

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

Johnny A. Trahan,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Absent was:	John H. Gothia,	County Judge
	Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Chris Sowell, gave the invocation, Johnny Trahan led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

1. COMMENTS Robert Viator – Down goes LSU

2. GIFT OF LIFE PROCLAMATION Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to acknowledge and present a Proclamation for the Julie Rogers “Gift of Life” Program, The Gift of Life’s Breast & Ovarian Cancer Awareness Proclamation is to encourage Orange County women to understand their risks, recognize potential warning signs and prioritize lifesaving screenings and early detection. The support of Orange County has helped us advance this important mission and touch the lives of local women facing financial and healthcare-access barriers. With permission from the Court, we would be delighted to display the following on the courthouse square:
 1. Breast Cancer Screening retractable (inside the building)
 2. 8ft Ribbon (outside in front or convenient by the building)All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)

3. MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending August 31, 2026, and record in the minutes of the court:
 - A) Approval of Investments in the amount of \$147,444.65
 - B) Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,804,935.60

- 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 \$27,450,603.46 summary as follows:
- Wells Fargo Bank \$20,730,925.36
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,719,678.10

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

4. DIRECT
DEPOSIT

Motion made by Robert Viator, 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 \$609,465.99. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of July 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. PAYMENT
OF BILLS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve payment of September 22, 2026, bills approve by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$25,200.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53021) to VP Marine Services, L.L.C. for boardwalk site prep/mobilization.
- b. \$37,872.83 from the Airport Fund (034-610-53000) to Preferred Facilities Group-USA for structural beam repair for the Brown Hangar.
- c. \$72,600.00 from the Contracted Services & Maintenance Fund (001-301-54130) to Spindlemedia for Maintenance for Tax Collection Software.

GENERAL FUND	\$311,030.72
ROAD & BRIDGE	118,665.54
MOSQUITO CONTROL	4,887.48
ADULT PROBATION	19,372.07
AIRPORT	43,220.68
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	1,000.00
TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$498,176.49

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

6. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a line-item transfer:

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

From: 001-301-54550 (Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.) (\$2,940.00)
 001-301-57630 (Equipment Lease) (\$ 800.00)
 001-301-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.) (\$ 300.00)
To: 001-301-54130 (Contracted Services & Maint.) \$4,040.00

Purpose: To provide funds throughout the rest of the year.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried

7. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a line-item transfer for:

JUVENILE PROBATION

From: 001-230-54550 (Travel/Dues/Reg./Etc.)..... (\$600.00)
To: 001-230-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease)..... \$600.00

Purpose: To cover fuel costs for the remainder of the year.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.)..... (\$40,000.00)
To: 002-573-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease)..... \$40,000.00

Purpose: To cover cost of fuel through the end of the fiscal budget year.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. RESOLUTION Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to award by resolution a contract for grant administrative services for the SFY 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Program through the Texas Water Development Board under RFP 26006 and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

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

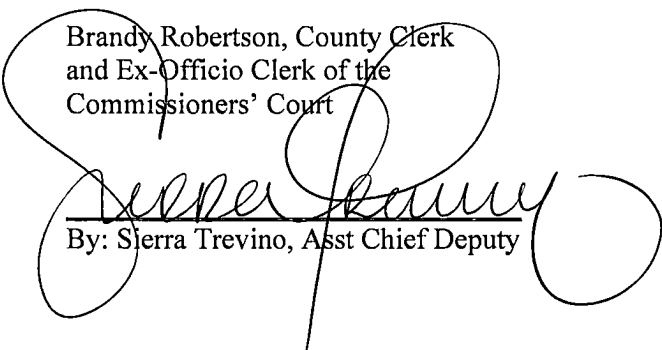
10. RESOLUTION Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to award by resolution a contract for engineering services for the SFY 2026-2027 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Program through the Texas Water Development Board under RFQ-MC-2026-4 and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)
11. TABLED
 AGENDA
 ITEM Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to table discussion and possible action regarding awarding by resolution a contract for grant administrative services for the Mitigation Reallocation Program (MRP) through the Texas General Land Office under RFP 26007. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
12. RESOLUTION Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to award by resolution a contract for engineering services for the Mitigation Reallocation Program (MRP) through the Texas General Land Office under RFQ-MC-2026-3 and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)
13. RENEW
 CONTRACT Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the renewal of IFB-25006 with Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, Waller Count Asphalt, P2 Emulsion, Modern Concrete & Materials, and Texas Materials/Gulf Coast and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem so sign the same. This is the first of three renewals available under the contract.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)
14. CIVIL
 PROCESS
 FEES Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to accept and approve the Civil Process Fees for Orange County. These fees must be set by October 1st of each year and will become effective January 1, 2027. This is in accordance with Local Government Code Section 118.131. A notice setting out the fees shall be posted in the same manner in which notices are posted under Section 81.007 and shall be posted in the office of the County Officials who are authorized to charge the fee.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)

15. APPROVE
PURCHASE
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the purchase of 1 2026 Chev Tahoe PPV 2WD, fully uplifted, for the Orange County Sheriff's Office (Unit 733) from Lake Country Chevrolet/Silsbee Fleet, Jasper Tx through TIPS USA Contract 240901, in the amount of \$77,490. To be paid from Sheriff Office SB 22 Rural law Enforcement Grant funds and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign necessary documents to complete purchase.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
16. APPROVE
PURCHASE
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator 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.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
17. LINE-ITEM
TRANSFER
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve a line-item transfer for:
- SHERIFF OFFICE**
- From:** 001-740-57500 (Equip Non-Inv < \$2000) (\$4,600)
To: 001-740-57590 (Equip > \$5000) \$4,600
- Purpose: To provide funds to purchase UPS backup for dispatch.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
18. APPROVE
ORDER
- Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a proposed Order Establishing Public Information Act Time Limits pursuant to Texas Government Code 552.275.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
19. CLOSED
MEETING
NOT HELD
- Closed meeting was not 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 closed meeting was not held.

20. NO ACTION No action taken on return to open meeting due to closed meeting not being held.
21. ADJOURN
MEETING There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to adjourn Commissioners' Court meeting.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
 Johnny Trahan 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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