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**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
JULY 22, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 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. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending June 30, 2025 and recording in the minutes of the court:
 - a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$392,242.26
 - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,729,039.13
 - 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 \$22,871,977.58 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$14,092,627.23
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 8,779,350.35

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court the County Treasurer's quarterly investment report as required by the Public Funds Investment Act , Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256. This report is for Quarter ending June 30, 2025, and will be available for viewing on the County's web site. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
4. 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 \$1,053,677.15. These funds represent the 1/2-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of May 2025 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
5. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for July 15, 2025. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of July 22, 2025, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$114,694.70 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental and life-under age 65 for July 2025.
 - b. \$91,197.63 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for August 2025.
 - c. \$235,648.17 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53001) to T Construction for services related to CDBG-DR-20-035-C911 drainage improvement projects thru 01/28/2025.
 - d. \$115,830.24 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53001) to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for services related to CDBG-DR-20-035-C911 drainage improvement projects thru 09/01/2024.
 - e. \$40,950.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for Contract 24-067-030-E218 Draw #3: Kinard Estates Drainage Improvements project.
 - f. \$40,950.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for Contract 24-067-031-E219 Draw #3: Tulane Road Drainage Improvements project.
 - g. \$6,184.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53020) to Capital Plumbing for O.S.S.F. and 1 ST Time Sewer project.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
7. Discussion and possible action regarding receipt of the County Auditor's Monthly Financial Reports. (Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF & DISTRICT JUDGES

From: 001-740-57590 (Sheriff's Equip. & \$5,000).....(\$4,325.00)
001-210-54550 (128th Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.)(\$1,334.00)
001-211-54550 (163rd Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.)(\$1,333.00)
001-212-54550 (260th Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.)(\$1,333.00)
001-260-54955 (Data Processing Services & Fees)(\$1,275.00)
001-111-53830 (Contingency)(\$6,400.00)
To: 001-111-54190 (Multi-Agency Software)\$16,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for "Cloud Gavel" Electronic Warrants Cloud Based Services software and implementation.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

From: 001-226-57500 (Equip. Non-Inv < \$2,000))(\$2,000.00)
To: 001-226-54851 (General Misc. Collections)\$ 2,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover increase of Graves, Humphries, Stahl (GHS) fees.

(Chad Jenkins, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-54120 (Engineering & Lab Fees)..... (\$40,000.00)
To: 002-573-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease) \$40,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of fuel, oil, gas, and grease for the remaining budget year.

(Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 001-740-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas Grease)..... (\$4,000.00)
To: 001-740-54550 (Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.) \$4,000.00

Purpose: To pay for flights, hotel costs for 2 CID officers to go out of state to work on a cold case. Also to replenish line item for upcoming expenses on travel for officer classes and registrations through end of budget.

(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

From: 001-808-52220 (Election Expense)(\$1,200.00)
To: 001-808-54550 (Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.) \$1,200.00

Purpose: To provide funds to attend Election Law Seminar.

(Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)

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

DISTRICT CLERK

From: 001-220-52100 (Office Supplies) (\$1,736.00)
To: 001-220-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance) \$1,736.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.

(Anne Reed, District Clerk)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding the publication of any proposed increase in the salaries, expenses, or allowances of elected County or Precinct officers for the upcoming budget year, pursuant to Local Government Code 152.013(b).

(John H. Gothia, County Judge)

15. Discussion and possible action to recognize and accept the quarterly reporting as presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on their Programs. (Magen Lee, BLT Agent)

16. Discussion and possible action regarding the use of Opioid Abatement Funds.

(Jennifer Blankenship, Health Services Director)

17. Discussion and possible action regarding a one-year renewal of the agreement between Orange County and Tetra Tech, Inc. for RFP-23002, Debris Monitoring Services. The renewal period shall be August 8, 2025, through August 7, 2026. Action by the court may include approval for the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

(Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator)

18. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Contract for Professional Services between the County and Arceneaux Wilson & Cole LLC for the County's 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Elevations grant.

(Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator)

19. Discussion and possible action regarding the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on (2) Pickleball Courts for RFP- 25008 Claiborne West Park in Vidor, Precinct 2.

(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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20. Discussion and possible action appointing a selection committee for RFP-25008 Raymond Gould Park for the Pickleball Courts.

Committee:

(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Department)

21. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding IFB-25006 Road Materials. Action by the court shall include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.
(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
22. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Interlocal Agreement between Orange County and the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation. This program provides legal representation for indigent defendants in death-eligible capital murder cases. Orange County has not previously participated in this program. The County's cost for participation would be \$31,366.00 per year for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to execute the Interlocal Agreement or to provide written documentation to of the County's decision to decline participation. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
23. 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 CONVENEED.

Dated this 18th day of July 2025.

Posted at 4:00 p.m.



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