

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **22nd 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
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 22, 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 22, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 22, 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.

(3-2:14)

3. June 22, 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 wished everyone a belated Happy Father's Day and thanked Ms. Marcie Kucera, Extension Health Agent, for hosting the event at the Victoria Public Library. Mr. Vonderau stated he would like to see repairs done at Silver City Park, spoke about problems at Summerstone Apartments, and mentioned the VA event to be held on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Joseph Napolitano, 602 W. Goodwin Avenue, asked the Court to table agenda item number 21 and voiced his concerns.

Jewel Buchanan, Victoria resident, requested the Court to table agenda item number 21 and stated her reasons why.

Elections Administrator Karen Cline invited the public to the Legal Women's Voters Open House and Meet and Greet on Thursday at the Victoria County Public Health Department in Classroom A from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-12:37)

4. June 22, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 15, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-12:51)

5. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the accounts payable as presented by Michelle Samford, County Auditor.

Regular Accounts	6/22/2026	\$608,483.08
Supplemental Accounts	6/9/2026 - 6/15/2026	\$463,958.76

Motion adopted.

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

(6-13:26)

6. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the monthly report from Constable, Precinct No. 1. Motion adopted.

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

(7-13:44)

7. June 22, 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.

(8-13:53)

8. June 22, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated June 18, 2026, in the amount of \$230,048.68 and the ACH report dated June 18, 2026, in the amount of \$3,665,114.35. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation in honor of Juan Linn Day and take appropriate action.

(9-14:28)

9. June 22, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation proclaiming June 22, 2026, as Juan Linn Day. Motion adopted.

10.. Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Transportation Code §251.151 hold a public hearing on proposed changes to traffic regulations in Victoria County, Precinct 3, and take appropriate action.

(10-19:06)

10. June 22, 2026. Commissioner Shannon Martin provided information to the Court. County Judge Zeller opened the public hearing at 10:19 a.m on the proposed changes to traffic regulations in Victoria County, Precinct No. 3. David Huber, county resident, spoke against the speed limit changes. Steele O'Connor, county resident, spoke in favor of the speed limit changes. Pattie Easley, county resident, spoke against the speed limit changes. Constable, Precinct No. 3 Kenneth Easley spoke against the speed limit changes. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner spoke in favor of the speed limit changes. Jason Huber, county resident, spoke against the speed limit changes. Commissioner Shannon Martin spoke about the reason for the changes. Judge Zeller closed the public hearing at 10:33 a.m. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Transportation Code §251.151, the Commissioners Court adopted the proposed changes to traffic regulations in Victoria County, Precinct No. 3 as follows:

**PRECINCT #3 –
SPEED LIMIT TO 45 MPH**

SAN ANTONIO RIVER RD. from
Kemper City Rd. W to US 77 South

KEMPER CITY RD. WEST from
Cologne Rd. to Morristown Rd.
Intersection

KEMPER CITY RD. EAST from
Intersection of Morristown Rd.
and Kemper City Rd. West to US
77 South

KEMPER CITY RD. SOUTH from
US 77 South to Intersection of
Kemper City Rd. East

Motion adopted.

- 11. Consider approval of the reappointment of James F. Neumann, MD to the Citizens Medical Board of Managers and take appropriate action.**

(11-37:19)

11. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the reappointment of James F. Neumann, MD to the Citizens Medical Board of Managers. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider approval of Crossroads Defenders Temporary Supplemental Funding Modification #2 for Grant No. TR-26-007 and take appropriate action.**

(12-37:35)

12. June 22, 2026. Chief Public Defender Brian Watson provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Crossroads Defenders Temporary Supplemental Funding Modification No. 2 for Grant No. TR-26-007. Motion adopted.

- 13. Consider approval of the purchase of 10.01 acres of unimproved property from the Estate of Thomas L. Sterne, in connection with the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project (VC-RPSTC), and authorize the County Judge to execute any future related documents, and take appropriate action.**

(13-38:30)

13. June 22, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved the purchase of 10.01 acres of unimproved property from the Estate of Thomas L. Sterne in connection to the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center Project (VC-RPSTC) and authorized the County Judge to execute any future related documents. Motion adopted.

- 14. Receive for the record the following documents from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection to the Victoria Regional Public Safety Training Center project and take appropriate action:**

a. Change Order #003.

(14a-39:56)

14a. June 22, 2026. Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners

Court received for the record Change Order No. 003 from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection to the Victoria Regional Public Safety Training Center project. Motion adopted.

Receive for the record the following documents from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection to the Victoria Regional Public Safety Training Center project and take appropriate action:

b. Change Order #004.

(14b-39:56)

14b. June 22, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received for the record Change Order No. 004 from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection to the Victoria Regional Public Safety Training Center project. Motion adopted.

- 15. Receive for the record SGP-004 – ASI 001 – Kitchen Equipment Deletion Credit from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action.**

(15-42:19)

15. June 22, 2026. Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record SGP-004-ASI 001 - Kitchen Equipment Deletion Credit from SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

- 16. Consider approval of a Road Use Agreement between Victoria County and HyFuels Green Lake Wind LLC, in connection with the development and construction of a wind-powered electric generating facility within Victoria County, Texas, and take appropriate action.**

(16-43:34)

16. June 22, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court and answered questions from the Court. Denver Bane with Hyfuels Green Lake Wind, LLC and County Attorney Thomas Gwosdz provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved a Road Use Agreement between Victoria County and HyFuels Green Lake Wind LLC in connection with the development and construction of a wind-powered electric generating facility within Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 17. Consider approval of the following in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action:**

a. Amended Electric Service Agreement with Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc.

