

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

Johnny A. Trahan,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Absent was: John H. Gothia, County Judge

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Chaplain Mike Eaves gave the invocation, Johnny Trahan led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

*Agenda Items are in the order they were taken in the meeting.*

1. COMMENTS      Chris Sowell- Wanted to recognize Chief Richard Howard and how the sheriff's office has gone above and beyond lately. Thanked the trustees and all who came to help clean up Burton cemetery and Jett cemetery. Stated that the deputies and ESD people are first class and how blessed we are to have the volunteers and police officers we do in this county.
2. PROCLAMATION      Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to present a Proclamation for the Gift of Life Men's Health and Prostate Cancer Awareness month. Cancer screening scheduled for July 11, 2026, at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
3. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT      Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending May 31, 2026 and recording in the minutes of the court:
  - A) Approval of Investments in the amount of \$178,895.88
  - B) Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,327,544.82
  - C) Treasurer's Report of Revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code 114.026(d) and affidavit of approval by Court. This report will be available on the county's website for viewing.

D) Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$21,534,821.76 summary as follows:

- Wells Fargo Bank \$14,727,543.74
- 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank \$ 6,807,278.02

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

4. DIRECT DEPOSIT

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to file in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$691,235.16. These funds represent the ½ -cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of April 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. ACCEPT CHECK

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to file in the minutes of the court revenue received from City of Rose City, Check #21641, in the amount of \$402.85. These funds are reimbursement for road materials.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to record in the minutes of the court regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for June 16, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$75,320.62
ROAD & BRIDGE	-
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	2,663.00
AIRPORT	1,575.66
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-
ARPA	-
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TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$79,559.28

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

7. BILLS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte authorizing payment of June 23, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically follows:

- a. \$113,131.54 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties H.E.B.P. for group medical, dental, and life – under age 65 for June 2026.

- b. \$100,929.05 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and older.
- c. \$4,725.00 from the Special Grants Fun (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for the Public Health Building construction admin phase through May 31,2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$484,935.24
ROAD & BRIDGE	229,569.24
MOSQUITO CONTROL	2,510.85
ADULT PROBATION	10,727.75
AIRPORT	9,219.08
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	2,500.00
ARPA	5,295.00
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TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$744,757.16

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

- 8. LINE ITEM TRANSFER      Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve line item transfer as follows:

**128<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

**From:** 001-210-51110 (Regular Salaries) .....(\$21,000.00)  
**To:** 001-806-54400 (Visiting Court Reporter).....\$21,000.00

**Purpose:** To provide funds for the remainder of the budget year.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

- 9. LINE ITEM TRANSFER      Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve line item transfer as follows:

**COUNTY AUDITOR**

**From:** 001-111-54091 (Court Appointed Attorney 163<sup>rd</sup> Adult)...(\$25,000.00)  
           001-111-54096 (CCAL (2) Adult).....(\$30,000.00)  
**To:** 001-111-54094 (Court Appointed Attorney CPS/Others).....\$55,000.00

**Purpose:** To provide funds for the remainder of the budget year.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. APPROVE CONTRACT  
Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve contract with AWC for the Sheet Metal Piling project located in Precinct 4 and authorizes County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same, pending legal approval.  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
11. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE  
Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to acknowledge for the record the Certificate of Compliance from the Texas Commission of Jail Standards.  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
12. TxDOT AGREEMENT  
Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the TxDOT Multiple Use Agreement. This resolution authorizes Orange County to enter a TxDOT Multiple Use Agreement, Form 2044, and any related supplemental documents needed for the Orange County Sheriff's Office fixed ALPR/LPR camera installations and execute the agreement and related county-level documents, while allowing Sheriff Bobby Smith and Chief Deputy Richard Howard to coordinate the law enforcement, DPS, vendor, technical, and field-review requirements for the project.  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
13. PURCHASE ADD-ON  
Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the purchase of two add-on tools for the updated website work from CIRA. The initial cost will be covered by existing funds in M.I.S. Software/Programming account. The initial total due is \$5,350. With an additional \$3,450 every year after that.  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
14. APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE  
Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve health insurance.  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
- APPROVE DENTAL INSURANCE  
Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to absorb the increase from the insurance premium plus, double the coverage from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00 for an additional \$3,000.00 a year for dental insurance.  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

