

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF VICTORIA §

Be it remembered that on this the **29th 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 29, 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 29, 2026. Ben Zeller, County Judge, called to order the Commissioners Court Special Term for Monday, June 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges.

(2-0:00)

2. June 29, 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.

(3-3:21)

3. June 29, 2026. Judge Ben Zeller opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address general County business which was not on the meeting agenda.

County Judge Zeller mentioned that the next Commissioners Court meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Kenneth Schustereit of 275 Baass Lane spoke against the Blue Energy Tax Abatement and Data Center. County Judge Zeller responded to Mr. Schustereit.

Michael Vonderau of 2107 N. Ben Jordan spoke about veterans receiving reimbursement for their travels to doctor appointments. Mr. Vonderau mentioned some issues at Summerstone Apartments.

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

State Representative A.J. Louderback informed the Court of the response from the Texas House Natural Resources Committee Meeting held by State Representative Cody Harris regarding water usage for AI data centers in Texas.

Victoria Economic Development Corporation President Jonas Titas spoke about the potential Blue Energy project.

Commissioner Danny Garcia thanked State Representative A.J. Louderback for always being available.

County Judge Zeller spoke about the Texas House Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Jewel Buchanan, 201 Creekridge Drive, voiced her concerns regarding the misprint on the Commissioners Court agenda last week for item no. 21 regarding the Blue Energy Tax Abatement.

Joseph Napolitano, 602 W. Goodwin Avenue, spoke about the Blue Energy Tax

Abatement and AI Data Center.

County Judge Zeller questioned if the county-wide credit card issue was resolved and County Treasurer Paige Foster responded.

(59:30) Commissioner Danny Garcia informed the public that the Precinct Courtesy Stations will be closed this Saturday.

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

4. Consider approval of minutes and take appropriate action.

(4-36:47)

4. June 29, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting held on June 22, 2026. Motion adopted.

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

(5-37:02)

5. June 29, 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	6/29/2026	\$524,052.35
Supplemental Accounts	6/16/2026 - 6/22/2026	\$75,877.77

Motion adopted.

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

(6-37:28)

6. June 29, 2026. There were no quarterly or monthly reports. No action taken.

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

(7-37:43)

7. June 29, 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.

(8-37:46)

8. June 29, 2026. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the interim vendor payments for Citizens Medical Center dated June 25, 2026, in the amount of \$292,867.40 and the ACH report dated June 25, 2026, in the amount of \$2,327,090.28. Motion adopted.

9. Hear a Proclamation in celebration of Courthouse Week and take appropriate action.

(9-38:29)

9. June 29, 2026. County Judge Zeller read the Proclamation. Historical Commission Director Jeff Wright spoke to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Proclamation recognizing June 29th - July 5th, 2026 as Courthouse Week. Motion adopted.

10. Recognize commendation of Victoria County Veteran's Service Officer, John Williams, from the Texas Veterans Commission and take appropriate action.

(10-47:16)

10. June 29, 2026. Commissioner Danny Garcia provided background information regarding the Veteran Services Office and stated that Veteran Services Director John Williams received the Claims Excellence Award from the Texas Veterans Commission. Director John Williams introduced the new Veteran Services Assistant Director, Mona Lisa Vasquez, and spoke about claims and programs. Ms. Vasquez spoke about the recent Resource Fair with Audie Murphy. Commissioner Jason Ohrt and Danny Garcia provided information to the Court. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved to recognize the commendation of Victoria County Veteran's Service Officer, John Williams, from the Texas Veterans Commission. Motion adopted.

- 11. Consider approval of request for payment to Experts Underground Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$38,426.40 in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Award, Grant No. CDV23-0328 and take appropriate action.**

(11-55:57)

11. June 29, 2026. Grant Administrator Robin Knipling provided information to the Court and answered the Court's questions. Moved by Danny Garcia and seconded by Jason Ohrt, the Commissioners Court approved the request for payment to Experts Underground Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$38,426.40 in connection with the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Award, Grant No. CDV23-0328. Motion adopted.

- 12. Consider the following regarding a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews of an approximate .44-acre tract, excluding mineral rights, located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:**
a. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-073 for the donation of property to Victoria County, Texas with intended use by Victoria County Road & Bridge, Precinct 3.

(12a-1:00:00)

12a. June 29, 2026. Projects and Planning Assistant Maddison Heibel provided information to the Court. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court approved Resolution No. 2026-073 for a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews, consisting of the surface estate only, being a .44-acre tract, located at 60 Kemper City Road West, and having an appraised value of \$23,180.00, with intent to be used by Victoria County Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 3. Motion adopted.

Consider the following regarding a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews of an approximate .44-acre tract, excluding mineral rights, located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct 3, Victoria County, Texas and take appropriate action:
b. Authorize the County Clerk to file a Gift Deed (Surface Only), transferring ownership from Jack and Leslie Crews to Victoria County, Texas into the official records of the Victoria County Clerk.

(12b-1:00:00)

12b. June 29, 2026. Maddison Heibel, Projects and Planning Assistant, provided the Court with information. Moved by Shannon Martin and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, the Commissioners Court authorized the County Clerk to file a Gift Deed (Surface Only), transferring ownership from Jack and Leslie Crew to Victoria County, Texas into the official records of the Victoria County Clerk in regard to a donation from Jack and Leslie Crews of an approximate .44-acre tract, excluding mineral rights, located at 60 Kemper City Road West in Precinct No. 3, Victoria County, Texas. Motion adopted.

- 13. Receive for the record the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center (VC-RPSTC), and take appropriate action.**

(13-1:02:26)

13. June 22, 2026. Interim County Engineer Avery Flessner provided the Court with information. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court received for the record the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Lauger Companies, Inc. in connection with the Victoria County Regional Public Safety Training Center (VC-RPSTC). Motion adopted.

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

a. Dimmit County, Residential.

(14a-1:04:55)

14a. June 29, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Dimmit County. Motion adopted.

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

b. Maverick County, Residential.

(14b-1:04:55)

14b. June 29, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Maverick County. Motion adopted.

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

c. Zavala County, Residential.

(14c-1:04:55)

14c. June 29, 2026. Moved by Kenneth Sexton and seconded by Shannon Martin, the Commissioners Court approved the Residential Contract between Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and Zavala County. Motion adopted.

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

(15-1:05:09)

15. June 29, 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. David Gonzales, Public Health Director - Victoria County Public Health Department:

1. Separation of Carrie Fagg, Immunization Program Manager, effective June 26, 2026. Any outstanding PTO and Comp will be paid out on final check in accordance with Personnel Policy. Other Comments: Pay out all PTO approved by the Commissioners Court 06/22/26 GL created for payout PTO

- 800-631-1114. Remarks: Run through court 06/29/2026.
- b. Jason Ohrt, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 - Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 2:
1. Employment of Matthew Kibodeaux, Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$22.50 per hour, Budget Code 202-612-1105, effective June 29, 2026. Grade 5 Plan General Tier n/a. Remarks: Salary is over the midpoint, budgeted \$21.26.

Motion adopted.

16. Receive for the record discretionary budget amendments, if any, and take appropriate action.

(16-1:05:45)

16. June 29, 2026. Moved by Jason Ohrt and seconded by Kenneth Sexton, 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.

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

(17-1:06:05)

17. June 29, 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. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, Expenditures - Line item transfer
- c. Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1, Expenditures - Increase
- d. Elections Administrators Special, Expenditures - Increase
- e. Capital Projects Fund - 2025B, Expenditures - Increase
- f. General Fund/Sheriff's Office, Expenditures - Line item transfer.
- g. Health Department, Expenditures - Line item transfer

Motion adopted.

18. Adjourn.

(18-1:06:25)

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