

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Orange County Commissioners' Court held a Budget Workshop on Thursday, July 16, 2026, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Orange County Commissioners' Courtroom, Orange County Administration Building, 123 South Sixth Street, Orange, Orange County, Texas, with the following in attendance:

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| John H. Gothia,     | County Judge                 |
| Chris Sowell,       | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Kirk F. Roccaforte, | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
| Robert Viator Jr.,  | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |

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| Absent was: | Johnny A. Trahan, | Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 |
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The workshop was called to order at 2:03 P.M. for the following purpose, to-wit:

**WORKSHOP SESSION PURPOSE:**

This meeting will provide an opportunity to review and discuss the past, present and future needs and concerns of Orange County Departments.

All departments are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion. Your input and collaboration are encouraged as we work together to address departmental priorities and future planning efforts.

MIS

Lisa Reeves, Director, is requesting 4 new servers. She has a quote for a total of \$202,000 if they were purchased now. She was told they will increase and it could be as high as \$245,000 if we wait until next budget. The Court suggested using contingency due to it being an extremely large increase. She also requested a \$100,000 increase in computer supplies because cost of parts are going up. She requested shelving at \$3,000 for the MIS storage building and an additional \$20,000 to complete the migration for Watchguard to the service cloud for the Sheriff's Office.

VETERAN'S OFFICE

Mark Hammer, Director, requested a \$4,000 increase in travel for assistant to begin training and attend conferences.

ELECTIONS

LaDonna Alford, Elections Administrator, requested a \$9,000 increase in the Election expense account to increase pay for Election Judges to \$16 per hour and the workers to \$14 per hour during the General Election. She stated her Contract Services & Maintenance could be decreased by \$4,800.

AIRPORT

Missy Pillsbury, Manager, is asking for internet service at the airport instead of using MiFi's. She is also looking at moving funds to start projects at the airport. Both projects are eligible for the funds she has in her budget.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator, is asking to keep the part-time position for the GIS person. The position was implemented for one year and that time is about up. Joel says there is plenty of work and the employee stays busy. They talked about making it a full-time position.

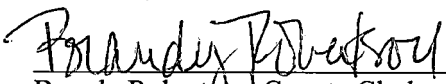
TAX OFFICE

Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor Collector, requested an increase in software. She will be migrating to a new software for property taxes in the spring. The current software isn't working. She will be paying the outgoing contract with the current company as well as the new contract with the new company.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, John Gothia adjourned the Budget Workshop.

ATTEST:

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

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