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**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
AUGUST 18, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, August 18, 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 regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending July 31, 2026, and recording in the minutes of the court:
 - a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$156,891.25
 - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,653,523.23
 - 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 web site for viewing.
 - d. Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$27,531,774.43 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$ 20,755,091.55
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,776,682.88

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$866,068.59. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of June 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of August 18, 2026, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$3,715.00 from the Road & Bridge Fund (002-573-54120) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for Project ORC-104: Four Oaks Ranch Road Bank Stabilization - for services 07/10/2026 – 07/31/2026.
 - b. \$11,700.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Improvement Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for Project ORC-050: CDBG-DR Imelda, Tulane Road Drainage Improvement - for services 09/01/2025 – 06/11/2026.
 - c. \$9,250.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Improvement Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for DR-4466 24-064-031-E219 Draw #9: Tulane Street Improvements - for services 11-11-2025 – 05/31/2026.
 - d. \$311,065.48 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53002) to G & G Enterprises for Pay App #10: Health Services Building - for services through 06/30/2026.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

5. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$63,000.00)
001-111-54091 (Court Appt. Attorney 163rd Adult)..(\$ 1,500.00)
To: 001-111-54094 (Court Appt. Attorney CPS/Other)... \$51,000.00
001-111-54092 (Court Appt. Attorney 260th Adult).. \$ 1,500.00
001-111-54093 (Court Appt. Attorney CCAL Adult) \$12,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

6. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....(\$30,185.00)
To: 001-103-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 1,985.00
001-105-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 3,810.00
001-113-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 490.00
001-118-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 515.00
001-119-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 180.00
001-211-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 1,455.00
001-212-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 1,455.00

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001-217-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 1,540.00
001-218-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 1,490.00
001-227-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 1,950.00
001-228-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 1,940.00
001-230-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 140.00
001-252-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 1,470.00
001-298-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 740.00
001-301-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 2,450.00
001-305-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 1,985.00
001-450-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 980.00
001-470-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 130.00
001-775-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 515.00
001-776-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 515.00
001-777-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 490.00
001-778-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 550.00
001-787-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 500.00
001-793-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 2,910.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

7. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From:	001-115-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)	(\$4,700.00)
	001-111-53830 (Contingency).....	(\$2,200.00)
	001-303-59999 (Other)	(\$ 60.00)
	001-470-51120 (Overtime Salaries)	(\$3,090.00)
	001-808-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	(\$ 500.00)
	003-490-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	(\$1,570.00)
To:	001-115-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$4,700.00
	001-211-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$2,030.00
	001-211-51210 (Social Security).....	\$ 30.00
	001-211-51230 (Retirement)	\$ 140.00
	001-303-51230 (Retirement)	\$ 60.00
	001-470-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$3,090.00
	001-808-51210 (Social Security).....	\$ 490.00
	001-808-51250 (Unemployment)	\$ 10.00
	003-490-51230 (Retirement)	\$1,570.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.
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8. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From:	001-740-51110 (Regular Salaries)	.....	(\$43,250.00)
	001-743-51110 (Regular Salaries)	.....	(\$91,750.00)
To:	001-740-51120 (Overtime Salaries)	.....	\$43,250.00
	001-743-51120 (Overtime Salaries)	.....	\$72,750.00
	001-743-51130 (Schedule Overtime)	.....	\$ 6,900.00
	001-743-51230 (Retirement)	.....	\$12,100.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

9. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From:	002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Const./Etc.)	.....	(\$5,000.00)
To:	002-573-52400 (Small Tools & Supplies)	.....	\$5,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of small tools for the Mechanic Shop.
(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

10. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From:	002-573-52505 (Culvert & Pipe)	.....	(\$105,000.00)
To:	002-573-54190 (Software & Programming)	.....	\$105,000.00

Purpose: This payment is to cover the cost for the backup data and the two years of software service from RMT.
(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From:	001-740-57500 (Equip. Non-inv < \$2,000)	.....	(\$22,000.00)
To:	001-740-52251 (Bulletproof Vests)	.....	\$15,000.00
	001-740-52110 (Public Safety Supplies & Uniforms)	.....	\$ 5,000.00
	001-740-59999 (Other)	.....	\$ 2,000.00

Purpose: To pay for 8 current employee replacement vests expiring this year and for any new hires coming before next budget. Also to add funds to uniforms to complete the new uniforms purchases and replenish line item for other purchases until the end of budget.
(Bobby Smith, Sheriff)

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

EXPO & PARKS

From: 001-681-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000)(\$2,940.00)
To: 001-681-57595 (Equip. between \$2,000 & \$4,999) \$2,940.00

