at 545 Garrett Road, located in Precinct 2, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.

(16-33:37)

16. April 6, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request for plat exemption from Grant Tyler McGehee at 545 Garrett Road, located in Precinct No. 2, 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.

- 17. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donation in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:**
a. Resolution No. 2026-047 for a road donation in the amount of \$766.80 from Roger Saski for the installation of a pipe culvert located at 8006 Coletoville Road.

(17a-35:07)

17a. April 6, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-047 for a road donation valued at \$766.80 from Roger Saski at 8006 Coletoville Road in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donation in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:

- b. Resolution No. 2026-049 for a road donation in the amount of \$576.00 from Eric Jones for the installation of a pipe culvert located at 273 Whitetail Lane.**

(17b-35:07)

17b. April 6, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-049 for a road donation valued at \$576.00 from Eric Jones at 273 Whitetail Lane in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

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

(18-36:01)

18. April 6, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

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

(19-36:15)

19. April 6, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

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

(20-36:26)

20. April 6, 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 - Line item transfer
- b. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Elections Administrators Special, Revenues and Expenditures - Increase
- d. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

- 21. 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.**

(21-37:23)

21. April 6, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:38 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.072 to discuss real property only. Closed session for §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §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 was not held.

- 22. 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.**

(22-38:17)

22. April 6, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 11:28 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

- 23. Adjourn.**

(23-38:36)

23. April 6, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of April 6, 2026.