



*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 19, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, August 19, 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. Acknowledgement and presentation of Q2 2025 tax abatement report from Golden Triangle Polymers. (Chad Jennings, Plant Manager GTP)
3. Resolution honoring the life and achievements of Kate Pate Walker of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion of the Women's Army Corps. The 6888th was organized on March 4, 1945, at Birmingham, England, and pitched mail at a facility there until after the end of the war in Europe. When they arrived in Birmingham, they found warehouses with mountains of mail and care packages. They were given six months to deliver all this mail; they did it in three. In May of 1945, with the war in Europe over, the 6888th was transferred to France where they were greeted with a backlog of mail two to three years old. Again, the battalion was ordered to deliver the mail in six months, and again, they did it in three. (John Gothia, County Judge)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending July 31, 2025 and recording in the minutes of the court:

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- a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$188,648.99
- b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$2,094,280.22
- 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 \$22,612,839.76 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$13,919,432.96
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 8,693,406.80

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

5. 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 \$807,934.00. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of June 2025 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the acknowledgment for the recording of the minutes for payment of bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings for August 12, 2025. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
7. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of August 19, 2025 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$3,450.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
 - b. \$272,975.71 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53001) to T Construction for services from 05/24/2025-06/21/2025 for CDBG-DR-20-065-C911 Drainage Improvements.
 - c. \$1,621.25 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Atlas Technical Consultants, L.L.C. for professional services 06/28/2025-07/25/2025 for Project 250093.00: New Health Services Building.
 - d. \$884,661.17 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53002) to G & G Enterprises for Health Services Building Construction Invoice – Application #4.
 - e. \$114,716.35 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life – under age 65 for August 2025.
 - f. \$91,955.56 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for September 2025.
 - g. \$44,550.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53024) to Rock Builders LLC for phase 2 of 2, fencing, painting, & finishing.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

From: 001-111-57040 (Regional Crime Lab).....(\$15,000.00)
To: 001-226-54851 (General Misc. Collections) \$15,000.00

Purpose: To cover increase of Graves, Humphries. Stahl (GHS) fees for the remainder of the budget year.

(Chad Jenkins, Justice of the Peace)

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

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3

From: 001-777-52100 (Office Supplies)(\$300.00)
To: 001-777-59999 (Other) \$300.00

Purpose: Required TCOLE online training for Deputy Constables.

(Brad Frye, Constable)

10. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-681-53022 (Pct. 2 Parks Project).....(\$184,050.00)
001-681-53023 (Pct. 3 Parks Project).....(\$184,050.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip > \$5,000) \$368,100.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of 2 Kubota M6S-111SHDC Boom Mowers, contingent upon approval and release of funds previously assigned to the Pcts. 2 & 3 Parks Projects.

11. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-54120 (Engineering & Lab Fees).....(\$27,000.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000) \$27,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of an oil sprayer.

12. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-53022 (Water Tank & Well Construction).....(\$3,000.00)
To: 002-573-54551 (Travel/Education) \$3,000.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of CDL certifications for the remainder of the budget year, contingent upon approval and release of funds previously assigned to the Water Tank and Well Construction Project (Pct. 1).

13. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$82,342.53)

To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000) \$82,342.53

Purpose: To cover the cost of a Kubota SVL7-3HFCC Skid Steer.

(Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

14. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

AGRILIFE EXTENSION

From: 001-655-54550 (Travel/Reg./Dues/Etc.)(\$3,000.00)

To : 001-655-52275 (Program Supplies)..... \$3,000.00

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

(Fallon White, Coordinator)

15. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 001-740-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease).....(\$2,000.00)

To: 001-740-54550 (Travel/Reg./Dues/Etc.) \$2,000.00

Purpose: To pay for the remaining charges for the cold case travel and to cover future charges until the end of budget.

(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

16. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-54122 (Lawsuits, Claims & Settlements).....(\$51,430.00)

001-101-52344 (Flood Insurance)(\$ 1,000.00)

To: 001-787-51110 (Regular Salaries)..... \$ 9,425.00

001-787-51210 (Social Security)..... \$ 715.00

001-787-51230 (Retirement) \$ 1,280.00

063-805-51250 (Unemployment) \$ 10.00

074-791-52700 (Utilities) \$40,000.00

001-101-52346 (Officials' Liability Insurance)..... \$ 1,000.00

Purpose: To correct budgeting error and provide funds for the remainder of the year.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

17. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of a Special Budget(s) with the provisions of Local Government Code §111.0106:

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

Revenue: 001-000-43770 Transportation Grant Revenue(\$109,552.00)

All Expenses: \$109,552.00

Purpose: To recognize the supplemental grant funds awarded to support reassignment of territory from Orange Community Action Association to Orange County Transportation.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

