

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

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| John H. Gothia,     | County Judge                 |
| Chris Sowell,       | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Kirk F. Roccaforte, | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
| Robert Viator Jr.,  | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |

Absent was: Johnny A. Trahan, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

*Agenda items are in the order they were taken in the meeting.*

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 A.M., Chaplain Mike Eaves, gave the invocation, John Gothia led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

1. COMMENTS      No comments were made in this meeting.
  
2. ADOPT SPECIAL BUDGET      Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to adopt 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.  
  

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| 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 |

  
All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
  
3. BILLS      Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve 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 retiree 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 2-6-2025 – 5/23/2025.
- 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 – 4/30/2026.
- 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 5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026.
- g. \$725.00 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-955-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates Inc. for Contract #DR 4485-0018: administrative services 10-10-2023 – 4/30/2026.
- h. \$1,562.50 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-955-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates Inc. for Contract #DR 4485-0018: administrative services 5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026.
- i. \$27,181.25 Wire Transfer to Amegy Bank of Texas for funds due for Texas Property Finance Contractual Obligation Series 2016.

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| GENERAL FUND          | \$504,278.68 |
| ROAD & BRIDGE         | 15,128.81    |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL      | 2,124.99     |
| ADULT PROBATION       | 202.24       |
| AIRPORT               | 2,258.32     |
| CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS | 15,000.00    |
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| TOTAL FOR PAYMENT     | \$538,993.04 |

IN ADDITION TO:

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| WIRE TRANSFER – Amegy Bank | \$27,181.25 |
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All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)

4. LINE ITEM  
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator approving the line item transfer as follows:

**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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

5. LINE ITEM  
TRANSFER

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator approving the line item transfer as follows:

**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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

6. LINE ITEM  
TRANSFER

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving the line item transfer as follows:

**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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

7. LINE ITEM TRANSFER      Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving the line item transfer as follows:

**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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

8. LINE ITEM TRANSFER      Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator approving the line item transfer as follows:

**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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

*ADDENDUM NO. ONE:*

1. APPROVE      Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the purchase of  
& PURCHASE OF      1-SV110 Skid Steer for \$98,990.73 and approving the purchase of 1 – Kubota KX080  
2. EQUIPMENT      Excavator for \$126,471.45

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

9. LINE ITEM TRANSFER      Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the line item transfer as follows:

**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.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY      Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to accept the posted Proposed Elected Officials Salary into the 26-27 Orange County Budget.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.  
                                         (See Exhibits for this date.)
11. NO ACTION      No action taken on discussion and possible action to accept the Proposed Tax Rate for the FY 26-27 Budget.
- 12a.PART-TIME EMPLOYEES      Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell for the Budget FY 2026-2027, to add \$1.00 to wages of all part-time employees to include regular part-time, seasonal part-time, temporary part-time and summer help, currently at \$14 will go to \$15; GIS Specialist Intern who is currently at \$20, add \$1.00 there to go to \$21; and the Sheriff's Office part-time PRN Nurse which is currently \$25, add \$1.00 which will go to \$26.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
- 12b.BUDGET FY 26-27      Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to add all listed items as follows into the Budget FY 2026-2027:
- Personnel  
                                         \$1.00 an hour raise for part-time workers.
- Capital Outlay  
                                         MIS – 8 laptops \$34,200.  
                                         Maintenance – generators, rolling the \$1 Million over for them; 1 additional vehicle; POD fans; maintenance shop fans = total \$1,096,000.  
                                         Sheriff Office – 2 boat shed lifts; vehicle allotment of \$350,000 to purchase whatever vehicles they want; APX radio \$7,500; range moving target system \$5,000; 2 covert cameras \$13,000; A1 automated gate at the bat cave \$9,200 = total \$413,700.  
                                         Jail – jail dorm dryer, 2 jail kitchen stove/ovens, jail kitchen ice machine = total \$31,500; 6 self contained breathing apparatus = total \$129,000.  
                                         Mosquito Control – Truck \$46,000; bedliner \$3,500; automatic gate opener \$8,000; tire changer \$6,000; wheel balancer \$5,000 = total \$68,500.
- Software Services and Maintenance  
                                         MIS – migration of Watchguard server to cloud \$20,000.  
                                         Sheriff/Jail – Infirmary software \$39,440 total with recurring costs for 2 years following of \$13,400 for maintenance cost.  
                                         Mosquito Control – upgrade MS Stellar services \$13,000; Frontier Precision GIS software \$46,000 = total \$59,000.

Projects

R&B Mechanic Shop – Move remaining \$400,000 into this budget for completion.

VA Building with slab addition \$75,000; finishing work to VA & JP2 \$50,000 for upgrade to move JP2 out with VA office.

\$50,000 as a hold for new bathroom at the front of the Admin Building.

New flooring in sections of Admin Building (removing all carpet) \$50,000.

Concrete at PODS was in last budget but wasn't completed so carrying that over \$90,000.

Additional concrete at R&B offices for parking \$20,000.

Change wiring at PODS from 200 amp to 400 amp \$50,500.

Other

UPS backups for MIS \$72,000.

Repair/Rental/Construction

Fix overhead door at bat cave \$2,000.

Expo/New Health Facility parking, estimated \$350,000.

EDC – an additional \$200,000 has been committed to new project in City of Orange. It is set up to pay as they hit milestones in project.

Bluebird Park property - \$150,000 for potential property purchase.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

13. APPROVE  
INCOME  
STANDARDS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the current income standards for the Orange County Indigent Health Care program effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

14. APPLY  
FOR  
GRANT

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to apply for the Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant offered through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and authorizing the County Judge or the Emergency Management Coordinator to sign the same.

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

15. ADVERTISE  
FOR BIDS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to advertise for bids to complete the concrete parking lot between the Orange County Expo Center and the new Public Health Services Building.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

16. APPROVE  
PLAT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving a replat of the portion of Lot 27 of the Texla Road Subdivision (unrecorded) into Lots 27A & 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 and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper filing and reproduction fees have been paid and a tax statement has been provided.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.  
(See Maps. Volume 16, Page 84)
17. 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.
18. 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.

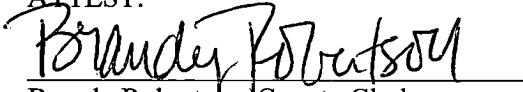
19. ADJOURN  
MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator 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

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