APPROVE  
LIFE INSUR-  
ANCE FOR  
CURRENT  
EMPLOYEES

Motion made by Robert Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to increase our life insurance coverage for our current employees from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for an increase of \$2,113.00.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

APPROVE  
VISION  
INSURNACE

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to renew vision, cobra and the wellness plan as is.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

APPROVE  
LIFE INSUR-  
ANCE FOR  
RETIREEES

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to raise life insurance for retirees from 10,000.00 to 15,000.00.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

15. ADOPT  
TCDRS RATE

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adopt the 2027 Texas County District Retirement System (TCDRS) Plan employer contribution rate. This action is required by the Commissioners' Court every year. Currently, each employee deposits 7% of their gross wages and the County deposits 14%. The TCDRS benefit is based on employee deposits, which earn 7% compound interest annually, and employer matching at retirement. Due to the earnings, market fluctuations and actuarial computations, if the rates remain the same, the employer contribution rate without a cost-of-living adjustment will be 12.96% effective January 1, 2027.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

16. TRANSFER  
ASSET

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to remove from the Sheriff Office inventory Asset #16021 MRAP Vehicle VIN #GMB408306E-KY. The MRAP was donated to Fannin County, Texas January 16, 2026. This transfer was conducted for the purpose of reallocating the asset to an agency with operational needs.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

18. DESTROY ASSETS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to destroy the following assets:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN OR SERIAL #	FROM	TO
15381	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CNB004	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
15383	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CNB006	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
17697	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLD1548	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
17904	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CKV7504	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
17939	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLR1087	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18326	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLD1550	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18341	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLD1543	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18424	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLD1544	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18434	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CKV7496	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18462	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLR1090	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18469	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLD1545	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18556	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CKV7502	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18575	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLR1086	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18635	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CKV5029	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18666	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLR1081	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18698	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CLD1534	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18702	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CKV7493	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY
18927	MOTOROLA XTS 2500 RADIO	205CKV5032	SHERRIFF'S OFFICE	DESTROY

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

19. APPROVE TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to move following items to surplus:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	FROM	TO
18155	IBM 4247-V03 PRINTER	5/4/2026	01A3496	MIS	SURPLUS
30000519	TDS RECON PACKET PC	2/16/2004	FS29A12682	MOSQ CONTROL	SURPLUS
30000862	DRYER, MILNOR	5/29/2009	552588	SO	SURPLUS

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

17a. CLOSED MEETING

Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation, as well as to seek or receive information and advice from Assistant County Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation or settlement of litigation but are matters in which the duty of the attorney to the Court otherwise conflicts with Chapter 551.

The Court went into closed meeting. This meeting was not recorded.

17b. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING      Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary base upon discussion in closed meeting.

AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT      Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize to make a settlement offer in a pending confidential incident.

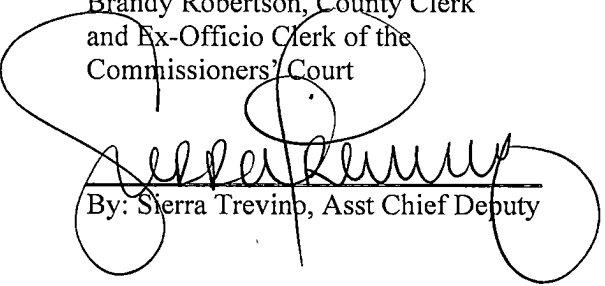
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

20. ADJOURN COURT      There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.  
Johnny Trahan adjourned the Commissioners' Court meeting.

ATTEST:

Brandy Robertson, County Clerk  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the  
Commissioners' Court



By: Sierra Trevino, Asst Chief Deputy

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