



*Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge
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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
MARCH 28, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, March 28, 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 Regular Court Session held on March 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., as circulated.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$67,286.11 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 April 2017.
 - b. \$333,210.00 to Way Service from the Series 2016 C of Orange Fund (076-915-57300) the 2nd payment for Job No: JB702 Orange County BES.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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2. Discussion and possible action regarding receiving County Auditor’s Monthly Financial Report for fiscal year to date January 31, 2017 and February 28, 2017.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding certificate pay for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office Employees Union (“the Union”) in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Orange County, Texas and the Union dated October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2013. Per Article XI, page 9, of the CBA, certificate pay was only agreed to be paid during fiscal year (FY) 2009-2010, FY 2010-2011, and FY 2011-2012. The agreement was originally set to expire at the end of FY 2012-2013 and certificate pay was not agreed to continue in FY 2012-2013. Commissioners’ Court voluntarily paid the certificate pay during FY 2012-2013, without further consideration or written bi-lateral modification of the agreement, and has voluntarily continued to pay certificate pay each FY since. However, the Commissioners’ Court is not contractually obligated to continue doing so per Orange County District Attorney’s Memo dated September 6, 2013. Additionally, the paying of the approximately \$320,000 in certificate pay was not budgeted for this FY.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

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

	ACCOUNT #	SUIT/CASE #	PROPERTY LOCATION
1.	003784-000150	A150117-T	380 IRONWOOD, VIDOR, TX

(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

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

PURCHASING

From: 001-309-54551 (Travel/Education) (\$219.23)
 To: 001-309-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance) \$219.23

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
 (Connie Cassidy, CPPB, Purchasing Agent)

6. 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.

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7. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, arbitration proceedings involving former Orange County Sheriff's Office employee, Kevin Tate.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
8. Return to open meeting. Take any action based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
9. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 (1) and (2), to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, the Freedom From Religion Foundation's threatened litigation arising out of an American Legion war memorial placed upon the Courthouse lawn.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
10. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
11. 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 24th day of March, 2017.

Posted at 11:00 a.m.

STEPHEN BRINT CARLTON, COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT