



*Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge*  
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*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  
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at 123 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street for the following purposes to-wit:

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***SPECIAL COURT SESSION AGENDA***

*Invocation*  
*U.S. Pledge*  
*Texas Pledge*

***Recognition of Special Guests***

Approve minutes of the AgriLife Workshop held on December 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., as circulated.

Approve minutes of the Special Court Session held on December 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., as circulated.

Approve minutes of the Special Court Session held on December 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., as circulated.

1. Congressional Recognition of U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Katie Mae Cogbill. Cogbill is from Orange, Texas but currently serves at Little Rock AFB in Arkansas as an Aerospace Medical Services Technician for the 19<sup>th</sup> MDG. She is the sole technician for the 19<sup>th</sup> MDOS Women's Health Clinic. Cogbill oversees the cervical cancer unit, BRCA genetic testing, and cytology programs. She is the equipment and supply custodian and she co-manages the safety and infection control programs for the Maternal/Childcare Flight. Senior Airman Cogbill was honored for her hard work and dedication to the Air Force by receiving the 19<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Airman of the Year Award on January 27, 2017.  
(Congressman Brian Babin, U.S. Congress)
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a resolution recognizing U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Katie Mae Cogbill.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

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3. Discussion and possible action authorizing County Treasurer to process payroll for pay period ending December 17, 2017 including all supporting payroll liabilities and garnishment orders.  
(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. \$1,150.00 to Claybar Funeral Home from the General Fund (001-111-54290) for Indigent Funeral Expenses.
  - b. \$1,150.00 to Memorial Funeral Home from the General Fund (001-111-54290) for Indigent Funeral Expenses.(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
  
5. Discussion and possible action regarding receiving County Auditor's Monthly Financial Report for fiscal year to date September 30, 2017.  
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
  
6. Discussion and possible action to approve the form of the contract for the provision of grant administration services to Orange County and authorize the County Judge to sign the same.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
  
7. Discussion and possible action to execute and amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Orange County and the Port of Orange which will allow the parties to lease such additional space as is necessary to accommodate the needs of third party charitable groups assisting with the recovery efforts on account of Hurricane Harvey. The motion should authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
  
8. Discussion and possible action to retire the Orange County Sheriff's Office canine Stryker and authorize former Investigator Russell Hall of the Orange County Sheriff's Office to adopt the canine in accordance with Section 3.05 of the Canine Handler Agreement.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
  
9. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing Sydaptic, Inc. to install a SyncGuard electronic sensor cell check system in the Orange County Jail. Once the installation, setup and training are complete SyncGuard will provide the County with a complete electronic sensor system that is fully compliant with the electronic sensor system requirement of the Texas Legislature Bill SB1849. This SyncGuard system will integrate with our current Sydaptic Jail control system. The cost of the system is \$8,442.00. This is not a budgeted item.  
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)

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

**SHERIFF**

From: 001-111-53840 (Contingency) ..... (\$8,442.00)

To: 001-743-57590 (General Machinery & Equipment) ..... \$8,442.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the purchase, installation, set-up and training for the SyncGuard electronic sensor cell check system in the Orange County Jail.  
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of entering into a contract for services between Orange County and Edward B. Gripon, M.D., P.A. for providing psychiatric services for inmates confined in the Orange County Correctional Facility and allowing the County Judge or County Judge Pro-Tem to sign same.  
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the November 2017 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.  
(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

13. Discussion and possible action regarding a bid submitted on the following trust property:

	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>SUIT/CASE #</b>	<b>PROPERTY LOCATION</b>
1.	001835-000160	A160091-T	1207 9 <sup>TH</sup> Street, Orange, Texas

(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

14. Discussion and possible action to receive projects as presented by the Emergency Management Coordinator.  
(Ralph Valenciano, Emergency Management Coordinator)
15. 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.
16. Announcement: Commissioners' Court will not be held the week of December 25, 2017. The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

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17. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney pending or threatened litigation on behalf of Mariah Ray.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
18. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
19. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071, to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, pending litigation filed against former employee Kevin Tate.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
20. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.  
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
21. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071(1), to seek or receive advice from legal counsel on a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
22. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.  
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
23. 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.**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Posted at 1:30 p.m.

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STEPHEN BRINT CARLTON, COUNTY JUDGE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT