



*Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge  
David L. Dubose, Commissioner, Precinct One  
Barry M. Burton, Commissioner, Precinct Two  
John W. Banken, Commissioner, Precinct Three  
Jody E. Crump, Commissioner, Precinct Four*

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Notice is hereby given that a **Special Court Session** of the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 immediately following the Public Budget Hearing which begins at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building, 123 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, Texas for the purpose of discussion and possible action on matters brought before the Court.

***SPECIAL COURT SESSION AGENDA***

*Invocation  
U.S. Pledge  
Texas Pledge*

Approve minutes of the General Budget Workshop held at 2:00 p.m. on September 7, 2016, as circulated.

Approve minutes of the Public Hearing held at 9:00 a.m. on September 9, 2016, as circulated.

Approve minutes of the Public Workshop Session held at 9:00 a.m. on September 13, 2016, as circulated.

Approve minutes of the Special Court Session held at 2:00 p.m. on September 13, 2016, as circulated.

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1. Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2017 Texas County District Retirement System Plan employer contribution rate. This is a required action by the Commissioners' Court each year. Currently, each employee deposits 7% of their gross wages and the County deposits 14% of the employee's gross wages (a 200% match of the employee's contribution). The total fund is guaranteed 7% interest earnings each year, which is compounded annually based on the account balance at the beginning of the year. Due to the earnings, market fluctuations, and actuarial computations, if the rates remain the same, then the employer contribution rate without a cost of living adjustment will be 14.76% effective January 1, 2017.  
(Lori Ardoin, Human Resource Director)
2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Orange County and Orange County Sheriff's Office Employees Union.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed budget of Orange County Texas for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, in accordance with Section 111.008, Local Government Code.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding adopting the property tax rate as required by 111.008, Local Government Code.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
5. Discussion and possible action regarding ordering the adoption of ad valorem tax rates for Taxable Year 2016.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending August 31, 2016 and recording in the Minutes of the court:
  - a. Approval of Investments in TexPool, Super Investments-General Fund, Treasurer Investments-General Fund, Certificates of Deposits and Government Agencies in the amount of \$5,340.69.
  - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$69,734.33.

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- c. Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Gov't Code 114.026(d) and affidavit of approval by court. This report will be available on the county's web site for viewing.
- d. Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$72,440,211.77, summary as follows:
  - Wells Fargo Bank \$57,872,016.27
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank \$14,568,195.50

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of the bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:  
(Mary Johnson, County Auditor)
- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the August 2016 Collection Report for the Tax Offices as required under PTC 31.10.  
(Lynda Gunstream, Tax Assessor-Collector)
- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding correction to prior request for approval to go over the travel policy hotel daily limit for the NetData User Conference (tax software provider) being held on December 6 – 8, 2016 in Fort Worth. The room cost is \$179 per night for two nights in lieu of the \$169 previously approved.  
(Lynda Gunstream, Tax Assessor-Collector)
- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a line item transfer:

**SHERIFF**

From: 001-740-52020 (Crime Prevention Supplies) ..... (\$500.00)  
To: 001-740-52100 (Office Supplies) ..... \$500.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.  
(Keith Merritt, Sheriff)

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11. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a line item transfer:

**COURTHOUSE SECURITY**

From: 047-945-52920 (Equipment Repair) ..... (\$5,576.68)  
To: 047-945-57590 (Equipment >\$5000) ..... \$5,576.68

Purpose: For the purchase and installation of Security Equipment for Justice of the Peace, Precinct Three. The approval of the purchase and installation was on August 9, 2016.

(Joy Simonton, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Three)

12. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a line item transfer:

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

From: 001-450-54130 (Contract Maintenance) ..... (\$40.00)  
To: 001-450-54100 (Advertising Expense) ..... \$40.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.  
(Jennifer Haney, Social Services Director)

13. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a line item transfer:

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

From: 001-111-53840 (Contingency) ..... (\$2,000.00)  
To: 001-115-52710 (Water, Sewer & Waste) ..... \$2,000.00

Purpose: To cover the bills for September.  
(Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a line item transfer:

**AGRILIFE**

From: 001-655-57595 (Machinery & Equipment) ..... (\$6,350.00)  
To: 001-655-57590 (General Machinery & Equipment) ..... \$6,350.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.  
(Christina Ritter, AgriLife)

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15. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal agreement between Orange County and Member's Building Maintenance LTD, for IFB-14005 Janitorial Services. Renewal period October 2, 2016 through October 1, 2017. Action by the court shall include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.  
(Connie Cassidy, CPPB, Purchasing Agent)
16. Discussion and possible action regarding the transfer of the following items:
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| Asset-17546 Copier   | Asset-17507 Copier   | Asset-16443 Shredder |
| From: District Clerk | From: District Clerk | From: District Clerk |
| To: Surplus          | To: Surplus          | To: Surplus          |
- (Connie Cassidy, CPPB, Purchasing Agent)
17. Open up Court session for comments from Court and citizens on items which may or may not need to be placed on the following week(s) agenda for consideration. Each person addressing the Court may be limited to three (3) minutes.
18. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071(1) and (2), to seek and receive advice from legal counsel on a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
19. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

***THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.***

***THIS NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED FOR AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SUCH MEETING.***

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***THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA WHERE ANY EXCEPTION EXISTS UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.***

***THE RIGHT TO CONVENE SUCH A CLOSED SESSION SHALL EXIST REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE AGENDA ITEM OR ITEMS EXPRESSLY STATE THAT A CLOSED MEETING WILL BE CONVENED.***

Dated this 15th day of September, 2016.

Posted at 4:15 p.m.

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STEPHEN BRINT CARLTON, COUNTY JUDGE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT