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**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
OCTOBER 20, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, October 20, 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. Acknowledge for the record a presentation of programs and Spindletops presence in Orange County by Holly Borel, CEO and Danielle Pardue, Director of Business Development. (Holly Borel, CEO Spindletop Center)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds allotment for FY 2025-2026 from recommendations from the EDC Board as discussed in prior workshop. (Jessica Irvin, OCEDC Business Development)

4. Acknowledge for the record a presentation of the GCPD's 2025 Annual Report to Orange County Commissioners Court. (Emily Williams, Government Relations Specialist)
5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending September 30, 2026, and recording in the minutes of the court:
 - a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$136,002.67
 - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,994,671.80
 - 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 web site for viewing.
 - d. Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$26,854,061.45 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$ 19,868,487.81
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,985,573.64

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

6. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court the County Treasurer's quarterly investment report as required by HB 2459, Public Funds Investment Act. This report is for Quarter ending September 30, 2026, and will be available for viewing on the County's web site. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
7. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$ 642,976.31. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of August 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
8. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the court revenue received from City of Pine Forest, Check #4188, in the amount of \$249.42. These funds are reimbursement for road materials. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

9. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the court revenue received from City of Pine Forest, Check #4202, in the amount of \$240.00. These funds are reimbursement for road materials. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
10. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **October 13, 2026**. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **October 20, 2026**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$43,308.00 from the General Fund (001-105-54190) to SHI Government Solutions for M365 APPS Enterprise GCC Subscription 10/01/2026-09/30/2027 (Year 1 of 3).
 - b. \$34,668.76 from the General Fund (001-111-53880) to Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission for FY 2027 membership and programs.
 - c. \$7,288.05 from the General Fund (001-111-53880) to Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission for 2027 S.T.A.N. membership.
 - d. \$21,652.84 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due October 2026.
 - e. \$4,625.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for CDBG-DR Imelda: Tulane Street Improvement Project administrative services 06/01/2026 – 07/31/2026.
 - f. \$2,362.50 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for Public Health Building: Construction Admin services through 09/30/2026.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding receiving the County Auditor's Monthly Financial Report(s). (Pennee Schmitt)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Const./Etc.)(\$2,500.00)

To: 002-573-54190 (Software and Programming) \$2,500.00

Purpose: To cover cost of Software for Mechanic Shop.

(Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance)(\$831.00)

To: 002-573-54190 (Software and Programming) \$831.00

Purpose: To cover cost of software renewals for 1 year from Allterra.

(Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

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

COUNTY CLERK

From: 040-926-59999 (Other)(\$500,000.00)

To: 040-926-61112 (Special Project) \$500,000.00

Purpose: To move funds to correct line item to cover invoices for the Eagle Recorder conversion in the County Clerk's office.

(Brandy Robertson, County Clerk)

16. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the September 2026 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.

(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor/Collector)

17. Discussion and possible action regarding certification of the Annual Report Summary Collections for Year Ending September 2026 for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)

18. Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of the Certification of the 2026 Delinquent Tax Roll. (Property Tax Code Section 26.09(e))

(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)

19. Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of the Certification of the 2026 Current Tax Roll. (Property Tax Code Section 26.09(e))
(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
20. Discussion and possible action to set the Orane County Employee Holiday Luncheon on December 11, 2026. Proposed time for approval is to close offices to public at 2pm. (John H. Gothia, County Judge)
21. Discussion and possible action regarding citizen requests to change the name of Buller Lane, a private road in Precinct 3, to Granville Lane. (Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner, Pct. 3)
22. Discussion and possible action regarding citizen requests for improvement of the access road within the Minor Plat of Quiet Country, as permitted by Texas Transportation Code Chapter 253. Such improvements would result in an assessment against the landowners of the costs and would require the approval of a majority vote of the landowner of the subdivided property. Possible action may include setting a Public Hearing Date.
(Chris Sowell, Commissioner Pct. 2)
23. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution accepting the Fiscal Year 2026 Port Security Grant Program Award No. EMW-2026-PU-05283 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security / FEMA in the amount of \$319,239.00 in federal funds; committing the required county cost share of \$106,413.00; and authorizing the County Judge to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer the award. Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
24. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of an increase for the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) for the jail requested under capital outlay for the 26/27 budget year. The final quote acquired in October was \$1, 700 more than originally quoted in June 2026.
(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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

OCSO JAIL

From: 001-743-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....(\$600.00)

To: 001-743-57595 (Equip. between \$2,000 & \$4,999) \$600.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover the remaining cost of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) in the jail. The SCBAs were approved in Commissioner's Court for the 26/27 Budget Year.

(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

26. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of an increase for the APX N70 portable radio requested under capital outlay for the 26/27 budget year. The final quote acquired in October was \$1,679.32 more than originally quoted in June 2026. This is due to a promotional offer that ended prior to new budget. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

27. Discussion and possible action regarding entering a multi-jurisdictional Interlocal Agreement for Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, to participate in a combined task force funded by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) of the State of Texas for FY 2027 Senate Bill 224 Grant. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

28. Discussion and possible action regarding entering a multi-jurisdictional Interlocal Agreement for FY 2027. Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, to participate in a combined task force funded by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) of the State of Texas. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

29. Discussion and possible action regarding Amendment #2, extension of terms for an Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Jail Based Competency Restoration Services between Orange County and Spindletop Center for the period of September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

30. Discussion and possible action to approve amendment #1 to the Mental Health Liaison Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Spindletop Center. This amendment extends the contract for 1 year, dated Sept 1, 2026 – Aug 31, 2027 and specifies salary covered for one (1) Liaison Deputy. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

31. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of an increase for the automatic gate/fence requested under capital outlay for the 26/27 budget year. The final quote acquired in October was \$800 more than originally quoted in March due to the price increase of materials needed. The original quote was \$9,200 and the final quote is \$10,000.
(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

32. Discussion and possible action regarding a line item transfer:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 001-740-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....(\$800.00)

To: 001-740-57590 (Equipment > \$5,000)..... \$800.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover the remaining cost of the automatic gate/fence that was approved in Commissioners Court for the 26-27 Budget Year.

(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

33. Discussion and possible action to approve to amend the Real Time Crime Center – Information Share Grant, # 5485601 to allow for budgetary adjustments for the radio purchases. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

34. Discussion and possible action to adopt a special budget for the limited use of spending \$22,500 for the Real Time Crime Center – Information Share Grant# 5485601 on radios. The county auditor certifies this funding has been awarded for the specified use under the grant in accordance with LGC 111.0106 – Special Budget for Grant or aid money. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

35. TABLED: Discussion and possible action regarding Road and Bridge Dept work hours shifting to a 4-10 work schedule. (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

36. Discussion and possible action regarding a capital outlay approval to purchase a Bear Chip Spreader from the contingency GL account 001-111-53830. (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

37. Discussion and possible action regarding approving line-item transfer:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency) (\$243,424.00)

To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000) \$243,424.00

Purpose: To cover cost of the purchase of a Bearcat Chip Spreader.

(Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

38. Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution to authorize submitting a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2027-2028 Community Development Fund. Possible action may include authorizing County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator)

39. Discussion and possible action on approving the MOU with Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission on the County's cost share for the Southeast Texas Alerting Network (STAN). (Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator)

40. 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, County Purchasing Agent)

41. Discussion and possible action regarding the results of the special vote of the landowners in the Seven Pines subdivision. Possible action may include approval of an order for the proposed improvements and assessment of costs required by Texas Transportation Code 253.007. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)

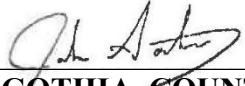
42. Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation, as well as to seek or receive information and advice from Assistant County Attorney on legal matters that are not 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)
43. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
44. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of a quarantine leave policy for law enforcement. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
45. 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 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 October 15, 2026.
Posted at 12:00 p.m.



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