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**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
AUGUST 11, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 10 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at 123 S. 6th Street for the following purposes to-wit:

REGULAR COURT SESSION AGENDA

Invocation
U.S. Pledge
Texas Pledge

1. Open Court session for comments from Court and citizens on items which may or may not need to be placed on the following week(s) agenda for consideration. Each person addressing the Court may be limited to three (3) minutes.
2. Discussion and possible action to reappoint Ida Schossow and Mike Marion to the Spindletop Center board of Trustees as their term ends August 31, 2026. (Holly Borel, CEO Spindletop Center)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval for the Sugie Lane Foundation to display artwork and ribbons on the Courthouse Square for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) to help promote the "End the Silence" campaign. (Emily Ross, Founder)
4. Acknowledge and presentation of Q2 2026 tax abatement report from Golden Triangle Polymers. (Emily Mellen, Golden Triangle Polymers Communications Lead)
5. Discussion and possible action to recognize and accept the quarterly reporting as presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on their Programs. (Magen Lee, CEA-AG/NR)

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6. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **Aug 4, 2026**.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **August 11, 2026**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due August 2026.
 - b. \$19,923.90 from the General Fund (001-115-57550) to TAG Mechanical, L.L.C. to replace air conditioner for Purchasing Department.
 - c. \$12,350.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53022) to Sign Doctor for materials and labor for Claiborne Park ballpark lights.
 - d. \$3,025.00 from the Road & Bridge Fund (002-573-54120) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for services related to the Four Oaks Ranch Road bank stabilization project from 05/10/2026 – 07/09/2026.
 - e. \$107,160.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries for Pay App #8 – Draw #11: Imelda-Kinard Estates drainage project services 06/10/2026 – 07/09/2026.
 - f. \$42,347.80 from the Mosquito Control Fund (003-490-57590) to Silsbee Ford, Inc. for a 2026 Ford Truck (1FTMF1KP5TKD72183).
 - g. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe (1GNS5UED2TR187472), O.C.S.O. Unit 727.
 - h. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe (1GNS5UED4TR187456), O.C.S.O. Unit 731.
 - i. \$82,961.76 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Lake Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe (1GNS5UEDXTR187381), O.C.S.O. Unit 732.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

8. Discussion and possible action regarding approving line-item transfer:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$32,000.00)
To: 001-111-58060 (Bank Services & Fees)..... \$32,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for bank client analysis charges.
(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

9. Discussion and possible action regarding approving line-item transfer:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$25,000.00)
To: 001-111-53203 (Sheriff Criminal Bonds Returned).. \$25,000.00

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

(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

10. Discussion and possible action regarding approving line-item transfer:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....(\$24,878.00)
To: 001-298-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 6,360.00
001-309-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$18,040.00
001-744-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 478.00

Purpose: To adjust accounts for changes in health insurance coverage.

(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$20,000.00)
To: 002-573-54120 (Engineering & Lab Fees) \$20,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of engineering services from AWC for permits on 4 Oaks Ranch Road USACE Permit Services Contract.

(Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

12. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 3

From: 001-227-52100 (Office Supplies)(\$77.00)
To: 001-227-54955 (Data Services) \$77.00

Purpose: To cover costs for the remainder of the year.

(Joy Dubose-Simonton, JP 3)

13. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-601-54130 (Contracted Services & Maint.)(\$210.00)
To: 001-601-59999 (Other) \$210.00

Purpose: To cover expenses for the remainder of the FY.
(Janell Dischler, Director)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

MOSQUITO CONTROL

From: 003-490-54950 (Misc. Fees & Services)(\$4,000.00)
To: 003-490-54580 (Licenses & Permits)..... \$4,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds needed for remainder of fiscal year.
(Devin Wilson, Interim Director)

15. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 037-834-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr.)(\$1,080.00)
To: 037-834-57500 (Equipment Non-inv. < \$2,000) \$1,080.00

Purpose: To adjust the amounts in the line item(s) to purchase life jacket vests for the
O.C.S.O. Safe Boat via Sabine River Authority Grant #51369330 as approved by grantor.
(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

16. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

From: 036-952-53003 (Harvey HMGP Retrofit)(\$253,976.00)
To: 036-952-53005 (Harvey Large Road Projects)..... \$253,976.00

Purpose: To provide funds for Grant Administration Services on Hurricane Harvey Road
& Culvert projects
(Morgan Turner, Deputy Coordinator)

17. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency) (\$36,000.00)
To: 073-936-53002 (CDBG Imelda-Kinard Estates Expense) \$36,000.00

Purpose: To provide additional funds to complete the Kinard Estates project.
(Johnny Trahan, Comm Pct 1)

18. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

CONVENTION & EXPO

From: 001-681-51110 (Regular Salaries).....(\$23,000.00)
001-681-54950 (Misc. Tree/Landscape Services)(\$ 5,000.00)
001-681-53610 (Rentals All)(\$ 4,000.00)
001-681-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease).....(\$ 4,900.00)
To: 001-681-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.)..... \$36,900.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the budget year for various projects.
(Denisha LaFleur, Manager)

19. Discussion and possible action regarding the submission of the 2026 Certified Property Tax Values from the Chief Appraiser and the Rolling Stock from the State Comptroller as required under Property Tax Code 26.04(b).
(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding the Certification by the Tax Assessor-Collector of the 2026 Anticipated Collection Rate for debt service as required by Property Tax Code 26.04(b).
(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
21. Discussion and possible action regarding the submission of the 2026 No New Revenue rates as required under Property Tax Code 26.04(b). (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
22. Discussion and possible action regarding the yearly request by Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to review the collection of the optional Road and Bridge fee. We are currently collecting the maximum allowance of \$10. The other optional fee is the Child Safety fee not currently imposed by the county. Fee is not to exceed \$1.50. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
23. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the July 2026 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.
(Octavia Guzman, County Tax Assessor/Collector)

