



*John H. Gothia, County Judge
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Chris Sowell, Commissioner, Precinct Two
Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Robert L. Viator, Commissioner, Precinct Four*

**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, September 29, 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
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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 payment of **September 29, 2026**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$110,400.34 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties H.E.B.P. for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for September 2026.
 - b. \$101,451.99 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over.
 - c. \$13,176.00 from the General Fund (001-202-54401) to the Second Administrative Judicial Region of Texas: assessment for September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027.

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- d. \$5,897.50 from the Road & Bridge Fund (002-573-54120) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole L.L.C. for Project ORC-104: Four Oaks Ranch Road bank stabilization services 08/01/2026 – 08/31/2026.
 - e. \$57,917.29 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53001) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #20-065-150-C911: administrative services 06/11/2023 – 09/30/2025.
 - f. \$28,958.65 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53001) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for Contract #20-065-150-C911: administrative services 03/26/2021 – 09/30/2025.
 - g. \$982.99 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53001) to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for Contract #20-065-150-C911: services 08/04/2025 – 08/31/2025.
 - h. \$2,362.50 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for A & E fees for Public Health Building: construction/admin. phase work completed through 08/31/2026.
 - i. \$1,105.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Atlas Technical Consultants, L.L.C. for Public Health Building: Project #00890262.000 - professional services 07/25/2026 – 08/28/2026.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of a special budget as certified by the County Auditor pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0108:
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| Revenue: | 067-000-44031 | Election Expense Reimbursement | (\$36,809.92) |
| | 067-000-41005 | Contract Services Fee | (\$ 2,470.43) |
| Expense: | 067-808-52220 | Election Expense | \$36,809.92 |
| | 067-808-59999 | Other | \$ 2,470.43 |
- Purpose: To recognize revenue received for May 02, 2026 municipal elections.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of a special budget as certified by the County Auditor pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0106:
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| Revenue: | 026-949-48103 (Local Hazard Mitigation Program Revenue) | (\$1,690.00) |
| Expense: | 026-949-58103 (Local Hazard Mitigation Program Expense) | \$1,690.00 |
- Purpose: To recognize revenue received for work performed during FY 2026.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 008-950-51115 (SOSB-22 Grant Pay)	(\$ 7,914.00)
008-950-51210 (SOSB-22 Social Security)	(\$ 1,000.00)
008-950-51230 (SOSB-22 Retirement)	(\$ 1,512.00)
008-950-51250 (SOSB-22 Unemployment)	(\$ 124.00)
008-950-52345 (Workers Compensation)	(\$ 6,000.00)
To: 008-950-53000 (SOSB-22 Grant Expenditures)	\$16,550.00

Purpose: To provide funds for remainder of fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

From: 010-951-51210 (DASB-22 Social Security)	(\$4,606.00)
To: 010-951-51230 (DASB-22 Retirement)	\$4,606.00

Purpose: To provide funds for remainder of fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

OCSO JAIL

From: 001-743-51110 (Regular Salaries)	(\$23.00)
To: 001-743-51130 (Schedule Overtime)	\$23.00

Purpose: To provide funds for remainder of fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

AIRPORT

From: 001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)	(\$2,760.00)
To: 034-610-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)	\$2,760.00

Purpose: To provide funds for remainder of fiscal year.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

From: 006-298-53982 (Bond Supervision Fee Expense)	(\$6,940.00)
To: 006-298-51110 (Regular Salaries)	\$ 170.00
006-298-51230 (Retirement)	\$ 30.00
006-298-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)	\$6,740.00

Purpose: To cover the bond supervision clerk's health insurance & end of year.
(Jayme Culbertson, Director)

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

HEALTH SERVICES

From:	082-931-53000 (PHIG Grant Expense)	(\$11,050.00)
	082-939-53000 (PHEP Grant Expense).....	(\$ 900.00)
To:	082-931-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$10,500.00
	082-931-51210 (Social Security).....	\$ 550.00
	082-939-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$ 750.00
	082-939-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 150.00

Purpose: To cover year-end payroll.
(Jennifer Blankenship, Director)

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

COUNTY AUDITOR

From:	001-105-51120 (Overtime Salaries)	(\$3,800.00)
	001-115-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)	(\$2,500.00)
	001-220-51210 (Social Security).....	(\$ 800.00)
	001-601-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	(\$5,000.00)
	063-805-51250 (Unemployment)	(\$ 75.00)
To:	001-105-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$3,800.00
	001-115-51110 (Regular Salaries).....	\$2,500.00
	001-220-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)	\$ 800.00
	001-601-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)	\$5,000.00
	063-805-51230 (Retirement)	\$ 10.00
	063-805-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....	\$ 65.00

Purpose: To provide funds for remainder of fiscal year.
(Pennie Schmitt, County Auditor)

12. Discussion and possible action to Adopt a Resolution approving the resale of certain trust properties pursuant to section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)

13. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution to designate a public place at the county courthouse for the conducting of non-judicial foreclosure sales and sheriff's sales, Pursuant to Texas Property Code §51.002). Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign. (John Gothia, County Judge)

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the Order for Setting the Regular Commissioner Court Dates for 2026-2027 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 81.005(a). Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign.

15. Discussion and possible action regarding CHRISTUS Health reallocation of tax-exempt bond proceeds proposed to finance a healthcare facility located within Orange County. Approval of this project from the County is required under federal tax law, The County's approval is solely for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the federal tax code. The County will have no obligation or incur any liability with respect to the bonds being reallocated. (John Gothia, County Judge)
16. Discussion and possible action regarding granting the use of the Courthouse/Administration parking area for the Annual Trunk or Treat activities.
(Orange County Sheriff's Office Employee's Association)
17. Discussion and possible action regarding the request to vacate "Lot 1" of the Walnut Ridge subdivision. This lot makes up a portion of the 1.256 acre tract, that was slated for "future development", but the subdivision plan never moved forward. The need to remove Lot 1 from the subdivision is to increase that parcel size, along with the remaining portion of the 1.256 acre tract being minor platted into lots per county required specifications. There will be four lots in total. For clarity, water and sewer amenities will be accessed through O.C.W.D. Possible action may include authorization for the publication of the notice required by section 232.008(c) of the Local Government Code, and the re-setting of the application for consideration following publication.
(Tracy leach, Road Administrator)
18. Discussion and possible action regarding changing the title and job description of the full-time County Collections Station position from Operator I to CCS Manager, the grade and pay on the pay matrix would remain the same. (Tracy leach, Road Administrator)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding the Minor Plat A 1.976-acre Minor Plat. Being all of A 1.74 acre and a 0.23-acre parcel of land in the J.W. Bucknum survey, abstract No. 339, Orange County, Texas into Lot 1 and Lot 2. This Final Plat has been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Road Administrator and 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)
20. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing signatories for documents pertaining to the CDBG-MIT-Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program. (Joel Ardoin, EM Coordinator)
21. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution for the E219 Tulane project for County increasing match responsibilities. This will be a \$32.00 cost to the County as the GLO pays only 10% of the contract administrative fee. (Joel Ardoin, EM Coordinator)
22. 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 County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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23. 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)
24. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
25. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of a quarantine leave policy for law enforcement. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
26. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

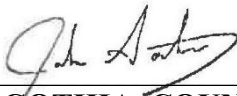
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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 24th day of September 2026.
Posted at 10:00 a.m.



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