Purpose: To provide funds for Starlink setup kits for the cameras at Claiborne Park for three areas: Park Office, Pavilions 1-2 and Pavilions 3-4
(Denisha LaFleur, Coordinator)

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

EXPO & PARKS

From: 001-681-57590 (Equip > \$5,000)(\$1,950.00)
To: 001-681-52730 (Cellular/Internet)..... \$1,950.00

Purpose: To provide funds for annual Starlink internet service for cameras at Park Office, Pavilions 1-2 and Pavilions 3-4.
(Denisha LaFleur, Coordinator)

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

HEALTH SERVICES

From: 001-450-53060 (Pharmacy)(\$5,000.00)
001-450-54550 (Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.)(\$2,000.00)
To: 001-450-57500 (Equip. Non-inventory < \$2,000)..... \$7,000.00

Purpose: To provide funding to purchase equipment for the new Orange County Health Services Building.
(Jennifer Blankenship, Director)

15. Discussion and possible action regarding receipt of the County Auditor's Monthly Financial Reports. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

16. Discussion and possible action to approve the annual contributions for local community programs as follows:

A. OCAA: Meals on Wheels	\$ 45,000.00
B. Spindletop MHMR Services	\$ 40,000.00
C. Casa	\$ 2,500.00
D. Heritage House	\$ 7,500.00
E. Southeast Texas R & D	\$ 500.00
F. Lower Sabine Neches Soil and Water Cons	\$ 2,000.00
G. VFW	\$ 5,000.00
H. Gift of Life Program	\$ 10,000.00
I. Conns Park	\$ 5,000.00
J. Be Blessed	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

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17. Acknowledge for the record that in accordance with its authorizing legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 1160 (87th regular legislative session), the Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD) is officially submitting its 2025 Annual Report. (John Gothia, County Judge)
18. Discussion and possible action on Orange County FY 26-27 Budget items. (John Gothia, County Judge)
19. Discussion and possible action to accept the Proposed Tax Rate for the FY 26-27 Budget
20. Record in the minutes the Re-Appointment of the County Auditor under the terms of V.T.C.A., Texas Local Government Code Section 84.003. (Anne Reed, District Clerk)
21. Record in the minutes the Re-Appointment of the County Purchasing Agent under the terms of V.T.C.A., Texas Local Government Code Section 262.011. (Anne Reed, District Clerk)
22. Record in the minutes the order setting the salary of the County Auditor and Assistants in the Office of the County Auditor and Orange County Official Court Reporters, pursuant to Local Government Code sections 152.905, and 152.031.(Anne Reed, District Clerk)
23. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of Dr. Calvin R. Parker as the Local Health Authority for Orange County for a two-year term and authorize the County Judge to execute the official DSHS appointment forms. B Under Texas Health and Safety Code § 121.028, the Commissioners Court may appoint a licensed physician to serve as the local health authority to administer state and local public health laws. The proposed appointee meets all state qualifications. The new term will run from August 23, 2026, through August 23, 2028. (Jennifer Blankenship, Health Services)
24. Discussion and possible action regarding allowing using funds from 001-681-57590 (EQUIP > \$5000) for the purchase of Starlink internet equipment, and annual Starlink internet service for the cameras at Claiborne West Park, in addition to cameras that were previously approved. (Denisha LaFleur, Orange County Parks/Expo)
25. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the Master Grant Agreement and the Interlocal Agreement with SETRPC for FY 26-27. (Janell Dischler, Transportation Director)
26. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the dates for the online auction.
Auctioneer: Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.
Date open for Online Bidding: Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. CST
Close Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. CST
(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
27. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting and authorizing Orange County Judge to sign contract with Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc., to conduct Orange County On-line Surplus Auction on an as needed basis utilizing Buy Board Contract 708-23.
(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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28. Discussion and possible action regarding destroying the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE DATE	VIN OR SERIAL#	FROM	TO
30000822	LAPTOP M4600	7/25/2012	GXGMBT1	SHERIFF OFFICE	DESTROY
16303	LAPTOP MC R12 8GB	7/20/2015	611997-R12	SHERIFF OFFICE	DESTROY

29. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting the transfer of forfeited property to the Orange County Sheriff's Office. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
30. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with Grant Works, LLC for RFP-26005 pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, 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. Legal has reviewed the contract. Possible action by the court may include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
31. 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.

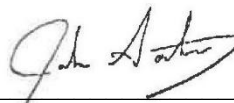
THIS NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED FOR AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SUCH MEETING.

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 14th day of August, 2026.

Posted at 3:00 p.m.



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