

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **1st day June 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	Absent
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, June 1, 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. June 1, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 1, 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.

(3-1:55)

3. June 1, 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 voiced his concerns regarding the VISD 240 million dollar bond that was recently passed.

County Judge Zeller recognized State Representative A. J. Louderback.

Rick McBayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the hurricane season has officially begun and spoke about the Emergency Management conference recently held at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Commissioner Kenneth Sexton welcomed Commissioner Danny Garcia back to Court.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-10:28)

4. June 1, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on May 26, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-10:42)

5. June 1, 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.

Regular Accounts	6/1/2026	\$584,230.51
Supplemental Accounts	5/19/2026 - 5/26/2026	\$1,567,658.75

Motion adopted.

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

(6-11:16)

6. June 1, 2026. There were no monthly or quarterly reports. No action taken.

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

(7-11:24)

7. June 1, 2026. There were no release of bond forfeiture judgments. No action taken.

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

(8-11:37)

8. June 1, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated May 28, 2026, in the amount of \$184,891.88 and the ACH report dated May 28, 2026, in the amount of \$2,501,274.89. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation designating June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and take appropriate action.

(9-12:08)

9. June 1, 2026. Tony Villegas, Investigator for Adult Protective Services, provided information to the Court. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation designating June 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Motion adopted.

10. Hear a Proclamation in celebration of the Victoria Bach Festival and take appropriate action.

(10-18:54)

10. June 1, 2026. Buck Moore, Executive Director of the Victoria Bach Festival, provided information to the Court. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation recognizing May 30th - June 6th, 2026 as Victoria Bach Festival Week. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-066 in support of a name change of the Victoria VA Clinic to the Roy A. Benavidez VA Clinic and take appropriate action.

(11-24:06)

11. June 1, 2026. Veterans Advocate Frank Torres provided background information for Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-066 in support of renaming and dedication of the Victoria VA Clinic to Roy P. Benavidez VA Clinic in honor of Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez VA Clinic. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider the transfer of oversight and signature authorization for all previously approved capital projects and related activities from John Johnston, PE, CFM to Avery Flessner, PE, CFM, effective May 30, 2026 and take appropriate action.**

(12-33:41)

12. June 1, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the transfer of oversight and signature authorization for all previously approved capital projects and related activities from John Johnston, PE, CFM to Avery Flessner, PE, CFM, effective May 30, 2026. Motion adopted.

- 13. Hear a presentation from the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) regarding a new emergency notification system, and take appropriate action.**

(13-35:08)

13. June 1, 2026. Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer gave a presentation on the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) Alerts, a new emergency notification system. No action taken.

- 14. Consider approval of Final Amendment to the Ashbritt Contract for Disaster Recovery Services for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) and take appropriate action.**

(14-42:10)

14. June 1, 2026. Rick McBrayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Final Amendment to the Ashbritt Contract for Disaster Recovery Services for the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM). Motion adopted.

- 15. Consider approval of the First Amendment to the Victoria County and Tetra Tech Contract for Disaster and/or Storm Monitoring Services in connection with the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM) and take appropriate action.**

(15-43:32)

15. June 1, 2026. Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the First Amendment to the Victoria County and Tetra Tech Contract for Disaster and/or Storm Monitoring Services in connection with the Victoria Office of Emergency Management (VOEM). Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County Public Health Department and St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy regarding potential referral and collaboration, and take appropriate action.**

(16-44:51)

16. June 1, 2026. Public Health Director David Gonzales provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Victoria County Public Health Department and St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy regarding potential referral and collaboration. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Combined—State and Federal (TB/PC) Contract No. HHS001437400027 Amendment No. 2 for the Victoria County Public Health Department, and take appropriate action.**

(17-47:52)

17. June 1, 2026. David Gonzales, Public Health Director, provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Combined - State and Federal (TB/PC) Contract No. HHS001437400027 Amendment No. 2 for the Victoria County Public Health Department. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**
a. Cameron County, Detention and Residential.

(18a-49:02)

18a. June 1, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Cameron County. Motion adopted.

- Consider approval of the following Detention and/or Residential Contracts for the Victoria County Regional Juvenile Justice Center and take appropriate action:**
b. Refugio County, Detention and Residential.

(18b-49:02)

18b. June 1, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Refugio County. Motion adopted.

- 19. Consider the following regarding the Annual Supply Contract for Road Materials for all precincts and take appropriate action:**
a. Approve annual supply contracts effective June 1, 2026 thru May 31, 2027 with an option for two additional one year renewals.

(19a-50:14)

19a. June 1, 2026. Procurement Specialist Adrienne Willis provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the annual supply contracts effective June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, with an option for two additional one-year renewals regarding the Annual Supply Contract for Road Materials for all precincts, pending legal review. Motion adopted.

- Consider the following regarding the Annual Supply Contract for Road Materials for all precincts and take appropriate action:**
b. Reject all non-awarded bids received in response to the Invitation for Bids (IFB).

(19b-50:14)

19b. June 1, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved to reject all non-awarded bids received in response to the Invitation for Bids (IFB). Motion adopted.

- 20. Discuss and consider the creation of two part-time shelter tech positions for Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) and take appropriate action.**

(20-53:36)

20. June 1, 2026. Animal Services Director Crystal Riemenschneider and Human Resources Director Giani Cantu provided information to the Court. After discussion, the Commissioners Court passed on the creation of two part-time shelter tech positions for Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS). No action taken.

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

(21-56:18)

21. June 1, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. John Johnston, County Engineer - Engineering and Development:
 1. Position/GL Code Change and Compensation Change for Avery Flessner, from Assistant County Engineer, at a rate of \$44.71 per hour to Interim County Engineer, at a rate of \$62.50 per hour, Budget Code 100-501-1102, effective May 30, 2026. Other Comments: Employee to serve in interim capacity through June 26, 2026. Remarks: Salary over midpoint. Payout comp time at rate of \$44.71.
 2. Separation (Retire) for John Johnston, County Engineer/Project Manager, effective June 26, 2026. If separation, any outstanding PTO and Comp will be paid out on final check in accordance with Personnel Policy. Remarks: Request to change the effective date to the last day of pay period for 7/2/26 paydate.
- b. Commissioners Court:
 1. Certificates of Completion from the V.G. Institute of County Government for successfully completing education training during the 68th Annual VG Young School for County Commissioners Court for Commissioner Danny Garcia, Commissioner Jason Ohrt, Commissioner Shannon Martin and Commissioner Kenneth Sexton.
- c. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
 1. Employment of Kortiahn Ballard, Epidemiologist (Extra Help), at a rate of \$32.89 per hour, Budget Code 800-631-1130, effective June 1, 2026. Remarks: Not budgeted, but funds available within the department line item. Overlap is needed for training prior to transition. Needs Commissioners Court approval.

Motion adopted.

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

(22-57:43)

22. June 1, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Funds Budget Amendments. No action taken.

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

(23-57:52)

23. June 1, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Department, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Emergency Management, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Increase
- d. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

24. Adjourn.

(24-58:04)

24. June 1, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 1, 2026.