

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **8th day June 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:

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, June 8, 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. June 8, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Regular Term for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 10:02 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 8, 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.

(3-2:31)

3. June 8, 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 spoke about issues at Summerstone Apartments.

Public Health Director David Gonzales introduced Kortiahn Ballard as the new Epidemiologist for the Victoria County Public Health Department.

(19:39) Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Jena Banda provided an update on the Screwworm situation in Texas.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-8:38)

4. June 8, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 1, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-8:53)

5. June 8, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia 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.

(6-9:38)

6. June 8, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly reports from the County Treasurer; District Clerk; Criminal District Attorney; Tax Assessor Collector; County Auditor; Sheriff; Fire Marshal; Justices of the Peace, Precincts Nos. 1-4; Constables, Precincts Nos. 2 and 3; and Pre-Trial Services. Motion adopted.

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

(7-10:09)

7. June 8, 2026. There were no bond forfeiture releases. No action taken.

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

(8-10:14)

8. June 8, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated June 4, 2026, in the amount of \$170,219.37 and the ACH report dated June 4, 2026, in the amount of \$2,012,079.60. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation in commemoration of Flag Week and take appropriate action.

(9-10:49)

9. June 8, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation proclaiming June 6th – 14th as Flag Week. Motion adopted.

10. Consider appointment of Dr. John McNeill to the Citizens Medical Center Board of Managers and take appropriate action.

(10-14:49)

10. June 8, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the appointment of Dr. John McNeill to the Citizens Medical Center Board of Managers. Motion adopted.

11. Consider approval of Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) May 2026 Donation Report, Resolution No. 2026-068, and take appropriate action.

(11-22:20)

11. June 8, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-068 for the Victoria County Animal Services (VCAS) May 2026 Donation Report. Motion adopted.

12. Consider approval of Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$55,740.00 from Centurion Planning and Design, LLC for the Victoria Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation, Project VCT2503D, and take appropriate action.

(12-23:43)

12. June 8, 2026. Victoria Regional Airport Executive Director Lenny Llerena provided

information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$55,740.00 from Centurion Planning and Design, LLC for the Victoria Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation, Project VCT2503D. Motion adopted.

- 13. Authorize to advertise Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a pool of Historical Architects June 14, 2026 and June 24, 2026, in connection with 1892 Courthouse Improvements, and take appropriate action.**

(13-25:05)

13. June 8, 2026. Procurement Specialist Adrienne Willis and Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a pool of Historical Architects June 14, 2026, and June 24, 2026, in connection with 1892 Courthouse Improvements. Motion adopted.

- 14. Consider the following regarding the Sliding Door Project for the Victoria County Public Health Department, 205 Annex, and 311 E. Constitution Building and take appropriate action:**

a. Authorize to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) on June 17, 2026 and June 24, 2026.

(14a-28:18)

14a. June 8, 2026. Adrienne Willis, Procurement Specialist, provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP) on June 17, 2026, and June 24, 2026, regarding the Sliding Door Project for the Victoria County Public Health Department, 205 Annex, and 311 E. Constitution Building. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Sliding Door Project for the Victoria County Public Health Department, 205 Annex, and 311 E. Constitution Building and take appropriate action:

b. Appoint Evaluation Committee to rank received proposals and determine the best value for the County.

(14b-28:18)

14b. June 8, 2026. Procurement Specialist Adrienne Willis provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved to appoint an Evaluation Committee to rank received proposals and determine the best value for the County regarding the Sliding Door Project for the Victoria County Public Health Department, 205 Annex, and 311 E. Constitution Building. Motion adopted.

- 15. Receive the following from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action:**

a. SGP-001 Landscaping Credit.

(15a-30:35)

15a. June 8, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the SGP-001 - Landscaping Credit from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

Receive the following from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action:

b. SGP-002 – Credit for Internal Drop.

(15b-30:35)

15b. June 8, 2026. Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the SGP-002 - Credit for Internal Drop from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

Receive the following from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action:

c. SGP-003 – Builder’s Risk Policy Credit.

(15c-30:35)

15c. June 8, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the SGP-003 - Builder's Risk Policy Credit from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

16. Consider the following regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for new construction building commissioning services in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility construction project, and take appropriate action:

a. Receive Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) results and scoring tabulation.

(16a-33:49)

16a. June 8, 2026. Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) results and scoring tabulation regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for new construction building commissioning services in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility construction project. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for new construction building commissioning services in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility construction project, and take appropriate action:

b. Receive recommendation to award Tom Green & Company Engineers, Inc.

(16b-33:49)

16b. June 8, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the recommendation to award Tom Green and Company Engineers, Inc. regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for new construction building commissioning services in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility construction project. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for new construction building commissioning services in connection with the Victoria County

Mental & Behavioral Health Facility construction project, and take appropriate action:

c. Authorize negotiations with awarded firm.

(16c-33:49)

16c. June 8, 2026. Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court authorized negotiations with the awarded firm regarding the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for new construction building commissioning services in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility construction project. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of authorization for A505-Construction Change Order No. 01 for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Bloomington Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project CDV23-0328 and take appropriate action.**

(17-39:34)

17. June 8, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the authorization for A505-Construction Change Order No. 01 for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Bloomington Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project CDV23-0328. Motion adopted.

- 18. Consider approval of Payment Application No. 24 to Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$366,871.41 in connection with the Citizen's Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations Project, and take appropriate action.**

(18-40:00)

18. June 8, 2026. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Payment Application No. 24 to Forney Construction, LLC in the amount of \$366,871.41 in connection with the Citizen's Medical Center Intensive Care Unit Additions and Renovations Project. Motion adopted.

- 19. Receive for the record fully executed 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.**

(19-40:41)

19. June 8, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record the fully executed Resolution No. 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. Motion adopted.

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

(20a-41:13)

20a. June 8, 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 Brazoria 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. Gonzales County, Detention and Residential.

(20b-41:13)

20b. June 8, 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 Gonzales 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:

c. Jefferson County, Detention and Residential.

(20c-41:13)

20c. June 8, 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 Jefferson County. Motion adopted.

- 21. Consider authorization to increase parcel costs for tax collection services provided by the Victoria County Tax Assessor-Collector to local taxing entities and take appropriate action.**

(21-42:12)

21. June 8, 2026. Projects and Planning Assistant Maddison Heibel provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the authorization to increase parcel costs for tax collection services provided by the Victoria County Tax Assessor-Collector to local taxing entities. Motion adopted.

- 22. Consider approval of a request for overtime payment to Claudia Penny for additional time worked during the May 15, 2026 Election and take appropriate action.**

(22-44:18)

22. June 8, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the request to pay overtime to Claudia Penny (SO) for hours worked (security) at the May 2, 2026, Municipal/School Election in the amount of \$144.25, to be paid from the Victoria County Election Fund 450-490-1120. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of personnel changes, if any, and take appropriate action.**

(23-45:16)

23. June 8, 2026. There were no personnel changes. No action taken.

- 24. Receive for the record discretionary fund budget amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.**

(24-45:28)

24. June 8, 2026. There were no 2026 Discretionary Fund Budget Amendments. No action taken.

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

(25-45:40)

25. June 8, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund/Various Departments, Revenues and Expenditures - Increase
- b. Emergency Management Fund, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- 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. 4/H Activity Center, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- h. Capital Projects Fund -2025B, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

26. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments and take appropriate action.

(26-46:19)

26. June 8, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 10:47 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments and returned to open meeting at 11:37 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with action taken on agenda item number 27.

27. Discuss and consider approval of reclassifications for the Victoria County Public Health Department, Victoria County Juvenile Justice Center, and the Victoria County Engineering and Development and take appropriate action.

(27-47:17)

27. June 8, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the following reclassifications:

Victoria County Public Health Department

- * Reclassification of Community Outreach Coordinator on General Plan from Grade 3 to Grade 6. New approved budget rate at \$22.53 per hour, GL Code 803-611-1143.

Victoria County Juvenile Justice Center

- * Reclassification of Compliance Officer position on General Plan from Grade 9 to Grade 12. New approved budget rate at \$31.96 per hour in 2027 only. No change to adopted budget for 2026. GL Code is same. Position Title Change to Compliance and Residential Supervisor.

Victoria County Engineering and Development

- * New position created for Engineering and Development. Title - Executive Assistant, General Plan, Grade 7. Approved budget rate at \$23.89 per hour, GL Code 100-501-1xxx (tbd)
- * Reclassification of the Compliance and Development Coordinator on General Plan from Grade 9 to Grade 14. Title change to Development Coordinator. New approved budget rate at \$35.91 per hour, GL Code 100-501-1106.

Motion adopted.

28. Adjourn.

(28-48:52)

28. June 8, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 8, 2026.