



*John H. Gothia, County Judge
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Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Robert L. Viator, Commissioner, Precinct Four*

**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
AUGUST 5, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 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 and sign a proclamation to honor and thank our local Emergency Management Team for their behind the scenes dedication and compassion as part of Emergency Management Appreciation Month. (John Gothia, County Judge)
3. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **July 29, 2025**.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **August 05, 2025** bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due August 2025.
 - b. \$13,716.00 from the General Fund (001-101-52345) to Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool for excess workers compensation - audited contribution for 2024.

- c. \$64,478.80 from the General fund (001-740-57590) to Silsbee Ford for 2023 Ford Explorer (1FM5K8AB6PGC01431) Unit #719 Orange County Sheriff's Office.
- d. \$4,725.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for A&E fee for Public Health Building – Construction Admin. Phase.
- e. \$226,526.95 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53003) to McInnis Construction, Inc. for PODS – Pay Apps #6 & #7.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

CONVENTION & EXPO

From: 074-791-59999 (Other)(\$750.00)
To: 074-791-52150 (Janitorial Supplies)..... \$750.00

Purpose: To provide funds for janitorial supplies for the remainder of the year.
(Denisha LaFleur, Event Manager)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$500,000.00)
To: 002-573-52500 (Road Materials).....\$350,000.00
002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rental/Construction, Etc.)\$150,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost road materials, rentals, & repairs for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Tracy Leach, Administrator)

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 001-740-51110 (Regular Salaries).....(\$133,000.00)
To: 001-740-51120 (Overtime Salaries) \$120,000.00
001-740-51130 (Schedule Overtime) \$ 13,000.00

Purpose: To move funds to cover the remainder of the budget year.

From: 001-740-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease).....(\$10,000.00)
To: 001-740-52251 (Bullet Proof Vests)..... \$5,000.00
001-740-59999 (Other) \$5,000.00

Purpose: To move funds to cover the remainder of the budget year. (Bobby Smith, Sheriff)

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

ORANGE COUNTY JAIL

From: 001-743-54421 (Board/Prisoners)(\$5,000.00)
To: 001-743-52150 (Janitorial Supplies)..... \$5,000.00

Purpose: To move funds to cover the remainder of the budget year. (Bobby Smith, Sheriff)

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

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-54091 (Court Appointed Attorney 163rd Adult).....(\$ 7,500.00)
001-111-54092 (Court Appointed Attorney 260th Adult).....(\$ 7,500.00)
001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....(\$50,000.00)
To: 001-111-54093 (Court Appointed Attorney CCAL Adult) ... \$15,000.00
001-111-51150 (Termination Pay) \$50,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year. (Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the submission of the 2025 Certified Property Tax Values from the Chief Appraiser and the Rolling Stock from the State Comptroller as required under Property Tax Code 26.04(b). (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the Certification by the Tax Assessor-Collector of the 2025 Anticipated Collection Rate for debt service as required by Property Tax Code 26.04(b). (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the submission of the 2025 No New Revenue rates as required under Property Tax Code 26.04(b). (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
13. Discussion and possible action to approve and sign the Tx DMV Road and Bridge Fee. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge pro Tem to sign the same. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor-Collector)
14. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a Resolution to authorize The Orange County Sheriff office to apply for the SRA Community Assistance Program Grant 2025. This is a grant to provide critical funding for the upgrade and repairs to Safe Boat and High-Water Rescue Vehicles. Possible action may include naming the authorized official as Chief Richard Howard and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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15. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Maintenance Department. (Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)
16. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Road and Bridge Department. (Tracy Leach, Road Superintendent)
17. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature of the Order of Special Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Constitutional Amendment Election. (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)
18. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature of the Order of Special Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Creation of Orange County Emergency Services District No. 5. (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of early voting locations, dates and times for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Constitutional Amendment Election and Creation of Orange County Emergency Service District 5 as follows:

Orange Public Library (Main Early Voting Location) 220 N 5 th Street Orange, TX 77630	Raymond Gould Community Center 385 Claiborne Street Vidor, TX 77662
Mauriceville Community Center 7441 Cohenour Road Orange, TX 77632	Orange County Airport 2640 S Hwy 87 Orange, TX 77630

October (Octubre) 20 – 24 th	Monday – Friday (Lunes – Viernes)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October (Octubre) 27 – 29 th	Monday – Wednesday (Lunes – Miércoles)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October (Octubre) 30 – 31 st	Thursday – Friday (Jueves – Viernes)	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

(Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)

20. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature of the Notice of Election for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Constitutional Amendment Election. (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)
21. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature of the Notice of Election for the Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Creation of Orange County Emergency Services District No. 5. (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)
22. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature of the Order of Appointment for County Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges for the two-year term September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2027. TEC 32.009. (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)

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23. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and signature of the Order of Appointment for the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Alternate Judge for the two-year term September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2027. TEC 87.002. (Donna Alford, Elections Administrator)
24. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding construction services contracts for the County's GLO CDBG-DR Imelda Tulane Project (24-067-030-E219) under RFP-25007, contingent upon the issuance of the Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF). Possible action by the court may include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
25. Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney 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. Multiple discrete matters will be discussed. (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 CONVENEED.

Dated this 1st day of August 2025.
Posted at 3:00 p.m.



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