

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Orange County Commissioners' Court held a Budget Workshop on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building, 123 South Sixth Street, Orange, Orange County, Texas, with the following in attendance:

John H. Gothia,	County Judge
Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Absent:	Johnny A. Trahan,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
	Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

The workshop was called to order at 1:34 P.M. for the following purpose, to-wit:

WORKSHOP SESSION PURPOSE:

Review and discuss the past, present and future budget needs and concerns for Orange County Departments.

Maintenance

Kirk Guidry asked for lifts for the boat shed, the ladder lifts, all the brackets are rusted out and have holes in them. A dryer for the jail dorm to be installed and to remove the other one. Two gas stoves for inside the kitchen. An F250 truck for a replacement for his department. An ice machine for the jail kitchen. A fan for each POD building, and two more for each building at the maintenance shop. He asked for adding funds to the budget for all the upcoming projects such as the Veterans building, JP2 building, cement work at the POD buildings, Road and Bridge parking area. A centralized camera system for the Sheriff's office. He asked for funds for upgrades for the electrical at the POD buildings and to remove carpet. He asked to roll money over from last year's budget to finish buying generators. He stated there was a change on the contractual service maintenance account and it went up. The chemicals for the treatment for the courthouse and 1442 went up. He requested funds to cover all the repair expenses for next year.

Road & Bridge

Tracey Leach, Road Administrator, asked for another skid steer track loader, a mini excavator, Bearcat chip spreader, and three lasers. He asked about moving positions, doing away with a truck driver and adding another operator 2 position, so each precinct has three operator 2's. He spoke about needing more Class A CDL drivers, about looking into doing vegetation spraying ourselves, and doing a class for 6-7 people for training on the maintainers.

Sheriff's Office

Richard Howard, Chief, stated there is a need for 11 units with three divisions involved. The jail is asking for a software program to help them with risk reduction and compliant request to keep everything HIPPA complied. He asked for 6 breathing apparatus units for the jail. He asked for items for Narcotics such as a remote camera and to repair the two they have, and a fence and gate for the bat cave. He asked for a new radio, he said they're trying to get some of the older radios out of the system because they're end of life. He talked about funds for things that could be elevated next year such as gas prices, rentals and repairs, adding for data. He spoke about putting money in the budget for new uniforms.

District Clerk

Anne Reed, District Clerk, asked for a new software for the jury system to replace the one they currently have. For additional funding to set up a view only contract with IDOCKET monthly for \$375.00.

Mosquito Control

Devin Wilson, Director, stated that the current software they currently use to track their trucks is getting out of the software business and asked for funds to acquire new software. Funds for a new truck, to replace a truck with 170,000 miles on it with lots of problems. Asked for an automatic gate opener at their office, a tire machine and tire balancing machine, and a county cellphone.

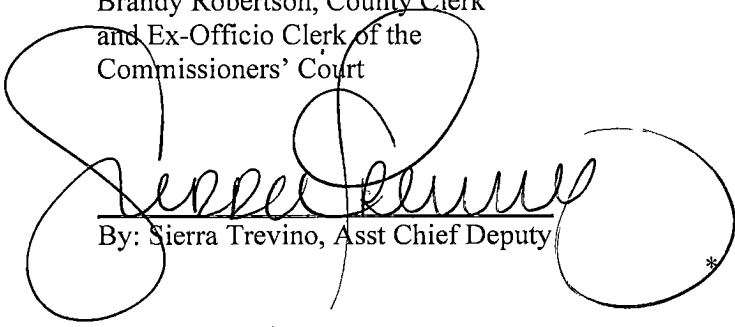
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MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adjourn the Budget Workshop.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
John Gothia adjourned the Budget workshop.

ATTEST:

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


By: Sierra Trevino, Asst Chief Deputy

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