

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **4th day May 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	Absent

and the following orders were passed:



COUNTY OF VICTORIA

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Monday, May 4, 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. May 4, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. May 4, 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.

(3-1:30)

3. May 4, 2026. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer reviewed the May 1, 2026, Severe Weather Event including the iSTAT Program and Data. Mr. McBrayer spoke about the Emergency Response and Community Recovery.

Michael Vonderau of 2107 N. Ben Jordan thanked everyone that assisted with the severe weather and thanked Keep Victoria Beautiful. Mr. Vonderau also spoke about loose dogs and trash in Victoria and stated that the VISD Bond had passed.

County Judge Zeller stated that Karen Cline, the new Elections Administrator, did a great job with the current election.

Commissioner Shannon Martin reminded the public that his Commissioners Communication Forum will be held on May 11, 2026, at the Heritage Building starting at 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety Communications Coordinator Lauren Meaux mentioned that registration for the Victoria County 360 is now open.

Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner stated that the Guadalupe River breached a minor flood stage.

Victoria Animal Services Director Crystal Riemenschneider spoke about the Shine the Light event this past weekend.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-26:52)

4. May 4, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on April 27, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-27:11)

5. May 4, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	5/4/2026	\$813,956.50
Supplemental Accounts	4/21/2026 – 4/27/2026	\$473,432.09

Motion adopted.

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

(6-27:20)

6. May 4, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly report from Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-27:47)

7. May 4, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the release of the following bond forfeiture judgment from the Court:

- a. Cause No. CIV1-22170: The State of Texas vs. Katherine Ann Null, Defendant and A & A Bail Bonds, Surety.

Motion adopted.

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

(8-27:56)

8. May 4, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$227,138.71 and the ACH report dated April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,893,352.25. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation in commemoration of Cinco de Mayo and take appropriate action.

(9-28:07)

9. May 4, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation proclaiming May 5, 2026, as a celebration of Cinco De Mayo in Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 10. Hear a Proclamation recognizing May 7 as the National Day of Prayer and take appropriate action.**

(10-30:40)

10. May 4, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation proclaiming May 7, 2026, as National Day of Prayer in Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 11. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Golden Crescent Regional Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for coordinated community response to sexual assault in Victoria County, and take appropriate action.**

(11-32:28)

11. May 4, 2026. Katherine Reynolds with Mid-Coast Family Services provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Golden Crescent Regional Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for coordinated community response to sexual assault in Victoria County. Motion adopted.

- 12. Receive for the record SB8 Agreement IA-0000003106 Sheriff's Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program and take appropriate action.**

(12-36:21)

12. May 4, 2026. Sheriff Justin Marr provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the SB8 Agreement IA-0000003106 Sheriff's Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of Billy T. Cattin American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement and take appropriate action.**

(13-37:19)

13. May 4, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Billy T. Cattin American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-055 designating authorized signatories for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) for GLO state contract No. 24-065-186-F328, and take appropriate action.**

(14-38:38)

14. May 4, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling and Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-055 designating authorized signatories for the Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) for GLO State Contract No. 24-065-186-F328. Motion adopted.

- 15. Discuss and consider updated draft Victoria County Purchasing & Procurement Policy, and take appropriate action.**

(15-40:48)

15. May 4, 2026. County Judge's Chief of Staff Chris Nicholson, Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner, and Procurement Specialist Adrienne Willis, provided the Court

with information. The Commissioners Court discussed the updated draft of the Victoria County Purchasing and Procurement Policy. No action taken.

- 16. Consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Contract No. HHS001719600025, to conduct Mobile Food Inspection Services in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action.**

(16-47:15)

16. May 4, 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 Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Contract No. HHS001719600025, to conduct Mobile Food Inspection Services in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Certification Form in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department, and take appropriate action.**

(17-51:15)

17. May 4, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Certification Form in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 18. Discuss and consider the following in connection with Victoria County facility maintenance improvements and take appropriate action:**

a. Consider approval of Co-op proposals for long lead time equipment.

(18a-51:51)

18a. May 4, 2026. Facilities Manager Kelly Hubert and Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Co-op proposals for long lead time equipment in connection with Victoria County facility maintenance improvements. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with Victoria County facility maintenance improvements and take appropriate action:

b. Consider approval to proceed with Request for Proposals for HVAC and electrical contractors.

(18b-51:51)

18b. May 4, 2026. Facilities Manager Kelly Hubert and Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved to proceed with Request for Proposals for HVAC and electrical contractors in connection with Victoria County facility maintenance improvements. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of Order No. 2026-056 Ratifying Investments of Brokered Certificates of Deposit and Government Agencies and take appropriate action.**

(19-57:36)

19. May 4, 2026. County Treasurer Paige Foster provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners

approved Order No. 2026-056 Ratifying Investments of Brokered Certificates of Deposit and Government Agencies. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of First Quarter Treasurer's Report and take appropriate action.
(20-58:36)

20. May 4, 2026. Paige Foster, County Treasurer, provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the First Quarter Treasurer's Report. Motion adopted.

21. Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department and take appropriate action:

a. Receive for the record Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Standing Order.

(21a-1:00:43)

21a. May 4, 2026. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Standing Order in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department and take appropriate action:

b. Consider approval of an Order amending the Reserve Constable Policy.

(21b-1:00:43)

21b. May 4, 2026. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. Constable, Precinct No. 3 Kenneth Easley addressed the Court. After discussion, the Commissioners Court passed on the Order amending the Reserve Constable Policy in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department. No action taken.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department and take appropriate action:

c. Consider approval of an Order for creation of a Reserve Fire Marshal Program.

(21c-1:00:43)

21c. May 4, 2026. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu and Assistant Fire Marshal Nathan Kelley provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved an Order for creation of a Reserve Fire Marshal Program in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department. Motion adopted.

22. Consider establishing a Risk Management & Safety Committee, and take appropriate action.

(22-1:13:02)

22. May 4, 2026. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved establishing a Risk Management and Safety Committee consisting of HR Director; Emergency Management Representative; County Judge's Office Representative; Finance Representative (Auditor); Sheriff's Office Representative; Engineering Representative; IT Representative; Facilities/Maintenance Representative; Public Health Department Representative; Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4 Representative; and Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3 Representative. Motion adopted.

23. Consider approval of a Safety Shoe Reimbursement Program and take appropriate action.

(23-1:19:58)

23. May 4, 2026. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved a Safety Shoe Reimbursement Program. Motion adopted.

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

(24-1:26:37)

24. May 4, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

a. Kelly Hubert, Facilities Manager - Facilities Department:

1. Position/GL Code Change for Rusty Tripp, from Maintenance Supervisor, at a rate of \$27.50 per hour to Facilities Tech III, Budget Code 100-510-1115, effective May 2, 2026. Other Pay: Cell Phone Allowance, \$18.46 Basic, Budget Code 100-510-1139. Grade 10 Plan General Tier n/a. Remarks 2026 Budget under funded due to mid-year reclassification.

Motion adopted.

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

(25-1:26:56)

25. May 4, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the 2026 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendment for the CDA Contraband Forfeiture Fund (370) as an increase to expenditures. Motion adopted.

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

(26-1:27:10)

26. May 4, 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. District Clerk Record Management, Expenditures - Increase
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- e. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 4, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- g. Pretrial Intervention, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- h. 4/H Activity Center, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- i. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

27. Adjourn.

(27-1:28:43)

27. May 4, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of May 4, 2026.