

**THE STATE OF TEXAS   §**

**COUNTY OF VICTORIA   §**

Be it remembered that on this the **13th day April A.D., 2026**, the Commissioners Court convened in **Regular 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:

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| 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, April 13, 2026, 10:00 AM, REGULAR TERM**

**VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**115 N. BRIDGE ST., ROOM 241, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA, TX**

**1. Call to Order.**

(1-0:00)

1. April 13, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledges.**

(2-0:00)

2. April 13, 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.**

(3-1:11)

3. April 13, 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.

Michael Vonderau of 2107 N. Ben Jordan spoke about homeless individuals in Victoria.

County Judge Zeller mentioned early voting for the runoff election will begin on Monday, April 20, 2026. Judge Zeller commended Clay Fetters for his promotion to Chief of Police for the Victoria Police Department.

Judge Zeller mentioned this week is Victoria County Animal Services recognition week and commended Joe Hernandez and Crystal Riemenschneider of Victoria County Animal Services for their services.

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

**4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.**

(4-6:19)

4. April 13, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on April 6, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-6:33)

5. April 13, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Priscilla Madrigal,

First Assistant Auditor.

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| Regular Accounts      | 4/13/2026            | \$631,090.02 |
| Supplemental Accounts | 3/31/2026 – 4/6/2026 | \$21,046.58  |

Motion adopted.

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

(6-6:58)

6. April 13, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the County Judge; County Commissioners, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4; County Treasurer; County Clerk; Criminal District Attorney, County Tax Assessor Collector; County Auditor; Sheriff; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 2 and 3; Constables, Precincts Nos. 2 and 3; and Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-7:45)

7. April 13, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-7:53)

8. April 13, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated April 9, 2026, in the amount of \$272,485.05 and the ACH report dated April 9, 2026, in the amount of \$2,490,188.53. Motion adopted.

**9. Hear a Proclamation designating April 12-18 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and take appropriate action.**

(9-8:24)

9. April 13, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating April 12-18, 2026 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Victoria County. Motion adopted.

**10. Hear a Proclamation in recognition of Mid-Coast Hurricane & Disaster Conference Week, and take appropriate action.**

(10-14:18)

10. April 13, 2026. Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer provided information to the Court. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation recognizing April 13-19, 2026 as Mid-Coast Hurricane and Disaster Conference Week. Motion adopted.

**11. Recognize 2026 first quarter employee anniversaries and take appropriate action.**

(11-24:23)

11. April 13, 2026. County Judge Zeller recognized the Victoria County employees' anniversaries for the first quarter of 2026. Judge Zeller presented each of the following employees with a certificate for their years of service:

1 YEAR

Raven, Michael T  
MILES, ZACHARY A  
BALADEZ, HALEIGH  
HAWES, DEVIN L  
JOHNSTON, ALICIA  
WEST, PEGGY C  
GARRETT, MELISSA  
GONZALEZ JR, VICTOR  
CRUZ III, GUADALUPE L  
CARDEN, NICOLE A  
SEDILLO V, CHELSEA O  
ALANIZ, CELINE  
MEAUX, LAUREN J  
BROWN JR, ROBERT M  
AMAYA, REBECCA C  
SQUYRES, KAYLA D  
BAKER, MIRANDA G  
CALDERA, VICTORIA D  
FINCH, ATTICUS  
VALENZUELA, CYNTHIA M

5 YEARS

DOLEZAL, LAURA P  
HARVEY, ANDREA M  
TOWNSEND, EDWARD S  
MOORE, SHYRONE K  
GARCIA, JOSEPH P  
DENSON, RANEE J  
PEREZ, RAYLYNN  
VRANA, DAISY M

10 YEARS

BANDA, JENA W  
LASSMANN JR, ALTON R  
SALAS, JOSEPHINE

15 YEARS

BLUHM, SHERRI D  
PENNEY, CLAUDIA  
PRIBYL, PATRICK I

20 YEARS

HERNANDEZ, GERMANIQUE L  
LAAKE, BRIAN R

ELECTED OFFICIALS

1 YEAR  
MARTIN, SHANNON  
MAYES, REX L  
HARVEY MOORE, LISA

5 YEARS  
MEYER, JEFF W  
DURHAM, RODNEY F

15 YEARS  
GILLIAM, DANIEL F

20 YEARS  
WILLIAMS, KEMPER S

No action taken.