(17a-53:55)

17a. June 22, 2026. Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the amended Electric Service Agreement with Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

Consider approval of the following in connection with the Victoria County Mental & Behavioral Health Facility Project, and take appropriate action:

b. Intent to waive eligible reimbursement of pro rata portion(s) of Contributions in Aid of Construction.

(17b-53:55)

17b. June 22, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the intent to waive eligible reimbursement of pro rata portion(s) of Contributions in Aid of Construction in connection with the Victoria County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project. Motion adopted.

18. Consider approval of an Amendment to Listing Agreement for the Mission Valley Clinic located at 8410 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905 and take appropriate action.

(18-57:57)

18. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved an Amendment to the Listing Agreement for the Mission Valley Clinic located at 8410 FM 236, Victoria, Texas 77905. Motion adopted.

19. Discuss and consider the following proposals in connection to the Victoria County Archives Relocation Project and take appropriate action:

a. Metalink for the installation of wire mesh cages located at 311 E. Constitution Street.

(19a-58:43)

19a. June 22, 2026. Commissioner Kenneth Sexton and Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided information to the Court. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Metalink for the installation of wire mesh cages located at 311 E. Constitution Street in connection to the Victoria County Archives Relocation Project. Motion adopted.

Discuss and consider the following proposals in connection to the Victoria County Archives Relocation Project and take appropriate action:

b. Iron Mountain for the relocation of county documents to the new storage facility located at 311 E. Constitution Street.

(19b-58:43)

19b. June 22, 2026. Kenneth Sexton, Commissioner, and Avery Flessner, Interim County Engineer, provided the Court with information. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Iron Mountain for the relocation of county documents to the new storage facility located at 311 E. Constitution Street in connection to the Victoria County Archives Relocation Project. Motion adopted.

20. Consider approval of the Bi-Annual Food Vendor bids for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office and take appropriate action.

(20-1:02:03)

20. June 22, 2026. Victoria County Sheriff Justin Marr provided information to the Court. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Bi-Annual Food Bid for the period of July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for the Victoria County Sheriff's Office as follows:

Dairy, Eggs & Meat
Fruit & Vegetables
Staple Items
Miscellaneous Food Items
Milk/Juice

Performance Food Service (PFG)
Performance Food Service (PFG)
Performance Food Service (PFG)
Performance Food Service (PFG)
Hill Country Dairies

as recommended by the Victoria County Sheriff's Office. Motion adopted. All per bids as filed in the minutes of this Court.

21. Receive Application for Tax Abatement from Blue Ammonia and take appropriate action.

(21-1:03:32)

21. June 22, 2026. Victoria Economic Development Corporation's President, Jonas Titas, spoke about the Blue Energy Tax Abatement. Blue Energy's Chief Commercial Officer, Tom O'Neill, spoke about this project to the Court. Victoria County Attorneys Thomas Gwosdz and Jim Allison answered the courts' questions. Victoria residents Jewel Buchanan, Joseph Napolitano, and Jonathan Carbajal voiced their concerns. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court received the Application for Tax Abatement from Blue Energy. Motion adopted.

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

a. Ellis County, Detention and Residential.

(22a-1:31:08)

22a. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Ellis County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Hidalgo County, Detention and Residential.

(22b-1:31:08)

22b. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Hidalgo County. Motion adopted.

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

c. Potter County, Residential.

(22c-1:31:08)

22c. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Potter County. Motion adopted.

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

d. Wharton County, Detention and Residential.

(22d-1:31:08)

22d. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved the Detention and Residential Contracts between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Wharton County. Motion adopted.

- 23. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-072 for a road donation from Emily Escalante in the amount of \$575.00 for the installation of a pipe culvert located at Park Street in Bloomington, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action.**
(23-1:31:29)

23. June 22, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-072 for a road donation in the amount of \$575.00 from Emily Escalante at Park Street in Bloomington, Victoria County, Texas, Precinct No. 1 for the installation of a pipe culvert. Motion adopted.

- 24. Consider approval of personnel changes and take appropriate action.**
(24-1:31:59)

24. June 22, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Danny Garcia, the Commissioners Court approved that payroll be processed in compliance with policy and personnel changes:

- a. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:
 - 1. Request a one-time payout of PTO balance (approximately 250 hours) for Carrie Fagg, with an approximate cost of \$5,800.00 with her last day in office being June 26, 2026.

Motion adopted.

- 25. Receive for the record discretionary budget amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.**
(25-1:33:11)

25. June 22, 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.**
(26-1:33)

26. June 22, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the 2026 budget amendments for:

- a. General Fund, Various Departments - Expenditures - Line item transfer
- b. Emergency Management, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Airport Fund, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- d. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase
- e. Health Department, Revenues and Expenditures - Line item transfer
- f. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Line item transfer.
- g. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase

Motion adopted.

- 27. Closed meeting pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.087 to discuss economic development, §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments, §551.0745 to discuss boards and commissions, §551.072 to discuss real property, and**

§551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege and take appropriate action.

(27-1:34:56)

27. June 22, 2026. The Commissioners' Court went into closed session at 11:42 a.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.087 to discuss economic development; §551.074 to discuss personnel in various departments; §551.0745 to discuss boards and commissions; §551.072 to discuss real property; and §551.071 to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

28. 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.

(28-1:35:39)

28. June 22, 2026. The Commissioners Court returned to open meeting at 1:05 p.m., pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code §551.102, with no action taken.

29. Adjourn.

(29-1:35:43)

29. June 22, 2026. The Commissioners Court adjourned the meeting of June 22, 2026.