

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

John H. Gothia,	County Judge
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

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

1. COMMENTS No comments were made in this meeting.

2. PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to record in the minutes payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for July 7, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$8,030.52
ROAD & BRIDGE	-
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	747.11
AIRPORT	-
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$8,777.63

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

3. BILLS Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving payment of July 14, 2026 bills approved by County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows with the exception of item d and item e due to incorrect paperwork:

a. \$760.00 from the ARPA Grant Fund (081-927-53000) to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC for the New Health Services Building Project #890262.000 for services 4/25/2026 – 5/29/2026.

- b. \$185,000.00 from the General Fund (001-111-53020) to Orange County Economic Development for the OCEDC Membership 2025-2026.
- c. \$186,695.60 from the General Fund (001-111-54110) to Orange County Appraisal District for the third quarter funding 2026.
- d. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV 2WD (VIN: 1GNS5UED6TR187426).
- e. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV 2WD (VIN: 1GNS5UED9TR187422).
- f. \$3,450.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- g. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Memorial Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- h. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due June 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$704,065.80
ROAD & BRIDGE	430,770.70
MOSQUITO CONTROL	4,581.06
ADULT PROBATION	5,069.90
AIRPORT	5,896.85
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	326.78
ARPA	760.00
TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$1,151,471.09

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

4. LINE ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-52520 (Drainage & Ditches).....(\$40,000.00)
To: 002-573-53610 (Large Equipment Rentals).....\$40,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of rentals through the end of this budget year.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

5. LINE ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

TAX OFFICE

From: 001-301-57500 (Equip Non-Inv <\$2,000).....(\$ 355.00)
001-301-59999 (Other).....(\$ 215.00)
001-301-52100 (Office Supplies).....(\$ 750.00)
To: 001-301-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr/Etc).....\$1,320.00

Purpose: To cover repairs for the remainder of the FY.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

6. LINE ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

AUDITOR

From: 001-303-54550 (Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc).....(\$1,750.00)
To: 001-303-51120 (Overtime).....\$1,750.00

Purpose: To provide for overtime due to staff change-over and additional activities at year-end.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

7. AUDITED
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to accept and file into the minutes of the Court, the Orange County Audited Financial Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, as presented by Chris Pruitt of Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

8. CONTINUING
EDUCATION

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to accept into the official record of Continuing Education Transcript for Octavia Guzman, County Tax Assessor-Collector, in accordance with Section 6.231(d) of the Texas Property Tax Code. Let the record show that Octavia Guzman has satisfied the continuing education requirements mandated by the statute.

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

9. ACCEPT
CERTIFI-
CATION
- Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator accepting the certification of the June 2026 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
10. RENAME
ROAD
- Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator to rename I.P. Way, located in Precinct 1, to Holden Way pursuant to Transportation Code §251.013 and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign an Order regarding same.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried
(See Exhibits for this date.)
11. MAURICE-
VILLE
MUDD
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan approving a Resolution and Certificate consenting to the Application of the Mauriceville Municipal Utility District (MUDD) to amend the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to include additional areas as shown in Exhibit A within Orange County and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
12. MAURICE-
VILLE
MUDD
- Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving a Resolution to recognize and support the efforts of the Mauriceville Municipal Utility District (MUDD) to apply for and receive funding through the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) program to reduce water loss, conserve water supply, repair infrastructure, and other activities necessary to ensure high-quality water is available to residents served by the system in the area depicted in Exhibit A and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
13. MAINTENANCE
PROJECTS
- Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director, stated they were wrapping up the electrical work on lighting and receptacles inside the lean-to at the 1442 building. Then they will install the AC and do the spray foam insulation and they are done with that building. They started back on the PODS, fixing the cut-throughs for the restrooms and storage in the kitchen areas. They are currently working on Precinct 2 POD. They have been working on AC's throughout several buildings. When the pavilion is completed at Bluebird's, they will install the picnic tables and BBQ pits.

14. ROAD &
BRIDGE
PROJECTS

Chris Sowell stated Tracy Leach, Road Administrator, was unavailable to give a report but he knows the swing bridge had 97 openings and closings.

15. VETERANS
OFFICE
QUARTERLY
REPORT

Mark Hammer, Veterans Claims Director, stated the Southeast Texas Stand Down held on May 15th was a great success. He has completed required hours at the 26th Texas Veterans Commission Claims Conference held in San Marcos in May. The Beaumont Outpatient Clinic is currently out of operation. They are currently in modular building due to significant roof damage to the facility and they are unsure of when they will get back into the facility. At the conference, he learned the Texas Veterans Commissions will require all Veterans Service Officers to host virtual Board of Veterans Appeals in their offices. Currently these are done in Houston, but moving them to the local offices will be more convenient for the veteran. He stated he will need an additional computer to host the virtual hearings. At this time, he does not know when this will begin. He also stated he would like to start getting Jenny Wolfford on obtaining her accreditation starting with virtual training so that she can sign forms when he is out of pocket.

16. CLEAN WATER
ACT GRANT
PROGRAM

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving Orange County's participation in the Clean Water Act (§319 9h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

17. TRANSFER
OF ASSETS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to transfer the following items to surplus:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE DATE	VIN OR SERIAL #	FROM	TO
18253	MCU BGAN T&T Explorer	8/20/2008	7455190	Emerg Mgmt	Surplus
18254	MCU BGAN T&T Explorer	8/20/2008	7456945	Emerg Mgmt	Surplus
30000208	Sony Recorder	7/3/1995	507151	128 th District Ct	Surplus
19069	Dell Laptop	8/15/2017	J74T9H2	Emerg Mgmt	Surplus
18291	GV Surveillance System	10/26/2004	N/A	Jail	Surplus

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

18. TRANSFER
OF ASSETS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the destruction of the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE DATE	VIN OR SERIAL #	FROM	TO
18441	Motorola Portable 2500	8/20/2010	205CLR1082	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18508	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0851	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18419	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0846	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18564	Motorola Radio 2500	9/13/2010	514CLR0499	Sheriff Office	Destroy

17984	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0843	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18541	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0854	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18118	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0850	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18465	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0848	Sheriff Office	Destroy
15592	Motorola Radio 2500	8/1/2012	514CNP1476	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18650	Motorola Radio 2500	2/22/2010	514CLD0839	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18643	Motorola Radio 2500	9/13/2010	514CLR0495	Sheriff Office	Destroy
18513	Motorola Radio 2500	9/13/2010	514CLD0494	Sheriff Office	Destroy

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

19. AWARD
BID

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to award IFB-26002-A, Fire Extinguisher Inspection, Fire Panel Inspection, Fire Sprinkler Inspection, Hood Suppression Inspection, Fire Pump Inspection, FM 200 Fire Suppression Inspection, Pressure Test and Door Fan Test for Orange County and authorizing for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

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

20. ADVERTISE
FOR
PROPOSALS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise proposals for grant administration services for the County's SFY 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) grant program from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) under RFP-26006 and appoint a selection committee. The committee will be Chris Sowell, Robert Viator, Joel Ardoin, Morgan Turner and James Scales.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

21. ADVERTISE
FOR
PROPOSALS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for grant administration services for the County's Mitigation Reallocation Program (MRP) grant from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under RFP-26007 and appoint a selection committee. The committee will be Chris Sowell, Robert Viator, Joel Ardoin, Morgan Turner and James Scales.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

22. NO ACTION

No action taken on discussion and possible action regarding for consideration the acceptance and approval of the AT&T Dedicated Internet Pricing Schedule for Orange County. This contract will us to keep the internet connection that we have at the Expo Center as a backup. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to e-sign said contract.

23. CLOSED MEETING
- Closed meeting held pursuant to Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the Orange County Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the Commissioners' Court seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of Orange County and with which the Commissioners' Court is conducting economic development negotiations, or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current confidential Orange County Economic Development Corporation Projects.

The Court went into closed meeting. This meeting was recorded.

24. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING
- Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.

- NO ACTION
- No action was taken on closed meeting held pursuant to Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the Orange County Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the Commissioners' Court seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of Orange County and with which the Commissioners' Court is conducting economic development negotiations, or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current confidential Orange County Economic Development Corporation Projects.

25. 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.

26. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING
- Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.

- NO ACTION
- No action was taken on 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.

27. COUNTY
VEHICLES

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of County Vehicles in each of the Constable precincts based on changes discussed in closed meeting which the Assistant County Attorney will present and to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

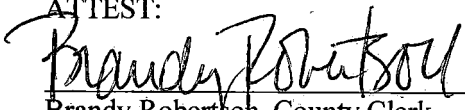
28. ADJOURN
MEETING

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

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

John Gothia adjourned the Commissioners' Court meeting.

ATTEST:



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

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