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24. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a date for the upcoming Public Hearing for
Fy 26-27 Orange County Preliminary Budget and Tax Rate discussions. (John Gothia,
County Judge)
25. Accept and acknowledge for the record the purchase of 6 phones and phone lines to be paid
from the restricted Courthouse Security Funds to provide communication between Bailiffs
while on duty. (John Gothia, County Judge)
26. Discussion and possible action regarding the engagement of Scott Stephens & Associates,
Inc. to conduct appraisal services relating to road work being performed near Caney Creek.
Possible action may include authorization for the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign an
engagement letter and any other necessary documentation.
(Robert Viator, Commissioner Pct. 4)
27. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Road Use and Maintenance Agreement
between Orange County and Enterprise Products Operating, LLC, relating to improvements
and maintenance of South Mansfield Ferry Road in Orange, Texas. Possible action may
include authorization for the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same, pending final
legal approval. (Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner Pct. 3)
28. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed agreement between Orange County and
Golden Pass Pipeline relating to possible improvements and maintenance of Church House
Road in Orange, Texas. Possible action may include authorization for the County Judge or
Judge Pro Tem to sign same, pending final legal approval.
(Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner Pct. 3)
29. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the
Maintenance Department. (Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)
30. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Road and
Bridge Department. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
31. Discussion and possible action giving Lisa Reeves the authority to submit the Cybersecurity
Training Certification for Local Governments and AI Training Certification for Local
Governments to Texas DIR on behalf of Orange County. Form is to be submitted yearly on
August 31st. (Lisa Reeves, M.I.S. Director)
32. Discussion and possible action to approve a request for Orange County to maintain Evogov
as their Website vendor. Due to the recent conversations with CIRA, it is in the County's best
interest to continue our relationship with Evogov. Please authorize County Judge or Judge
Pro Tem to sign the Website Development Agreement with Evogov.
(Lisa Reeves, M.I.S. Director)

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33. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of early voting locations, dates and times for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, General Election as follows:

Orange Public Library (Main Early Voting Location) 220 N 5 th Street Orange, TX 77630	Raymond Gould Community Center 385 Claiborne Street Vidor, TX 77662
Orange County Precinct 2 POD 5320 Arnel Lane Orange, TX 77632	Orange County Precinct 3 POD 2010 S Hwy 87 Orange, TX 77630

October (Octubre) 19 – 23	Monday – Friday (lunes – viernes)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
October (Octubre) 24	Saturday (sabado)	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	
October (Octubre) 25	Sunday (domingo)	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	
October (Octubre) 26 – 30	Monday – Friday (lunes – viernes)	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	

(Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)

34. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature for the Order of Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, General Election
 (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)

35. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature for the Notice of Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, General Election.
 (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)

36. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing signatories for documents pertaining to the General Land Office Resilient Communities Program Grant. (Joel Ardoin, EM Coordinator)

37. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution reaffirming civil rights policies related to the General Land Office Resilient Communities Program Grant. (Joel Ardoin, EM Coordinator)

38. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract for the Grant Administration Services for the General Land Office Resilient Communities Program, Contract #23-160-202-F775, pending legal review. (Joel Ardoin, EM Coordinator)

39. Discussion and possible action regarding reclassifications for the Justice of the Peace Offices Pct 1, 2, 3, and 4 as follows, beginning 2026-2027 budget year:

- a. JP Court Coordinator from a NE-4 to NE-5
- b. the two Clerk positions in each of the precinct offices from NE-2 to NE-3

(Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)

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40. Discussion and possible action regarding reclassification of the Assistant to Department Head in the Transportation Department from NE-4 to NE-5 beginning 2026-2027 budget year. (Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
41. Discussion and possible action regarding reclassifications for the Tax Office as follows, beginning 2026-2027 budget year:
 - a. Chief Deputy from NE-5 to NE-6,
 - b. Assistant Chief from NE-4 to NE-5
 - c. Vidor Tax Clerk II from NE-2 to NE3, with a title change from Tax Clerk to Assistant Supervisor-Vidor(Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
42. Discussion and possible action regarding reclassifications for the Human Resources Office as follows, beginning 2026-2027 budget year:
 - a. Assistance Director from NE-4 to NE-5
 - b. HR Clerk from NE-3 to NE-4 with a title change from HR Clerk to HR Generalist(Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
43. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Mosquito Control Director Devin Wilson from Interim Director NE-2 to Director NE-3 beginning 2026-2027 budget year. (Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
44. Discussion and possible action regarding the title change of the position of Floater in the County Judge's Office to Clerk beginning 2026-2027 budget year. (Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
45. Discussion and possible action regarding the part time (temporary) position of the GIS Specialist to a full-time position at a NE-6 beginning 2026-2027 budget year. (Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
46. Discussion and possible action regarding the release of Surety Bond #K41651313, taken out by Golden Pass Pipeline, LLC, in relation to its pipeline construction project. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
47. 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. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)

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48. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)

49. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

THIS NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED FOR AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SUCH MEETING.

THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA WHERE ANY EXCEPTION EXISTS UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THE RIGHT TO CONVENE SUCH A CLOSED SESSION SHALL EXIST REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE AGENDA ITEM OR ITEMS EXPRESSLY STATE THAT A CLOSED MEETING WILL BE CONVENED.

Dated this 6th day of August 2026.
Posted at 3:00 p.m.



JOHN H. GOTHIA, COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT