



*Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge
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Jody E. Crump, Commissioner, Precinct Four*

**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
APRIL 25, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, April 25, 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 Public Workshop Session held on April 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., as circulated.

Approve minutes of the Special Court Session held on April 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., as circulated.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a proclamation in observance of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at noon at the Orange County Courthouse.
(Laura Kimball)
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a proclamation from the Lower Sabine Neches Soil & Water Conservation District #446 for Soil & Water Stewardship Week which is April 30, 2017 through May 7, 2017.
(Dale Parish, Lower Sabine Neches & Water Conservation District #446)

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending March 31, 2017 and recording in the minutes of the court:
 - a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$1,206,205.47.
 - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$49,328.48.
 - c. Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code 114.026(d) an 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 \$84,486,087.78, summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$71,927,718.05
 - 1st Financial Bank \$12,558,369.73

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court the County Treasurer's quarterly investment reports as required by HB 2459, Public Funds Investment Act. This report is for Quarter ending March 31, 2017, and will be available for viewing on the County's web site.
(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$67,320.60 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 May 2017.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a letter of intent for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Project for Orange County to serve as a non-Federal local sponsor in an effort to move the study forward toward a potential Congressional Authorization and, subsequently, a future Project Partnership Agreement (PPA). This letter of intent is non-binding and neither the COE nor Orange County shall be under any express or legal obligation to enter into a future PPA.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

7. Discussion and possible action regarding retiree health insurance benefits for **future county employees**.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

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8. 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 between Orange County, Texas and the Union dated October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2013. Commissioners' Court discussed this issue on March 28, 2017 and took action to terminate certificate pay after May 7, 2017 pending a review on April 25, 2017.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

9. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Pine Forest, Texas for the provision of law enforcement services to the municipality. This agreement will continue the longstanding relationship between the Constable, Precinct No. 4 and the City as established during Constable Peveto's administration. The City will reimburse the Constable's Office for costs incurred on account of the provision of the services per the agreement.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT FOUR

From: 001-228-52100 (Office Supplies) (\$124.00)
To: 001-228-52260 (Books & Publications) \$124.00

Purpose: To cover expenses for the remainder of the budget year.
(Rodney Price, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing Parks Department to hire another part-time employee at \$8.76 an hour until the end of the fiscal year. The money will come out of budgeted funds.
(Mike Hale, Parks Department)

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

PARKS DEPARTMENT

From: 001-681-51110 (Regular Salaries) (\$16,200.00)
To: 001-681-51140 (Extra Help Salaries) \$16,200.00

Purpose: To provide funds for part-time help for the remainder of the year with one additional part-time employee.
(Mike Hale, Parks Department)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-601-52400 (Small Tools & Operating Supplies) (\$2,249.00)
To: 001-601-57595 (Capital Outlay) \$2,249.00

Purpose: To replace ice maker. This was approved on April 18, 2017. The money was put in 001-601-52400 (Small Tools & Operating Supplies), however, it should be paid out of 001-601-57595 (Capital Outlay). The Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission will reimburse Orange County for ½ of the cost for the part.
(Janell Dischler, Transportation Director)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing the Expo Center Director to purchase a Dell laptop in the amount of \$1,522.97 for the purpose of controlling the door locks and the Expo Center's temperature from the laptop.
(Sabrina Gray, Orange County Expo Director)

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

ORANGE COUNTY EXPO CENTER

From: 074-791-54100 (Advertising) (\$1,522.97)
To: 074-791-57595 (Capital Outlay) \$1,522.97

Purpose: To purchase a Dell laptop to control door locks and temperature at Expo Center.
(Sabrina Gray, Orange County Expo Director)

16. 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.
17. Closed Meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, contemplated litigation involving Russell Road in Orange County, Texas.
(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. Code §551.071(1) and (2), to seek or receive advice from legal counsel on a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

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20. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

21. 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 21st day of April, 2017.

Posted at 1:30 p.m.

STEPHEN BRINT CARLTON, COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT