

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **18h 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	

and the following orders were passed:



COUNTY OF VICTORIA

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Monday, May 18, 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 18, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. May 18, 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.

(3-1:42)

3. May 18, 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 stated he would like for people to vote and spoke about the recent dog cruelty situation. Commissioner Ohrt responded to Mr. Vonderau.

Linda Crisp, Victoria resident, thanked Commissioner Martin for holding his Commissioners communication forum and asked that the community continues to know the status of the AI Data Centers.

Fire Marshal Dan Porter spoke about burning during the current weather conditions and asked the public to visit the Fire Marshal's website for burning information.

Victoria Animal Services Director Crystal Riemenschneider spoke about the two rabid skunks. Ms. Riemenschneider mentioned Victoria Animal Services are attending career days at Victoria A&M campus and stated the Victoria Animal Services will now be open on Saturdays from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. She also provided information on events from the last few Saturdays and last week and invited the public to National Rescue Dog Day on Wednesday.

Dale Zuck, a Victoria resident, stated the budget season is coming and asked the Court to look into a certain entity that is hiding county funds, that are not being used, in personnel and asked that the funds be returned to Victoria County.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer gave a brief update and highlights regarding the tornado event that happened around two weeks ago and thanked additional individuals and organizations for their assistance.

Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner spoke about the process and timeline for the debris cleanup after the tornado disaster two weeks ago.

County Judge Zeller stated the tornado disaster was handled efficiently and Commissioner Kenneth Sexton mentioned how proud he is to be a part of Victoria County.

County Judge Zeller mentioned that this week is early voting.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-21:20)

4. May 18, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on May 4, 2026. Motion adopted.

5. Consider the following accounts payable and take appropriate action:

a. Ratify May 11, 2026 accounts payable.

(5a-21:36)

5a. May 18, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court ratified the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	5/11/2026	\$578,348.35
Supplemental Accounts	4/28/2026 – 5/4/2026	\$57,859.50

Motion adopted.

Consider the following accounts payable and take appropriate action:

b. Approve May 18, 2026 accounts payable.

(5b-21:36)

5b. May 18, 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	5/18/2026	\$776,893.18
Supplemental Accounts	5/5/2026 - 5/11/2026	\$331,759.39

Motion adopted.

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

(6-22:28)

6. May 18, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the County Judge; County Commissioners, Precincts No. 1 - 4; County Treasurer; County Clerk; Criminal District Attorney; Tax Assessor Collector; County Auditor; Sheriff; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 1 - 4; and Constables, Precincts Nos. 2 - 4. Motion adopted.

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

(7-23:15)

7. May 18, 2026. There were no release of bond forfeiture judgments. No action taken.

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

a. May 7, 2026 Report.

(8a-23:25)

8a. May 18, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated May 7, 2026, in the amount of \$140,828.54 and the ACH report dated May 7, 2026, in the amount of \$2,412,301.41. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Citizens Medical Center interim vendor payments and take appropriate action:

b. May 14, 2026 Report.

(8b-23:25)

8b. May 18, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated May 14, 2026, in the amount of \$213,073.21 and the ACH report dated May 14, 2026, in the amount of \$3,941,526.92. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation recognizing May as Preservation Month and take appropriate action.

(9-24:19)

9. May 18, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation recognizing May as Preservation Month. Motion adopted. Historical Commissions Director Jeff Wright introduced John Kisalus, Bill Murphy, Tim Terry, Mike Williams, Susan Morrison, and Paul Janda, members of the Historical Commission. Mr. John Kisalus thanked the Court for their support.

10. Consider Resolution 2026-063 creating an economic development project between Victoria County and Texas A&M University-Victoria under Section 381.004(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, approving an Economic Development Agreement between Victoria County and Texas A&M University-Victoria, and take appropriate action.

(10-32:10)

10. May 18, 2026. Texas A&M University-Victoria President Christian Hardigree spoke to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-063 creating a program for state or local economic development by establishing endowed scholarships in Agribusiness and Aviation Science under Section 381.004(b) of the Texas Local Government Code and approving the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement between Victoria County and Texas A&M University-Victoria. Motion adopted.

11. Receive formal notice of retirement from Victoria County Engineer John Johnston PE, GFM, and take appropriate action.

(11-39:00)

11. May 18, 2026. County Engineer John Johnston thanked the Court for the opportunity to serve Victoria County. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the formal notice of retirement from Victoria County Engineer, John Johnston. Motion adopted. Commissioners Shannon Martin, Kenneth Sexton, and Jason Ohrt thanked Mr. Johnston for his service with Victoria County.

- 12. Consider appointment of Avery Flessner, PE, CFM as Interim County Engineer effective May 30, 2026 and take appropriate action.**

(12-47:56)

12. May 18, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner spoke to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court appointed Avery Flessner, PE, CFM as Interim County Engineer, effective May 30, 2026. Motion adopted.

- 13. Receive for the record a Declaration of Local State of Disaster in response to the May 1, 2026 Severe Weather Event and take appropriate action.**

(13-51:13)

13. May 18, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court received for the record a Declaration of Local State of Disaster in response to the May 1, 2026, Severe Weather Event. Motion adopted.

- 14. Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:**

a. Receive for the record fully executed Avita Pharmacy Services Agreement Amendment 3 contract.

(14a-51:45)

14a. May 18, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Avita Pharmacy Services Agreement Amendment 3 contract between Victoria County Public Health Department and PMQ Group LLC d/b/a Avita (Formerly Avita Drugs, LLC). Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

b. Receive for the record fully executed CPS/PHEP (CPS/Hazards) Contract No. HHS001439500032 Amendment No. 5.

(14b-51:45)

14b. May 18, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed CPS/PHEP (CPS/Hazards) Contract No. HHS001439500032 Amendment No. 5 between the Department of State Health Services and Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

c. Receive for the record fully executed Ryan White Service Delivery (Ryan White) Contract No. 5615-565-01.

(14c-51:45)

14c. May 18, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Ryan White Service Delivery (Ryan White) Contract No. 5615-565-01 between the Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) and Victoria County Public Health Department/HIV AIDS Resource Program. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

d. Approve Community Partner Program (CPP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD) to provide community-based benefits application assistance services.

(14d-51:45)

14d. May 18, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Community Partner Program (CPP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD) to provide community-based benefits application assistance services. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

e. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD) and Meals on Wheels South Texas (MOWSTX) to establish and implement a pilot freeze-dried food production, storage, and distribution system.

(14e-51:45)

14e. May 18, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD) and Meals on Wheels South Texas (MOWSTX) to establish and implement a pilot freeze-dried food production, storage, and distribution system. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

f. Ratify corrected Texas Health and Human Services System Data Use Agreement Security and Privacy Inquiry (SPI)-Texas Home Visiting.

(14f-51:45)

14f. May 18, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the corrected Texas Health and Human Services System Data Use Agreement Security and Privacy Inquiry (SPI)-Texas Home Visiting for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

g. Receive for the record Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Notice of Award No. 2026-2 for Fiscal Year 2026 funding for the Texas Home Visiting (THV) Program Grant.

(14g-51:45)

14g. May 18, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Notice of Award No. 2026-2 for Fiscal Year 2026 funding for the Texas Home Visiting (THV) Program Grant for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion

adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

h. Approve Immunization/Locals Grant Contract HHS001331300049 Amendment No. 3.

(14h-51:45)

14h. May 18, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Immunization/Locals Grant Contract HHS001331300049 Amendment No. 3 between the Department of State Health Services and Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following in connection with the Victoria County Public Health Department and take appropriate action:

i. Approve Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program-Electronic Data Exchange Contract No. HHS00171130010.

(14i-51:45)

14i. May 18, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program - Electronic Data Exchange Contract No. HHS00171130010. Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider the following in relation to the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project with the Texas Department of Agriculture for Grant No. CDV23-0328, and take appropriate action:**

a. Execute Expert Underground Solutions, LLC construction contract pending Attorney Review Certification

(15a-58:07)

15a. May 18, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved to execute the Expert Underground Solutions, LLC construction contract pending Attorney Review Certification in relation to the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project for the Texas Department of Agriculture Project for Grant No. CDV23-0328. Motion adopted.

Consider the following in relation to the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project with the Texas Department of Agriculture for Grant No. CDV23-0328, and take appropriate action:

b. Reject all other bids

(15b-58:07)

15b. May 18, 2026. Robin Knipling, Grant Administrator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court rejected all other bids for construction contracts in relation to the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project for the Texas Department of Agriculture Project for Grant No. CDV23-0328. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-061 from Traverse Pipeline, LLC for installation of a driveway at Old Port Lavaca Road, located in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas in connection with the development and construction of a natural gas pipeline within Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(16-59:29)

16. May 18, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-061 for installation of a driveway with culvert pipe at Old Port Lavaca Road, located in Precinct No. 1 in connection with the development and construction of a natural gas pipeline within Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 17. Receive fully executed Halk Road Relocation Agreement in connection with the UPRR relocation of Halk Road project located in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(17-1:01:14)

17. May 18, 2026. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received the fully executed Halk Road Relocation Agreement in connection with the UPRR relocation of Halk Road project, located in Precinct No. 1, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 18. Ratify a Waste Disposal Agreement with Republic Services for disaster-related debris disposal, and take appropriate action.**

(18-1:03:32)

18. May 18, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court ratified a Waste Disposal Agreement between Republic Services and Victoria County for disaster-related debris disposal. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts in connection with the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**

a. Austin County.

(19a-1:05:16)

19a. May 18, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Austin County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts in connection with the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

b. Hays County.

(19b-1:05:16)

19b. May 18, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Hays County. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts in connection with the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:

c. Fisher, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties.

(19c-1:05:16)

19c. May 18, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria

Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Fisher, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties. Motion adopted.

- 20. Receive for the record a Re-inspection Report and Certificate of Compliance for the Victoria County Jail from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and take appropriate action.**

(20-1:05:36)

20. May 18, 2026. Chief Will Franklin provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record a Re-inspection Report and Certificate of Compliance for the Victoria County Jail from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider approval of a request from the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office to hire Terrance Cook as a Deputy Reserve Fire Marshal, contingent on pending TCOLE approval, and take appropriate action.**

(21-1:06:13)

21. May 18, 2026. Fire Marshal Dan Porter provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved a request from the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office to hire Terrance Cook as a Deputy Reserve Fire Marshal, contingent on pending TCOLE approval. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of an Order Establishing Electronic Reporting Procedures for Fire Protection and Life Safety System Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Reports in connection with the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office and take appropriate action.**

(22-1:09:22)

22. May 18, 2026. Dan Porter, Fire Marshal, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Order No. 2026-064 Establishing Electronic Reporting Procedures for Fire Protection and Life Safety System Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Reports in connection with the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of Quote No. 48 from Castillo B Concrete in connection with construction work for the Bayer Road Headwall Project in Precinct 1, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**

(23-1:12:25)

23. May 18, 2026. Assistant County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved Quote No. 48 from Castillo B. Concrete in connection with construction work for the Bayer Road Headwall Project in Victoria County, Texas Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

- 24. Discuss and consider options on procuring Builders Risk Insurance for SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action.**

(24-1:13:50)

24. May 18, 2026. Avery Flessner, Assistant County Engineer, held a discussion with the Court. The Commissioners Court passed on the options for procuring Builders Risk Insurance for SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. No action taken.

- 25. Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations and take appropriate action:**
a. Resolution No. 2026-057 for a road donation from Jason Itz in the amount of \$700.30 for installation of a pipe culvert located at 3311 Coletoville Road in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.

(25a-1:17:13)

25a. May 18, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-057 for a road donation in the amount of \$700.30 from Jason Itz at 3311 Coletoville Road in Victoria County, Texas, Precinct No. 3 for corrugated pipe and limestone. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations and take appropriate action:

- b. Resolution No. 2026-060 for a road donation from Garland Sandhop Jr. in the amount of \$1,300.00 for installation of a pipe culvert located at 803 Davies Road in Precinct 4, Victoria County, Texas.**

(25b-1:17:13)

25b. May 18, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-060 for a road donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from Garland Sandhop, Jr. at 803 Davies Road in Victoria County, Texas, Precinct No. 4 for pipe and material. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following Resolutions for road donations and take appropriate action:

- c. Resolution No. 2026-062 for a road donation from Wesley Gibson in the amount of \$570.06 for installation of a pipe culvert located at 503 Chaparral Drive in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas.**

(25c-1:17:13)

25c. May 18, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-062 for a road donation in the amount of \$570.06 from Wesley Gibson at 503 Chaparral Drive in Victoria County, Texas, Precinct No. 3 for pipe and limestone. Motion adopted.

- 26. Receive for the record a Letter of Permission from Caleb Patterson located at 8254 Coletoville Road in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas to enter private property for the purpose of depositing dirt or material from cleaning ditches and take appropriate action.**

(26-1:18:19)

26. May 18, 2026. Commissioner Shannon Martin provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the letter of permission from Caleb Patterson to enter private property located at 8254 Coletoville Road in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas for the purpose of depositing dirt or material from cleaning ditches or cutting road shoulders. Motion adopted. Victoria County will no longer be responsible for material requested by the landowner.

- 27. Consider approval of Victoria County 2025-2026 Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool (RMP) Property Insurance Coverage Renewal and authorize payment for the coverage period of July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027 and take appropriate action.**

(27-1:19:48)

27. May 18, 2026. Human Resources Director Giani Cantu and Lisa Idais, TAC Risk Management Consultant, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Victoria County 2025-2026 Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool (RMP) Property Insurance Coverage Renewal and authorize payment for the coverage period of July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027. Motion adopted.

28. Consider approval of a Memorandum for Clarification of Compensatory Time Payout Requirement Upon Employee Transitions in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department and take appropriate action.

(28-1:22:50)

28. May 18, 2026. Giani Cantu, Human Resources Director, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved a Memorandum for Clarification of Compensatory Time Payout Requirement Upon Employee Transitions in connection with the Victoria County Human Resources Department. Motion adopted.

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

(29-1:24:58)

29. May 18, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

a. Michelle Samford, County Auditor - Auditor's Office:

1. Resignation of Lori Peterson, Audit Manager, effective April 29, 2026. Other Comments: Please pay out all remaining PTO. Lori will not be able to take her PTO because she has agreed to stay through the end of April to help us prepare for the annual audit.

b. Ben Zeller, County Judge - Elections Office:

1. Correction: Compensation change for Karen Cline, from Extra Help, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, to Elections Administrator, at a rate of \$31.95 per hour, Budget Code 100-490-1102, effective May 2, 2026. Other Comments: Employee to receive county-issued cell phone. No allowance issued. Grade 12 Plan General Tier n/a.

c. Margetta Hill, Elections Administrator - Elections Office:

1. Correction: Retirement of Margetta Hill, Elections Administrator, effective May 30, 2026. Other Comments: Payout full PTO balance.

(29-1:28:44) Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

d. Karen Cline, Elections Administrator - Elections Office:

1. Employment of Lauren Ashley Amador, Extra Help, at a rate of \$20.05 per hour, Budget Code 100-490-1130, effective May 18, 2026. Remarks: Commissioners Court approval 5/18/2026.

Motions adopted.

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

(30-1:25:11)

30. May 18, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendments. No action taken.

**31. Consider the following 2026 budget amendments and take appropriate action:
a. Ratify May 11, 2026 Budget Amendments.**

(31a-1:25:20)

31a. May 18, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court ratified the May 11, 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. General Fund/Various Departments, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Rural Prosecutors Office Salary Assistance Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Health Insurance Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

**Consider the following 2026 budget amendments and take appropriate action:
b. Approve May 18, 2026 Budget Amendments.**

(31b-1:25:20)

31b. May 18, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the May 18, 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. Capital Credits Fund, Expenditures - Increase
- b. Child Welfare Board, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

32. 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.

(32-1:28:01)

32. May 18, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:36 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.

33. 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.

(33-1:28:29)

33. May 18, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 1:42 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with action taken on agenda item no. 29, personnel changes.

34. Adjourn.

(34-1:29:16)

34. May 18, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of May 18, 2026.