

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, October 6, 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, Judge Pro Tem
Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Absent was: John H. Gothia, County Judge

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

Agenda Items are in the order they were taken in the meeting.

1. COMMENTS No comments were made in this meeting.

15. FILE
PLAT Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to accept the filing of 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 reproduction fees have been paid, and a tax statement has been provided.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Maps, Volume 16, Page 92)

2. RESOL-
UTION Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to acknowledge for record 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to record in the minutes payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for October 6, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$127,263.36
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$21,626.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	\$333.64
AIRPORT	\$310.51
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	\$38,699.71

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$188,233.22

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

4. APPROVE SPECIAL BUDGET Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to adopt 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. APPROVE SPECIAL BUDGET Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to adopt 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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

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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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

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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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

OSCO 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. LINE-ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. TABLED
AGENDA
ITEM

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to table discussion and possible action to set Orange County Employee Holiday Luncheon on December 11, 2026.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. APPLY
FOR
GRANT

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte authorizing Sheriff Bobby Smith to apply for the 2026 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program and 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. This is a 50% reimbursement for the purchase of vests for the officers of the Orange County Sheriffs Office.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

12. APPROVE
GRANT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the 2027 Orange County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

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

13. PROCLAMATION Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Orange County Commissioner's Court to recognize and accept the National 4-H Week 2026 Proclamation.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)
14. AGRILIFE Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to recognize and accept the quarterly
 QUARTERLY reporting as presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on their programs.
 REPORT
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)
16. APPROVE Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a new software system
 SOFTWARE for the Mechanic Shop GL account 002-573-54190.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
17. TABLED Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to table discussion and possible
 AGENDA action regarding the approval of a 4-day work week, for Road and Bridge Department (4-10
 ITEM work schedule).
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
18. APPROVE Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Police Canine
 AGREE- Handler Agreement for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, which establishes the
 MENT responsibilities and requirements of the assigned K9 handler, Marcus Hanson and to formally
 accept the canine asset.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
19. AWARD Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to award IFB-26006, Concrete
 CONTRACT Foundation and Slab Improvements and approve for County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the
 same pending legal review.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
 (See Exhibits for this date.)

20. RENEW CONTRACT Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to renew the IFB-23002-Mowing Services for various Orange County properties contract between Orange County, Texas and Lightfoot Enterprises, Inc. and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign. This is the (3rd) third of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same.

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

21. RENEW CONTRACT Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to renew the IFB-23004-Bulk Prescription Drugs for the Orange County Correctional Facility and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign. This is the (3rd) third renewal of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same.

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

22. DELETE ITEMS Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte for the deletion of the following items:

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	DVR-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	UNKNOWN	RETURN TO MOTOROLA DELETE FROM INVENTORY

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

23. NO ACTION No action taken on 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.

25. CLOSED MEETING 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.

The Court went into closed session. This session was not recorded.

26. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.

- NO ACTION No action taken upon 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.

24. TABLED AGENDA ITEM Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to table discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of a quarantine leave policy for law enforcement.

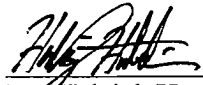
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

27. ADJOURN There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by
MEETING Kirk Roccaforte 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 Haley Hutchison, Deputy

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