- 12. Ratify Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement for Victoria County 26-17-03 Stationary Recycling Compactor and take appropriate action.**

(12-37:04)

12. April 13, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court ratified the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement for Victoria County 26-17-03 Stationary Recycling Compactor. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of Change Order 001, for Add Alternate 01, to the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) Proposal Revision 01 from SpawGlass, and take appropriate action.**

(13-38:27)

13. April 13, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved Change Order 001, for Add Alternate 01, to the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) Proposal Revision 01 from SpawGlass, contingent upon legal review. Motion adopted.

- 14. Ratify Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Victoria County and Rawley McCoy & Associates (RMA) for the Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room, Grant No. DR-4485-0005, and take appropriate action.**

(14-45:08)

14. April 13, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court ratified Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Victoria County and Rawley McCoy and Associates (RMA) for the Regional Emergency Operations Community Safe Room, Grant No. DR-4485-0005. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider the following in connection with project site improvements to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(2), and take appropriate action:**

**a. Grant a discretionary bid exemption for construction of a "Live Fire Shoot House" training facility.**

(15a-45:59)

15a. April 13, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner and Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved to grant a discretionary bid exemption for construction of a "Live Fire Shoot House" training facility in connection with the project site improvements to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(2). Motion adopted.

**Consider the following in connection with project site improvements to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(2), and take appropriate action:**

**b. Grant a discretionary bid exemption for purchase and installation of an All Electrical Wireless Turning Target System.**

(15b-45:59)

15b. April 13, 2026. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, and Justin Marr, Sheriff, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved to grant a discretionary bid exemption for purchase and installation of an All Electrical Wireless Turning Target System in connection with project site improvements to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(2). Motion adopted.

**16. Consider the following regarding concrete site work in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department Metal Spray Truck Building Project, and take appropriate action:**

**a. Receive for the record the bid tabulation recommending award to the lowest responsible bidder, Staff Concrete.**

(16a-48:31)

16a. April 13, 2026. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the bid tabulation recommending award to the lowest responsible bidder, Staff Concrete, in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department Metal Spray Truck Building Project. Motion adopted.

**Consider the following regarding concrete site work in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department Metal Spray Truck Building Project, and take appropriate action:**

**b. Reject all unawarded bids.**

(16b-48:31)

16b. April 13, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court rejected all unawarded bids in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department Metal Spray Truck Building Project. Motion adopted.

**Consider the following regarding concrete site work in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department Metal Spray Truck Building Project, and take appropriate action:**

**c. Receive for the record an executed agreement with Staff Concrete.**

(16c-48:31)

16c. April 13, 2026. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record an executed agreement with Staff Concrete in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department Metal Spray Truck Building Project. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of CPS/PHEP (CPS/Hazards) Contract No. HHS001439500032 Amendment No. 5 in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department, and take appropriate action.**

(17-51:23)

17. April 13, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the CPS/PHEP (CPS/Hazards) Contract No. HHS001439500032 Amendment No. 5 to be utilized by the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) Coordinator in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of Ryan White Service Delivery (Ryan White) Contract #5615-565-01 in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department, and take appropriate action.**

(18-52:05)

18. April 13, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Ryan White Service Delivery (Ryan White) Contract No. 5615-565-01 in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of Victoria County Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Policy and take appropriate action.**

(19-52:55)

19. April 13, 2026. County Judge's Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Victoria County Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Policy. Motion adopted.

- 20. Consider approval of the following items related to the Victoria County Personnel Policy and take appropriate action:**

**a. Update and limited exception to Section 2B-7 Holidays – Use of any unused holiday through 12/31/2026.**

(20a-54:21)

20a. April 13, 2026. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu and Sheriff Justin Marr provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the update and limited exception to Section 2B-7 Holidays - use of any unused holiday through 12/31/2026 related to the Victoria County Personnel Policy. Motion adopted.

**Consider approval of the following items related to the Victoria County Personnel Policy and take appropriate action:**

**b. Update and limited exception to Section 2B-8 Paid Time Off – Use of Comp Time prior to PTO for positions on the law enforcement and fire plans.**

(20b-54:21)

20b. April 13, 2026. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director, and Justin Marr, Sheriff,

provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the update and limited exception to Section 2B-8 Paid Time Off - use of comp time prior to PTO for positions on the law enforcement and fire plans related to the Victoria County Personnel Policy. Motion adopted.

**21. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.**

(21-1:02:23)

21. April 13, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

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

(22-1:02:36)

22. April 13, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

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

(23-1:02:46)

23. April 6, 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 - Line item transfer
- b. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase
- c. LEOSE Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

**24. 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.**

(24-1:03:22)

24. April 13, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:07 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.

**25. 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.**

(25-1:03:59)

25. April 13, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 12:23 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

**26. Adjourn.**

(26-1:04:03)

26. April 13, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of April 13, 2026.