18. Discussion and possible action regarding receipt of the County Auditor’s Monthly Financial Reports. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the City of Jasper Pilot Project contract between Orange County and Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. This contract was originally approved on June 10, 2025. The program dates have been updated to reflect the period beginning July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. (Janell Dischler, Transportation Director)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the July 2025 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor Collector)
21. Discussion and possible action to accept into the record the Tax Assessor-Collector Continuing Education Transcript evidencing that Octavia Guzman has satisfied the continuing education requirements mandated by Texas Property Tax Code§ 6.231. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor Collector)
22. Discussion and possible action to approve the annual contributions for local community programs as follows:

A. OCAA: Meals on Wheels	\$45,000.00
B. Spindletop MHMR Services	\$40,000.00
C. Casa	\$ 2,500.00
D. Heritage House	\$10,000.00
E. Southeast Texas R & D	\$ 500.00
F. Lower Sabine Neches Soil and Water Cons	\$ 1,000.00
G. VFW	\$10,000.00
H. Gift of Life Program	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$119,000.00

(John Gothia, County Judge)

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23. Record in the minutes the order setting the salary of the County Auditor and Assistants in the Office of the County Auditor and Orange County Official Court Reporters, pursuant to Local Government Code §§ 152.905 and 152.031. (John Gothia, County Judge)
24. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a 96" skid steer loader for \$3,100.00 from line item 002-573-57595 (Equipment \$2000-\$4999). (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)
25. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing Lisa Reeves to submit the Cybersecurity Training Certification for Local Governments to Texas DIR on behalf of Orange County. This form is required to be submitted on August 31st of each year. (Lisa Reeves, M.I.S. Director)
26. Discussion and possible action to select a committee to review and propose an order to Commissioner's Court addressing tiny home development within the county. (Joel Ardoin, Environmental Health and Code Compliance)

Committee:

27. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of IFB-23006-Insecticides contracts between Orange County, Texas and (1) ADAPCO, (2) Clarke Mosquito Control, (3) Target Specialty Products and (4) Vesperis. This is the second of three possible renewals allowed under the contracts. Further action would authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)
28. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the dates for the online auction.

Auctioneer: Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.
Start date for VIEW ONLY: Thursday, September 10, 2025
Date open for Online Bidding: Monday, September 15, 2025
Close Date: Friday, September 26, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. CST

(Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)

29. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting and authorizing Orange County Judge to sign contract with Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc., to conduct Orange County On-line Surplus Auction on an as needed basis utilizing Buy Board Contract 780-23.
(Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)

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30. Discussion and possible action regarding the transfer of the following item:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN OR SERIAL#	FROM	TO
17202	Rosco Self Propelled Roller	35685	RB	Surplus
17197	1990 Dump Truck Ford	LVA09451	RB	Surplus
17198	1995 Dump Truck International	TSCAAN5SH641443	RB	Surplus
17233	2000 Ford F250 Truck	1FTNF20F8YEC85243	RB	Surplus
17375	2007 F-250 Truck	1FTSF20P97EA93923	RB	Surplus
17213	Accuturn Heavy Duty Tire Changer	11980035	RB	Surplus
17243	Duratank, 5,000 Gallon Stainless Steel	50205	RB	Surplus
19368	2018 Chevy Tahoe (160,000 Miles)	1GNLCDEC4JR162586	SO	Surplus
19684	2010 ELKH Bus	1FDFE4SZADA28308	SO	Surplus

(Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)

31. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for grant administration services for the County’s FY2025 Post-Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants under RFP-25012. Further action may include the appointment of a selection committee. (Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)
32. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for engineering services for the County’s FY2025 Post-Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants under RFQ-MC-2025-___. Further action may include the appointment of a selection committee. (Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)
33. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding of contracts under RFP-25003, Principal Managing Bank, Participating Depository and Sub-Depository Banks. The evaluation committee recommends Wells Fargo Bank as the Primary Depository and First Financial Bank as the Sub-Depository Bank. Possible action may include authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)
34. Closed meeting held pursuant to §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code, to discuss commercial or financial information that the Orange County Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the Commissioners’ Court seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of Orange County and with which the Commissioners' Court is conducting economic development negotiations, or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive regarding any current confidential Orange County Economic Development Corporation Projects. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Corporation Director)
35. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Corporation Director)
36. Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney matters regarding pending or threatened litigation. Multiple discrete matters may be discussed. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)

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37. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
38. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or a charge against one or more officers or employees. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
39. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
40. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

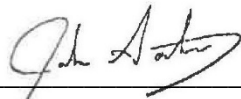
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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 15th day of August, 2025.
Posted at 3:00 p.m.



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