STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

	John H. Gothia,	County Judge
	Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
	Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
	Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Absent was:	Johnny A. Trahan,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Chaplain Mike Eaves, gave the invocation, John Gothia 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.

2. WALNUT RIDGE SUB-DIVISION

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to partially cancel Lot 1, of Walnut Ridge Subdivision, a subdivision of record in volume 10, page 30 of the Orange County Map Record, pursuant to Texas Local Government code 232.008.

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 27, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	$7,292.45
ROAD & BRIDGE	$449.80
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	-
AIRPORT	$375.06
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-
TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	$8,117.31

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

4. BILLS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to pay November 3, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

a. $227,403.04 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties, HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for October 2026.

b. $21,652.84 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to UTMB for contract payment due November 2026.

c. $8,050.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.

d. $3,450.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Memorial Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.

e. $14,750.00 from the General Fund (002-573-53021) to Better Built Metals Buildings, LLC for Demo to R&B Mechanic Shop.

f. $13,874.09 from the Emergency/Disaster Fund (036-000-44443) to Texas Division of Emergency Management for refunds due to a project withdrawal (DR-4332: PW7238) and overpayment (PW-7238: 42569).

g. $333,620.59 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53002) to G & G Enterprises for Health Services Building: Pay Application #11 through 9/30/2026.

h. $29,750.00 from the Airport Fund (034-610-52140) to RB Concrete Excavation Inc. for concrete paving at Orange County Airport.

GENERAL FUND	$536,075.66
ROAD & BRIDGE	$381,193.53
MOSQUITO CONTROL	$1,410.98
ADULT PROBATION	$3,300.20
AIRPORT	$50,372.89
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-
ARPA	$333,766.73
TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	$1,306,119.99

IN ADDITION TO: $300.00
WIRE TRANSFER –
AMEGY BANK

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

5. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve a line-item transfer:

HEALTH SERVICES

From: 082-838-57590 (Equip. >$5,000).....($100,000.00)
To: 082-838-57500 (Equip. Non-inventory < $2,000).....$100,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of purchasing equipment for the Health Services Clinic.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

6. BURN BAN

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to implement a burn ban for 30 days in Orange County, Texas to protect public health, safety, and property due to current weather conditions and increased fire danger.

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

7. ROAD & BRIDGE PROJECTS

Tracy Leach, Road Administrator, stated there were no new plats for the October report. They collected $4,090 in culvert fees. Citizens Collection Station has 1,410 participants and collected $19,967.75. Waste billing was $22,666.00 and recycling receipts was $2,448.80. There were no new bridge openings or closings. They should be done with Precinct 4 roads in the next week and then move to Precinct 2. Maintenance is building them a Collection Station building that will have a restroom. The next step is to get the fiber internet pulled out there to get the card reader operational.

8. APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the purchase of a 30,000 pound capacity tag trailer with beavertail and ramps from GL 002-573-57590 for $37,770.00.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. MAINTE-NANCE PROJECTS

Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director, thanked Road & Bridge for helping dress up the ditch in front of the Health Clinic and make it look uniform. He thanked the Sheriff Department for allowing use of the Equipment Storage in the impound yard to build Road & Bridge landfill building to continue building despite the weather. Started working on the Christmas lights at Courthouse last week. Started work on the 12x20 portable building for the Road & Bridge landfill. Will wire the building up for security cameras for the dumpsters. Poured cement for all POD buildings well sheds and still have to build the sheds. Will get a material list together for the cover over the mechanical room at the Health Department. At the VA, the fence was moved last week and will take the cement loose on the side of the building. They will start staking it out to get the slab and building erected. They will have to remodel the inside for JP2 once that part is completed. The generator for the new election wing is up and going. They are waiting for the other generator to come in and the one for Adult Probation. They will have a fence built around the back of the election building to stop traffic and place a fence around the generator. Transportation's new generator has been installed and had the first start up this morning. The 400-amp service will start this week for the POD buildings after the election. Once that is completed, the cement will be done and the generators will be put in. The generators have already been ordered. The 14-foot fans for the POD buildings have come in and will help with air circulation in the winter and the summer. The roof at the Equipment Storage at Road & Bridge in Vidor needs to be repaired. CenterPoint Entergy is moving forward on gas for the Health Clinic.

10. APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the purchase and installation of security cameras at the Sheriff's Office Narcotics/Special Crimes Building and Range/Training Facility, using asset forfeiture funds. The project costs are $23,419.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. BIDS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Emergency Disaster Food Service.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

12. BIDS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Online Surplus Auction.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

13. ONLINE AUCTION

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the dates for the online auction.
Auctioneer: Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.
Date open for Online Bidding: Monday, November 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM CST
Close date: Friday, November 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM CST

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

14. TRANSFER ITEMS

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to transfer the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN OR SERIAL #	FROM	TO
30000821	SCANNER PUR DATE: 02/14/2008	105837	SHERIFF OFFICE	SURPLUS
30000835	FLAT BED SCANNER PUR DATE: 10/23/2009	3350	COUNTY CLERK	SURPLUS
18251	2008 FORD MCU MOBILE COMMAND BUS	24F70J234444	EMERGENCY MGMT	SURPLUS
30000553	2023 FORD F150 TRUCK	1FTEX1CP9PKD91180	HEALTH CODE	PARKS

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

15. BIDS

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Purchasing Agent to go out for bids concerning the 4 Oaks Ranch Project. Nationwide Permit has been approved and secured.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

16. RESOLUTION

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve a resolution adding City of Orange Mitigation Action #22, Jackson Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation and Flood Resilience Improvements, to the Orange County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

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

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. GAME ROOM REGULATIONS — Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve an amendment to our existing Game Room Regulations, recognizing and acknowledging the unconstitutional nature of eight-liner machines as found by the 5th Circuit and the Texas Supreme Court and that we incorporate those findings into our Game Room Regulations which will result in the Health and Code no longer permitting unconstitutional machines.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

20. ADJOURN MEETING — There being no further business, a motion was made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adjourn Commissioners' Court meeting.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
John Gothia adjourned the Commissioners' Court meeting.

ATTEST:

Brandy Robertson, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners' Court

By: Haleigh Hutchison, Deputy

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