

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, August 18, 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:

Agenda Items are in the order they were taken in the meeting.

1. COMMENTS Steve Mataro, COO of GrantWorks, LLC – He stated he wanted to introduce himself. He is excited to be apart of this community again and be working with Orange County.
Johnny Trahan – Good to see everybody out here, and let's get to work on today's work.
Chris Sowell – We've got plenty to do.
2. TREASURER Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the monthly reports
MONTHLY from the County Treasurer for month ending July 31, 2026, and record in the minutes of the
REPORT 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 website 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

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

3. DIRECT
DEPOSIT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT
OF BILLS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve 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.

GENERAL FUND	\$307,437.33
ROAD & BRIDGE	43,554.10
MOSQUITO CONTROL	939.60
ADULT PROBATION	18,058.12
AIRPORT	4,470.13
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	444.00
ARPA	311,065.48
TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$685,968.76

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

5. LINE-ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve the 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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

6. LINE-ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve 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
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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. LINE-ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve 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)
	001-490-51120 (Overtime Salaries)	(\$3,090.00)
	001-808-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	(\$ 500.00)
	003-470-51110 (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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve 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 (Scheduled Overtime)	\$ 6,900.00
	001-743-51230 (Retirement)	\$12,100.00

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

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve 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 for RMT.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve 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 items for other purchases until the end of budget.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

24. APPROVE PURCHASE Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve allowing use of 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

12. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

13. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

14. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

15. NO ACTION No Action regarding receipt of the County Auditor's Monthly Financial Reports.

16. ANNUAL CONTRI-BUTIONS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell 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	\$10,000.00
H. Gift of Life Program	\$10,000.00

I. Conns Park	\$ 5,000.00
J. Be Blessed	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
	\$125,000.00

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

17. ANNUAL
REPORT

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to acknowledge for 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.

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

18a.COLA
RAISE

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve a \$2 COLA for all pay matrix; to include the County Matrix, the Auditors Matrix and the Sheriff's Office Matrix. To include the two Agri-Life Agents, to include the Mosquito Control Pilot, to include the two County Court at Law Court Reporters.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

18b.ELECTION
WORKERS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the Election Workers going from \$12 to \$14 an hour; with an increase stipend for the Election Judges on Election Day from \$25 to \$50.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

18c.LONGEVITY
PAY

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve for Longevity pay to increase a \$1 per tier, as follows;

- Five to Nine Years of Service from \$3 to \$4
- Ten to Fourteen Years of Service from \$4 to \$5
- Fifteen to Nineteen Years of Service from \$5 to \$6
- Twenty to Twenty-Four Years of Service from \$6 to \$7
- Twenty-Five & Over Years of Service from \$7 to \$8

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

- 18d.SHERIFF
OFFICE
AND
A.D.A
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve for the Sheriff's Office Pay Matrix an adjustment of an extra \$1, to equal total of \$3, for: Deputy Grade from Deputy 1 through Deputy 5 on the Matrix and for the County's Pay Matrix an adjustment of an extra \$1, to equal total of \$3, for: the P-1 through P4 Grade for the 8 Assistant District Attorneys in the County Attorney's Office.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
19. NO ACTION
- No action to accept the Proposed Tax Rate for the FY 26-27 Budget.
20. REAPPOINT-
MENT OF
COUNTY
AUDITOR
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to 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.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
21. REAPPOINT-
MENT OF
COUNTY
PURCHASING
AGENT
- Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator to 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.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
22. ORDER
SETTING
SALARY
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to 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.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
23. APPROVE
APPOINT-
MENT
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve the appointment of Dr. Calvin R. Parker as the Local Health Authority for Orange County for a two-year term at \$28,000 a year 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.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

25. APPROVE
AGREEMENT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte 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.

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

26. APPROVE
DATES

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the dates for the online auction.

Auctioneer: Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.

Date open for Online Bidding: Monday, September 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. CST

Close Date: Friday, September 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. CST

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

27. APPROVE
CONTRACT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator to accept and authorize the 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.

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

28. DESTROY
ITEMS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

29. TRANSFER
FORFEITED
ITEMS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell, to accept the transfer of forfeited property to the Orange County Sherriff's Office.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

30. APPROVE
CONTRACT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign a contract with GrantWorks, 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.

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

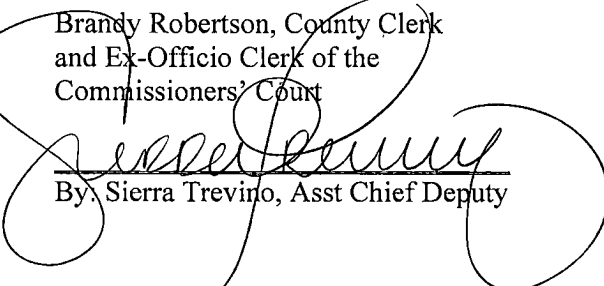
31. ADJOURN
MEETING

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


By: Sierra Trevino, Asst Chief Deputy

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