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**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, September 15, 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 **2026/2027** Fiscal Year Budget in accordance with Local Government Code § 111.008. (John H. Gothia, County Judge)
3. Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Proposed Orange County Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget, which will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,214,710 (a 5.5% increase), with \$266,217 of that amount raised from new property added to the tax roll. (John Gothia, county Judge)
4. Discussion and possible action to officially adopt the Orange County Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, following a mandatory record vote of the Commissioners Court. (John H. Gothia, County Judge)

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5. Discussion and possible action to approve, BY RECORD VOTE, an Order setting the final total property tax rate for the 2026 tax year at **\$0.492847 per \$100 valuation**, which exceeds the No-New-Revenue tax rate of \$0.465032 and executing the mandatory statutory language certifying the 5.5% increase. (John Gothia, County Judge)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **September 15, 2026**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$186,695.60 from the General Fund (001-111-54110) to Orange County Appraisal District for 4 th Quarter funding.
 (Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of a Special Budget as certified by the County Auditor, in accordance with the provision of Local Government Code §111.10,6 to recognize revenues and establish accurate budget levels for funding received after budget approval.

Revenues:	050-000-44445	(SB-8 Grant Revenue)	(\$80,000.00)
Expenses:	050-956-51115	(Compensation Costs)	\$20,000.00
	050-956-53165	(Other Admin. Costs)	\$ 300.00
	050-956-53167	(Reporting Costs)	\$ 500.00
	050-956-54421	(Jail Related Costs)	\$30,000.00
	050-956-54551	(Travel/Education)	\$ 5,000.00
	050-956-57500	(Equipment Non-Inv < \$2,000)	\$ 2,200.00
	050-956-57590	(Equipment > \$5,000)	\$16,000.00
	050-956-57595	(Equip. between \$2,000 & \$,4999)	\$ 6,000.00

(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-601-54130 (Contracted Services & Maint.)(\$6,000.00)
 To: 001-601-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.)..... \$3,000.00
 001-601-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease)..... \$3,000.00

Purpose: To cover expenses for the remainder of the year.
 (Janell Dischler, Director)

9. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a Replacement Fuel Storage Tank by the end of the Fiscal budget year. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....(\$8,850.00)
To: 002-573-57590 Equip. > \$5,000)..... \$8,850.00

Purpose: To cover cost of purchasing a replacement fuel storage tank by the end of the fiscal budget year.

(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Equipment purchase of 2 Grapple Attachments By the end of the fiscal budget year. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.) (\$12,300.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. & \$5,000) \$12,300.00

Purpose: To cover cost of purchasing 2 Grapple Attachments by the end of the fiscal budget year.

(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

13. Acknowledge for the record an appointment of Jay Trahan as the City's representative on the Orange County EDC Board. (Jessica Irvin, Business Development Manager OC-EDC)

14. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution authorizing submission of the revised 2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Program – Crime and Public-Safety Analyst Project grant application (Grant Number 5835101) to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office; designating John Gothia, Orange County Judge, as Authorized Official and Lisa Schroeder as Financial Officer; and providing assurance for return of funds in the event of loss or misuse. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a replacement uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for the Sheriff's Office dispatch center from Solid IT Networks in the amount of \$23,884.74 under DIR contract DIR-CPO-5404, to be paid from existing FY 2026 Sheriff's Office budget funds. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

16. Discussion and possible action to approve a request for Orange County to move to a .GOV domain when we move to the updated website. This change will allow us to be more secure and quickly recognizable as a trusted government entity. Please authorize Lisa Reeves to fill out the registration paperwork on behalf of the County.
(Lisa Reeves, MIS Director)

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17. Discussion and possible action regarding the Replat of 4.386 (called 4.387) Acres of Land into Lots 4-7 being a "Family Partition" of all of the "remainder Leonel Mendoza Property" in the William Dyson Survey, Abstract no. 10 Volume 15, Page 65, Map records 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)
18. 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)
19. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

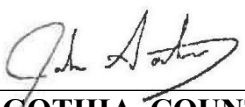
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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 10th day of September 2026.
Posted at 11:00 a.m.



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