

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, July 28, 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., and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

1. COMMENTS Colleen Owens, Pct. 2. – Spoke about concerns regarding the Flock cameras, she stated that in Conroe, the Attorney General said that the contract was public record and had to be released. She let the court know that they could publish the contract for the public to review and spoke about a Supreme Court case that ruled that people do not give up their 4th amendment right by driving on public roads. She hopes they reconsider the Flock cameras.
Chris Sowell – Stated that the Orange County Commissions are obligated to allow the Sheriff's Office to pursue any grants they see fit, and to direct questions about the Flock cameras to the Sheriff's Office. He stated he wants to keep Rusty Honeycutt in our prayers, we lost a pillar in our community with Mrs. Pam passing away, she was involved in many organizations, and those shoes will be hard to fill.
2. PROCLAMATION Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving a Proclamation for United Way of Orange County for 100 years of service. Proudly recognizing remarkable accomplishments and milestones and congratulations with gratitude for 100 years of unwavering servicing and leadership.

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

3. RE-SET HEARING Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to set a new Public Hearing on September 8, 2026, at 9am regarding citizen request for improvement of the access road within the Minor Plat of Seven Pines, as permitted by Texas Transportation Code Chapter 253. Such improvements would result in an assessment against the landowners of the costs and would require the approval of a majority vote of the landowner of the subdivided property.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
4. TREASURER MONTHLY REPORT Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending June 30, 2026, and recording in the minutes of the court:
- A) Approval of Investments in the amount of \$52,409,693.04
 - B) Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,492,695.43
 - 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 \$28,009,879.81 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$21,273,076.21
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,736,803.60
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
5. TREASURER QUARTERLY REPORT Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to file in the minutes of the Court the County Treasurer's quarterly investment report as required by HB 2459, Public Funds Investment Act. This report is for Quarter ending June 30, 2026, and will be available for viewing on the County's website.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
6. 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 \$652,902.64. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of May 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to record in the minutes payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for July 21, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 120,244.44
ROAD & BRIDGE	525.70
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	9,012.41
AIRPORT	170.81
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-
TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$129,953.36

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

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve payment of July 28, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV 2WD (VIN: 1GNS5UED9TR187422)
- b. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV 2WD (VIN: 1GNS5UED6TR187426)
- c. \$117,436.57 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties H.E.B.P. for group medical, dental, life – under age 65 for July 2026.
- d. \$100,929.05 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for August 2026
- e. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Memorial Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 761,100.41
ROAD & BRIDGE	81,102.87
MOSQUITO CONTROL	96,495.80
ADULT PROBATION	3,707.42
AIRPORT	4,500.76
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	82,000.00

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$1,028,907.26

IN ADDITION TO:

QUARTERLY STATE CRIMINAL COSTS AND FEES - \$159,545.37

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

9. ADOPT
SPECIAL
BUDGET

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to adopt a special budget as certified by the County Auditor, pursuant to LGC §111.0106 to recognize and establish operating budgets for funds received from Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission.

TRANSPORTATION

Revenues:	001-000-43770	OCT Grant Revenue	(\$15,908.00)
Expenses:	001-601-52300	Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease	\$15,908.00

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. LINE-ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve a line-item transfer:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

From: 036-952-52500 (Road Materials).....(\$3,000.00)
To: 036-952-59999 (Other).....\$3,000.00

Purpose: To provide funding to complete the Scope of Work on PW5762
Claiborne West Park Restroom Pavillion(s) (Hurricane Harvey)

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve a line-item transfer:

JUVENILE PROBATION

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency)..... (\$22,000.00)

To: 001-230-54420 (Board/Juveniles)..... \$22,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of contract dentition services through the end of the year.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

12. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a line-item transfer:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57550 (Repair/Rental/Construction/Etc.).....(\$200,000.00)

To: 002-573-57200 (Road Materials)..... \$200,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of Road Materials through the remainder of the FY.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

13. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve a line-item transfer:

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-602-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Const/Etc.).....(\$3,000.00)

To: 001-602-51120 (Overtime Salaries).....\$3,000.00

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

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

14. APPROVE AGREE-
MENT Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to authorize Octavia Guzman to sign the professional services agreement proposed by Appraisal & Collection Technologies, LLC (ACT) to provide software support to the County Tax Office and included in the proposed Hosting and Service and Support agreements.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

