



Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge
Johnny A. Trahan, Commissioner, Precinct One
Barry M. Burton, Commissioner, Precinct Two
John H. Gothia, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Jody E. Crump, Commissioner, Precinct Four

**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
JANUARY 3, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building, 123 South 6th Street, Orange, Texas for the following purposes to-wit:

SPECIAL COURT SESSION AGENDA

Invocation
U.S. Pledge
Texas Pledge

Recognition of Special Guests

Approve minutes of the Special Court Session held on December 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., as circulated.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending November 30, 2016 and recording in the Minutes of the court:
 - a. Approval of Investments in Super Investments-General Fund, TexPool and Texas Class in the amount of \$3,901.83.
 - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$10,115.56.
 - c. Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the

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Local Government 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 \$68,003,119.15, summary as follows:

- Wells Fargo Bank \$54,343,022.87
- 1st Financial Bank \$13,660,096.28

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

2. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the court revenue received from Orangefield ISD, check #87174, for \$5,251.40. These funds are reimbursement for road materials.

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption, by resolution of the Court, the 2017 Investment Policy as required by Government Code Chapter 2256.005(e), which is required to be reviewed and adopted by the Court annually.

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$404,645.51 to Texas Association of Counties Health & Employees Benefits Pool from the General Fund (001-101-51270) for Group Medical, Dental, Life, and Retiree Insurance under the age of 65 years for January 2017.
- b. \$47,144.00 to Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool from the General Fund (001-101-52345) for 1st Quarter Workers Compensation payment due January 2017.
- c. \$21,652.83 to U.T.M.B. from the General Fund (001-111-54235) for contract payment due January 2017.
- d. \$66,394.31 to United Health Care from the General Fund (001-101-51270) for Retiree Group Health Insurance for 65 years of age and older for the month of January 2017.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval for the two new Commissioners to go over the travel policy hotel daily limit for the Newly Elected Commissioner's Conference being held on January 10, 2017 in Austin, Texas. The room cost is \$154.00 plus tax per night for three nights.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an order to regulate sale of retail fireworks in Orange County.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

7. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the bonds for the following elected officials:

- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 Johnny Trahan
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 John Gothia
- County Court a Law No. 2 Judge Troy Johnson
- County Attorney John Kimbrough
- Sheriff Keith Merritt
- County Clerk Brandy Robertson
- Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1 Hershel Stagner
- Constable, Precinct No. 1 Chris Humble
- Constable, Precinct No. 2 David Cagle
- Constable, Precinct No. 3 Mark Philpott
- Constable, Precinct No. 4 Lane Mooney

(Brandy Robertson, County Clerk)

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

SHERIFF

From: 001-740-52900 (Motor Vehicle Repairs) (\$1,000.00)
To: 001-740-57590 (General Machinery & Equipment) \$1,000.00

Purpose: To purchase a Tensco Card and media storage filing cabinet for dispatch.
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)

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9. Discussion and possible action for authorization from the Orange County Commissioners Court to allow the Orange County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Body Worn Camera Grant program through the Office of the Governor in the Criminal Justice Division. The deadline for the grant to be submitted is January 15, 2017. This grant is a 75%/25% match with the County paying the 25%. The Sheriff's Office will fund the 25% match for this grant.
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federal Labor Law Injunction in regards to changes to the employee pay matrix in accordance with the Department of Labor (F.L.S.A.) new proposed rule on exempt/non-exempt status dated December 1, 2016.
(Lori Ardoin, Human Resource Director)
11. 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.
12. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to discuss, with assistant county attorney anticipated litigation (arbitration hearing) involving Kevin Tate.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
13. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
14. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071(1) and (2) to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney pending litigation styled Cause No. 1:13 CV 00611-RC; *Montano v. Orange County, Texas*, In the United States District Court For The Eastern District Of Texas – Beaumont Division.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
15. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
16. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

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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.

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 30th day of December, 2016.

Posted at 9:00 a.m.

STEPHEN BRINT CARLTON, COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT