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**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
AUGUST 25, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, August 25, 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 the adoption of a Special Budget as certified by the County Auditor, in accordance with the provisions of Local Government Code §111.106 to recognize revenues and establish accurate budget levels for funding received after budget approval.

Revenues:	025-000-45690	Community/Rural Health	\$9,000.00
Expenses:	025-908-53001	FDA Training Program	\$4,000.00
	025-908-53002	FDA Self-Assessment Grant	\$5,000.00

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **August 25, 2026** bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$ \$106,809.23 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties H.E.B.P. for group medical, dental, life-under 65 for August 2026.
- b. \$101,974.93 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for September 2026.
- c. \$45,255.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53021) to Better Built Metals, L.L.C. for labor and materials for pavilion replacement at Bluebird Park.
- d. \$59,700.00 from the Improvement Grants Fund (026-983-53001) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #TWDB-FMA 2021: administrative services 02/06/2025 – 05/23/2025.
- e. \$925.00 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-955-53002) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #DRS 4485-0024: administrative services 10/10/2023 – 04/30/2026.
- f. \$1,762.50 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-955-53002) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #DRS 4485-0024: administrative services 05/01/2026 – 05/31/2026.
- g. \$725.00 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-955-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #DR 4485-0118: administrative services 10/10/2023 – 04/30/2026.
- h. \$1,562.50 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-955-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #DR 4485-0118: administrative services 05/01/2026 – 05/31/2026.
- i. \$27,181.25 Wire Transfer to Amegy Bank of Texas for funds due for Texas Property Finance Contractual Obligation Series 2016.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a line item transfer:

TAX OFFICE

From: 001-301-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....(\$350.00)
To: 001-301-57500 (Equipment Non-Inv < \$2,000)..... \$350.00

Purpose: To cover purchases throughout the rest of year.
(Octavia Guzman, Assessor-Collector)

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

ORANGE COUNTY JAIL

From: 001-743-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....(\$2,000.00)
To: 001-743-52100 (Office Supplies) \$2,000.00

Purpose: To replenish line item for necessary copy paper for jail's everyday use and the purchase of other supplies required until the end of budget
(Bobby Smith, Sheriff)

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

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

From:001-309-59999 (Other)(\$642.45)
To: 001-309-54550 (Travel/Registration/Dues/Etc.) \$642.45

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
(Michelle Carroll, Agent)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From:001-602-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)(\$500.00)
To: 001-602-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$500.00

Purpose: To provide for benefits of driver (Jasper) for the remainder of the FY.
(Vonda Browning, Assistant Director)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From:001-111-53830 (Contingency)(\$225,500.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000) \$225,500.00

Purpose: To cover the purchase cost of 1-SVL110 Skid Steer for \$98,990.73 and 1-Kubota KX080 Excavator for \$126,471.45.
(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

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

HEALTH SERVICES

From:082-939-53000 (PHEP Grant Expense)(\$1,875.00)
To: 082-939-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$1,875.00

Purpose: To provide funds for benefits for the remainder of the year.
(Jennifer Blankenship, Director)

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10. Discussion and possible action to accept the posted Proposed Elected Officials Salary into the 25-26 Orange County Budget. (John Gothia, County Judge)
11. Discussion and possible action to accept the Proposed Tax Rate for the FY 26-27 Budget. (John Gothia, County Judge)
12. Discussion and possible action on the Budget FY 2026-2027 for Orange County pursuant to Local Government Code §111.007. (John H. Gothia, County Judge)
13. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the income standards for the Orange County Indigent Health Care program effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. (Jennifer Blankenship, Health Services Director)
14. Discussion and possible action on approving the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to apply for the Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant offered through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Action may include County Judge or the Emergency Management Coordinator to sign the same. (Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management)
15. Discussion and possible action on advertising for bids to complete the concrete parking lot between the Orange County Expo Center and the new Public Health Services Building. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
16. Discussion and possible action regarding the Portion of Lot 27 of the Texla Road Subdivision (unrecorded) into Lots 27 A & 27B Being a 1.646 Acre Tract of Land Recorded in Clerk's File No. 558234 of the Official Public Records of Orange County, Texas Lying in the T & NO RR Survey, Section No. 27, Abstract No. 192, Orange County, Texas This Final Plat has been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Road Administrator & the Orange County Drainage District. The proper filing and reproductions fees have been paid and a tax statement has been provided. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
17. 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)
18. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
19. 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 20th day of August 2026.
Posted at 10:00 a.m.



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