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REGULAR SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
October 06, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, October 06, 2026, at 10 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at 123 S. 6th Street for the following purposes to-wit:

SPECIAL 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. Acknowledge for the record regarding a resolution signed on 9-29-26 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). The assigned location per the Resolution signed last week is the Orange County Sheriff Office, front steps, located at 205 S Border St Orange Tx. This being due to the fact the Courthouse has limited access from building reconstruction. (John Gothia, County Judge)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **October 06, 2025** bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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4. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of a special budget, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as certified by the County Auditor pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0106:

Revenue: 026-949-48103 (Local Hazard Mitigation Program Revenue) (\$97,240.00)
Expense: 026-949-58103 (Local Hazard Mitigation Program Expense) \$97,240.00

Purpose: To recognize revenue and establish budgets for Fiscal Budget Year 2026-2027.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of a special budget, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as certified by the County Auditor pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0106:

Revenue: 026-940-48100 (Resilient Communities Program Revenue) (\$287,775.00)
Expense: 026-940-58100 (Resilient Communities Land Use Plan Expense) \$ 58,275.00
026-940-58101 (Resilient Communities Public Services Activities) \$229,500.00

Purpose: To recognize revenue and establish budgets for Fiscal Budget Year 2026-2027.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-303-51110 (Regular Salaries) (\$400.00)
To: 001-303-51120 (Overtime Salaries) \$400.00

Purpose: To cover overtime costs for the end of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency) (\$76,500.00)
To: 001-111-54090 (Court Appointed Attorney 128th Adult) \$15,000.00
001-111-54094 (Court Appointed Attorney CPS/Other) \$20,000.00
001-111-54106 (Autopsy Fees) \$40,000.00
001-119-54192 (Drug Screens & Physicals) \$ 500.00
034-610-52700 (Utilities) \$ 1,000.00

Purpose: To provide for invoices expected post year-end for FY 2025-2026.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

OCSO JAIL

From: 001-743-59999 (Other) (\$100.00)
To: 001-743-52100 (Office Supplies) \$100.00

Purpose: To provide budget for September Central Supply purchases for FY 2025-2026.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-115-51140 (Extra Help Salaries).....(\$ 100.00)
001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....(\$3,770.00)
082-939-53000 (PHEP Grant Expense).....(\$ 560.00)
006-298-53982 (Bond Supervision Expense).....(\$ 440.00)
To: 001-115-51120 (Overtime Salaries) \$ 100.00
001-218-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 340.00
001-601-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$1,240.00
034-610-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$1,350.00
063-805-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 840.00
082-939-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 560.00
006-298-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 440.00

Purpose: To cover payroll expenditures from year-end transaction for FY 2025-2026.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

10. Discussion and possible action to set the Orane County Employee Holiday Luncheon on December 11, 2026. Possible action may include setting the time. (County Judge John Gothia)
11. Discussion and possible action authorizing Sheriff Bobby Smith to apply for the 2026 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program. This is a 50% reimbursement for the purchase of vests for the officers of the Orange County Sheriff's Office. In addition, authorizing Terri Goss as the jurisdictions designee to submit the pre-application for the grant and administer via the USDOJ website all the financial reporting associated with the grant on behalf of Orange County for the duration of the grant. (Bobby Smith, OC Sheriff)

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12. Discussion and possible regarding approval of the 2027 Orange County Resolution for the **Indigent Defense Grant Program**. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same. (Robbie Hereford, District Court Administrator)
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Orange County Commissioner's Court to recognize and accept the National 4-H Week 2026 Proclamation. (Franny Woods, 4-H Program Assistant)
14. Discussion and possible action to recognize and accept the quarterly reporting as presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on their Programs. (Franny Woods, 4-H Assistant.)
15. TABLED ITEM 9-29-26: 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)
16. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a New Software system for the Mechanic Shop GL account 002-573-57550. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
17. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a 4-day work week, for the Road and Bridge Department, (4-10 work schedule). (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
18. Discussion and possible action to approve the Police Canine Handler Agreement for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, which establishes the responsibilities and requirements of the assigned K9 handler, Marcus Hanson. Possible action may include approval of the agreement, as well as formal acceptance of the donation of the canine to the County (Lori Ardoin, HR Director)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding IFB-26006, Concrete Foundation and Slab Improvements. Action by the court shall include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. Contract is pending legal review. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of IFB-23002-Mowing Services for various Orange County properties contract between Orange County Texas and Lightfoot Enterprises, Inc. This is the (3rd) third of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same. Further action of the Court may authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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21. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of IFB-23004-Bulk Prescription Drugs for the Orange County Correctional Facility. This is the (3rd) third renewal of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same. Further action of the Court may authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

22. Discussion and possible action regarding the deletion of the following item.

40000100-07442	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-082905	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
16256-07433	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-076944	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
19537-08481	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-082878	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
16252-07429	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-018452	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
40000205-08616	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-082889	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
40000163-08478	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-053129	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
40000182-08809	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-023426	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
40000177-08482	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-103134	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
17971-05706	MOBILE RADIO	514CLD0855	DESTROY
18435-05700	MOBILE RADIO	514CLD0857	DESTROY
18549-05904	MOBILE RADIO	514CLR0496	DESTROY
18555-05708	MOBILE RADIO	514CLD0847	DESTROY
40000127-08483	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-082878	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
16260-07437	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-018452	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
19536-08480	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-08289	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
16250-07427	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-18456	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
15848-07048	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-18834	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
19369-08320	WATCHGUARD	DVR2-053075	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY
16262-07439	WATCHGUARD	UNKOWN	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY

(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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

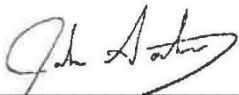
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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 1st day of October, 2026.
Posted at 10:30 a.m.



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