15. APPROVE
RENEWAL
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to authorize Octavia Guzman to sign to extend the existing professional services contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP to provide tax collection support and collection services.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
16. ADOPT
RESOLU-
TION
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to adopt a resolution approving contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
17. APPROVE
BID
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve a bid submitted on the following property:
- | <u>Account</u> | <u>Suit/Case #</u> | <u>Property Location</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 014862-000140 | A180234-T | 5562 Mesquite Dr Orange |
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
18. APPROVE
PUBLICA-
TION
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the publication of any proposed increase in the salaries, expenses, or allowances of elected County or Precinct officers for the upcoming budget year, pursuant to Local Government Code 152.013(b).
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
19. APPROVE
PURCHASE
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approval to purchase (4) Dell Servers at a cost of \$202,685.24. Purchasing now will allow us to save money on the increasing cost of storage and memory required for the servers. Funds will be taken from Contingency as discussed in the Budget Workshop on July 16, 2026.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

20. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve a line-item transfer:

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....\$202,685.24

To: 001-105-57590 (General Machinery & Equipment).....\$202,685.24

Purpose: To provide funds for 4 Dell Servers

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

21. APPROVE PURCHASE Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a capital outlay purchase of a Universal SS Quick-Tach Adapter with hook type mount attachment for the skid steer for \$2,570.00 from account 002-573-57595.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

22. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve a line-item transfer:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57590 (Equipment greater than \$5000).....(\$3,000.00)

To: 002-573-57595 (Equipment between \$2000-\$4999).....3,000.00

Purpose: To purchase Universal SS Quick-Tach Adapter for the skid steer.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

23. ADVERTISE FOR QUALIFICATIONS Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for qualifications for engineering services for the County's Mitigation Reallocation Program (MRP) grant from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under RFQ-MC-2026-3 and appointment a selection committee. The selection committee will consist of Chris Sowell, Joel Ardoin, Kirk Roccaforte, Morgan Turner, James Scales.

Voted AYE: John Gothia, Chris Sowell, Kirk Roccaforte, Robert Viator

Voted NAY: Johnny Trahan

Motion Carried.

24. ADVERTISE
FOR
QUALIFICA-
TION
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for qualification for engineering services for the County's SFY 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) grant program from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) under RFQ-MC-2026-4 and appoint a selection committee. The selection committee will consist of Robert Viator, Chris Sowell, Joel Ardoin, Morgan Turner, James Scales
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
25. AWARD
CONTRACT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to award by resolution a contract to Grant Works for administrative services under RFP-26005 pertaining to the application and implementation of the County's 2027 – 2028 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Development Fund (TxCDBG-CD) grant of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) on behalf of Mauriceville MUD and approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
26. APPROVE
RENEWAL
- Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the renewal of IFB-23006-Insecticides contracts between Orange County, Texas and (1) ADAPCO, (2) Clark Moquito Control, (3) Target Specialty Products and (4) Vesperis. All contracts are renewed with increased pricing. This is the 3rd (three) of three possible renewals allowed under the contracts and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
27. ADVERTISE
FOR BIDS
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26006 Concrete Foundation for Road and Bridge Pct 3. Shop. This is an approved FY 2025-2026 budget item.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

28. DELETE
ASSETS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve the deletion of the following item.

Asset – 20242 – 2024 Ford Explorer (Unit 721) Vin # 1FM5K8AB8RG
From : Sheriff's Office
To : Delete (Totaled)

Asset – 18529 – Tablet
From : Sherriff's Office
To : Destroy

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

29. DELETE
ASSETS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve transferring of the following item.

Asset – 17243 – Duratank 5000 Gallon Stainless Steel
From : Surplus
To : Road and Bridge

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

30. APPROVE
REVISED
POLICIES

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the Orange County Purchasing Department Revised Policies and Procedures Manual; pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Government Code, the County Purchasing Act and 2 CFR Sections 200.318-327.

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

31. CLOSED
MEETING

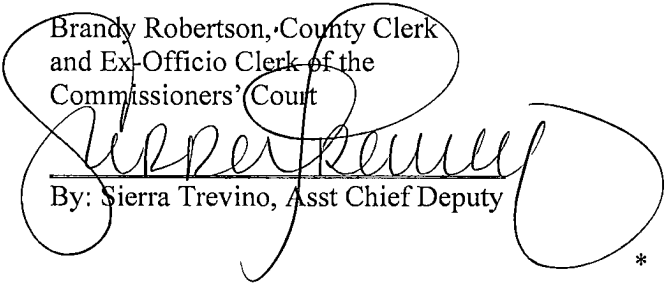
Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation, as well as to seek or receive information and advice from Assistant County Attorney on legal matters that are not related 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.

32. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
- NO ACTION No action 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.
33. ADJOURN COURT There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to adjourn the 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


By: Sierra Trevino, Asst Chief Deputy

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