

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Orange County Commissioners' Court held a Public Hearing, regarding the Proposed Orange County Budget and Proposed Tax Rate on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Orange County Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building, 123 South Sixth Street, Orange, Texas, with the following in attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. for the following purpose, to-wit:

HEARING PURPOSE:

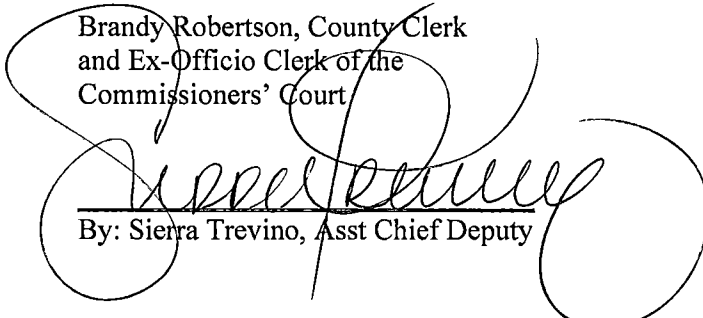
This is a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 Orange County Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,214,710 or 5.5% and of that amount, \$337,322 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Any taxpayer of the county may attend and participate in the hearing.

Judge Gothia spoke about the proposed tax rate. He spoke about how hard they looked for a way to go down. He spoke about the State possibly doing a zero-rate next year, and how they're taking that into consideration to build that into this year's budget so they have a cushion for the next year. He spoke about the raises for this year to try to keep up with inflation. He spoke about trying to take care of the law enforcement, trying to get them better off to help with vacancies.

There being no further business, John Gothia adjourned the Public Hearing.

ATTEST:

Brandy Robertson, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners' Court



By: Sierra Trevino, Asst Chief Deputy

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