



*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
AUGUST 15, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at 123 S. 6th Street 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 August 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., as circulated.

1. Update from Way Services, Inc. on the status of Orange County's energy efficiency upgrades.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
2. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$431,220.07. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of June, 2017 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund.
(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
3. 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.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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4. Discussion and possible action regarding receiving County Auditor's Monthly Financial Report for fiscal year to date June 2017.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the July 2017 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.
(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

6. Discussion and possible action regarding submission of the 2017 Certified Property Tax Values from the Chief Appraiser and the Rolling Stock from the State Comptroller as required under PTC 26.04(b).
(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Certification by the Tax Assessor-Collector of the 2017 Anticipated Collection Rate for debt service as required under PTC 26.04(b).
(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

8. Discussion and possible action regarding submission of the 2017 effective and rollback tax rates as required under PTC 26.04(b).
(Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector)

9. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2017-18. If proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower), the Court will take a record vote and schedule two public hearings as required under LGC 140.010.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

10. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting a check in the amount of \$11,010.00, from the Port of Beaumont for the Old Highway 90 Project and authorizing the issuance of a check in the amount of \$11,010.00 to Texas Department of Transportation as agreed in the Advanced Funding Agreement for widening Old Highway 90. Orange County is the owner of this section of Old 90 and therefore considered as the Local Government party to this improvement project.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

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- 11. Discussion and possible action regarding Elected Officials Salaries for fiscal year 2017-2018.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT

From: 001-103-54570 (Registration Seminars & Conferences) (\$126.77)
To: 001-103-52100 (Office Supplies) \$126.77

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
(Johnny Trahan, Commissioner, Precinct One)

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

SHERIFF

From: 019-902-52250 (Public Safety Uniforms) (\$7,000.00)
To: 019-902-54950 (Misc. Fees & Services) \$7,000.00

Purpose: Vidor interview room cameras.
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)

- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase and installation of camera equipment from Maverick Communications at the Vidor Sheriff's Office. This is the completion of the same type system that was installed in the Orange Sheriff's Office. This purchase will be paid from the Sheriff's Office Drug Forfeiture Fund, Account 019-902-57590. (This was approved on August 8, 2017. This amendment is to include that the purchase and installation will be from Maverick Communications).
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)

- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchasing and installation of equipment from Maverick Communications to replace the old existing analog camera system at the Forensic Building. This purchase will be paid from the Sheriff's Office Drug Forfeiture Fund, Account 019-902-57590. (This was approved on August 8, 2017. This amendment is to include that the purchase and installation will be from Maverick Communications).
(Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff)

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16. Discussion and possible action regarding approving line item transfers:

128TH DISTRICT COURT

From: 001-210-54570 (Registration/Seminars & Conferences) (\$162.81)
To: 001-210-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance) \$162.81

From: 001-210-54551 (Travel/Education) (\$40.00)
To: 001-210-54595 (Dues & Memberships) \$40.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Courtney Arkeen, 128th District Judge)

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

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT FOUR

From: 001-778-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance) (\$378.00)
To: 001-778-52100 (Public Safety Supplies) \$378.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
(Jimmy Lane Mooney, Constable, Precinct Four)

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT FOUR

From: 064-244-57500 (Equipment Non-Inventory) (\$200.00)
To: 064-244-52260 (Books & Publications) \$200.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Rodney Price, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four)

19. Discussion and possible action regarding approving line item transfers:

ROAD AND BRIDGE

From: 002-573-52100 (Office Supplies) (\$200.00)
002-573-52260 (Books & Publications) (\$50.00)
002-573-54550 (Travel/General) (\$100.00)
002-573-54551 (Travel/Education) (\$15.00)
002-573-54570 (Registration/Seminars) (\$250.00)
002-573-54130 (Contract Maintenance) (\$2,985.00)

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To:	002-573-52150 (Janitorial Supplies)	\$200.00
	002-573-52250 (Uniform Fees)	\$1,500.00
	002-573-52400 (Small Tools & Operations)	\$500.00
	002-573-53610 (Rentals)	\$200.00
	002-573-57500 (Non-Inventory \$100-\$500)	\$1,200.00

Purpose: To cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Clark Slacum, P.E., County Engineer)

20. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Phase IV Subdivision plat of Langham Forest Estates in Precinct 3. The plat has been reviewed and approved by the Orangefield Water Supply Corporation and the Orange County Drainage District. The plat meets the requirements of the Orange County Subdivision Regulations.
(Clark Slacum, P.E., County Engineer)

21. 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.

22. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, a request to assign a Tax Abatement Contract executed by the LANXESS Corporation in 2012 to ARLANXEO USA LLC which now operates LANXESS' plant in Orange County, Texas. Previously, LANXESS Corporation Saudi Aramco entered into a Joint Venture to establish the company ARLANXEO USA LLC. As such, the current Texas Enterprise Project Application under LANXESS should be assigned to ARLANXEO.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)

23. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)

24. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071 to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, threatened litigation by John Marcotte.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)

25. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)

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26. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071 to discuss, with Assistant County Attorney, litigation styled: Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-00024 (RC), *Jerry Lee Carthell v. Orange County, Texas et al*, In The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas – Beaumont Division.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
27. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
28. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071 to receive information from Assistant County Attorney on a matter that is covered by the attorney-client privilege. Disclosure of the matter in open court would clearly conflict with the attorney’s duties of confidentiality under the Texas Rules of Professional Responsibility.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
29. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Douglas E. Manning, Assistant County Attorney)
30. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071(1)(2) to receive legal advice from legal counsel on a matter that is covered by the attorney-client privilege.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
31. Return to open meeting. Take any action necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Stephen Brint Carlton, County Judge)
32. 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 11th day of August, 2017.
Posted at 3:30 p.m.

STEPHEN BRINT CARLTON, COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT