



*John H. Gothia, County Judge
Johnny A. Trahan, Commissioner, Precinct One
Chris Sowell, Commissioner, Precinct Two
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
September 9, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, September 9, 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. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the **2025/2026** Fiscal Year Budget in accordance with Local Government Code § 111.008.
(John H. Gothia, County Judge)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding ordering the adoption of the property tax as assessed by the Orange County Appraisal District and the adoption of the tax rate for Taxable Year 2025 per Local Government Code § 111.008.
(John H. Gothia, County Judge)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the court revenue received from City of Pine Forest, Check #3956, in the amount of \$2,494.57. These funds are reimbursement for road materials. (Cristy Khoury, County Treasurer)
5. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for September 2, 2025. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of September 9, 2025 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. a\$175,140.70 from the General Fund (001-111-54110) to Orange County Appraisal District for 4th Quarter Funding.
 - b. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due September 2025.
 - c. \$111,947.49 from the Improvement Grants Fund (026-983-53000) to Planet Three Elevation for Draw 1: Pre Elevation/Mobilization - 2019 FMA Elevations Project.
 - d. \$36,639.09 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53003) to LED Partners in partial payment of Contract #678-22: LED signage.
 - e. \$185,000.00 from the General Fund (001-111-53020) to the Orange County Economic Development Corporation for 2024-2025 Membership Payment #3.
(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

7. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:
COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency)..... (\$48,350.00)
To: 001-111-54110 (Appraisal Contract)..... \$48,350.00

Purpose: To provide funds for final quarterly payment due to increase in contract from prior year.
Estimated increase: 9%. Actual increase: 18%.
(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

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

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-111-54122 (Lawsuits, Claims & Settlements)..... (\$25,000.00)
To: 001-111-53203 (Sheriff Criminal Bonds Returned)..... \$25,000.00

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

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 001-740-52300 (Fuel, Oil, Gas & Grease) (\$30,000.00)
To: 001-740-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr/Etc.)..... \$30,000.00

Purpose: For the repair to 9 currently downed units, including cost of an engine swap, 3 a/c repairs, transmission repairs, 3 engine malfunction repairs and brakes.
(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-59999 (Other)..... (\$5,750.00)
To: 002-573-54950 (Tree & Debris Removal Services)..... \$5,750.00

Purpose: To cover the cost of the removal of dead trees in county right of way.
(Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL

From: 003-490-57550 (Repairs, Rentals, Contr./Etc.) (\$1,500.00)
To: 003-490-57500 (Equip Non-inv < \$2,000)..... \$1,500.00

Purpose: To provide funds needed for the remainder of the year.
(Patrick Beebe, Director)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-602-57550 (Repairs, Rentals, Contr./Etc.) (\$2,500.00)
To: 001-602-52100 (Office Supplies)..... \$2,500.00

Purpose: To provide funds to purchase a laptop, printer & storage case for the Jasper Pilot Program.
(Janell Dischler, Director)

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

From: 001-793-52110 (Public Safety Supplies & Uniforms) (\$1,700.00)
To: 001-793-57550 (Repairs/Rental/Constr/Etc. \$1,700.00

Purpose: To provide funds for tire replacement of F250 Truck.
(Joel Ardoin, Coordinator)

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

PARKS

From: 001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... (\$18,300.00)
To: 001-681-52730 (Cellular/Internet Expense) \$ 500.00
001-681-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)..... \$17,800.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
(Denisha LaFleur, Director)

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- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the August 2025 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.
(Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor/Collector)
- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding the establishment of an adult sexual assault response team (SART) in Orange County in accordance with Local Government Code Sec. 351.252.
(Bobby Smith, Sheriff)
- 17. Discussion and possible action regarding the capital outlay purchase of an industrial washing machine for the jail dorm area to replace the broken one. The current washing machine is 16 years old, beyond repair, and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The cost of the washing machine is \$20,043. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
- 18. Discussion and possible action to consider a line-item transfer for:

JAIL

From: 001-743-54421 (Board/Prisoners)(\$20,100.00)
To: 001-743-57590 (Equip > \$5,000) \$20,100.00

Purpose: To purchase a replacement industrial size washing machine for the jail dorms.
(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

- 19. Discussion and possible action to approve capital outlay for the purchase and installation of an amplifier for audio/visual equipment in the 128th District Court. (Courtney Arkeen, 128th District Judge)
- 20. Discussion and possible action regarding a line item transfer for:

128th DISTRICT COURT

From: 001-210-54550 Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc..... (\$1,357.00)
001-210-57500 Equipment non-inv < \$2000 (\$1,235.00)
To: 001-210-57595 Equipment between \$2,000 & \$4,9999 \$2,592.00

Purpose: To provide funds to purchase and the installation of updated audio/visual equipment.

(Courtney Arkeen, 128th District Judge)

- 21. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Maintenance Department. (Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)
- 22. Discussion and possible action regarding special projects in Road and Bridge Department.
(Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

- 23. Discussion and possible action regarding LOTS 1 AND 2 LOCATED IN CROFT ADDITION (PRECINCT 4), A 10.804 ACRE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED IN CLERK'S FILE NO. 537135, OPROCT, PARTIALLY OUT OF LOTS 15 & 16, BLOCK 1, PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 82, MROCT LYING IN THE JOHN STEPHENSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 169 AND THE W.M. STEPHENSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23. This Final Plat has been reviewed and approved by Orange County Road and Bridge and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper filing and reproductions fees have been paid, and a tax statement has been provided. (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)
- 24. Discussion and possible action regarding REPLAT OF 2.121 ACRES OF LAND PART OF THE W.B. WORTHAM SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 415 IN ORANGE COUNTY TEXAS COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOTS 61 AND 62, DEER PARK (UNRECORDED) INTO TRACTS 61-A, 61-B, 62-A AND 62-B, LOCATED IN PCT. 4. This Final Plat has been reviewed and approved by Orange County Road and Bridge and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper filing and reproductions fees have been paid and a tax statement has been provided. (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)
- 25. Discussion and possible action regarding PLAT OF 0.9369 (CALLED 0.9355) ACRE OF LAND REPLAT OF PART OF LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK/4 TOWNES ADDITION, CITY OF VIDOR VOL 3, PG. 73, MAP RECORDS ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS INTO PIRATES COVE ESTATES PHASE 1A. This Final Plat has been reviewed and approved by Orange County Road and Bridge and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper filing and reproductions fees have been paid and a tax statement has been provided. (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)
- 26. Discussion and possible action regarding a capital outlay purchase of a Fixed Tooth Road Planer to be used on the skid steer for \$28,750.00 from line item 002-573-57590 (Equip.> \$5,000.00). (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)
- 27. Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-52520 (Drainage & Ditches).....(\$25,100.00)
002-573-53022 (Water Tank & Well Constr. Pct 1) .(\$ 3,650.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip > \$5,000) \$28,750.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover the cost of a fixed tooth road planer for the skid steer.
(Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)

- 28. Please consider for discussion and possible action, the purchase of a “Modern Path Slayer” mower attachment for \$6,700 from line-item 001-681-57590 (EQUIP > \$5000).
(Denisha LaFleur, Parks Director)

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

PARKS

From: 001-681-54950 (Misc Tree & Landscape Services)..(\$6,700.00)
To: 001-681-57590 (Equip > \$5,000) \$6,700.00

Purpose: To purchase a Modern Path Slayer mower attachment to enable employees to mow closer to the pond and help clear trails at Claiborne Park.
(Denisha LaFleur, Parks Director)

30. Discussion and possible action accepting the Bid Proposal for Engineering Services provided by AWC to provide a scope of services for repairing the large pedestrian bridge located within Claiborne West Park that crosses Cow Bayou. (Denisha LaFleur, Park Director)

31. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting a donation from Todd Langston and Juice Baseball of approximately \$60,000 in field improvements to the ballfield located within Claiborne West Park. (Denisha LaFleur, Parks Director)

32. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for the County to abandon an undeveloped and unused portion of a road easement at the end of Teal Road Subdivision, Section 1. (Johnny Trahan, Commissioner, Pct. 1)

33. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed revision to County Personnel Policy 421 – Computer Hardware and Software Security. The proposed revisions incorporate legislative changes and the implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication for County systems. (Lisa Reeves, MIS Director)

34. Discussion and possible action regarding the review, selection, and approval of the associated payment of the Airport General Liability Insurance policy renewal for the term of September 18, 2025, to September 18, 2028, including acceptance or rejection of terrorism and war coverage. Possible action may include authorization for the County Judge or Judge Pro Tern to sign any necessary documents regarding same.
(Missy Pillsbury, Airport Director)

35. Discussion and possible action appointing Missy Pillsbury as the Designated Sponsor's Authorized Representative for the FY2026 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant, M26200RNG.
(Missy Pillsbury, Airport Director)

36. Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Judge to sign the FY2026 RAMP Grant, M26200RNG. The scope of services includes airport maintenance at the Orange County Airport. The project has an estimated maximum eligible cost of \$111,111.11, with the State reimbursing 90% (not to exceed \$100,000.00) and the County providing a 10% match of \$11,111.11.
(Missy Pillsbury, Airport Director)

37. Discussion and possible action regarding the transfer of the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN/SERIAL	FROM	TO
19621	2021 Ford Explorer (totaled)	1FM5K8AB1MGA65415	SO	Surplus
17634	Dishwasher Hobart	851075338	SO	Surplus
17154	2005 Ford F250 (244,528 miles)	1FTSF20P75EA40490	Road & Bridge	Surplus

(Michelle Carroll, County Purchasing Agent)

38. Closed meeting pursuant to Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code Deliberation regarding 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 to such a business prospect, under section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current confidential Orange County Economic Development Corporation Projects. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Corporation Director)
39. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Corporation Director)
40. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Facility & Tower Lease Agreement between Orange County and L3Harris Technologies, Inc. relating to the Radio Tower site at the Orange County Airport, in conjunction with and support of the FAA Prime Contract with L3Harris. The lease involves no new construction at this time. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
41. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney and outside counsel matters regarding settlement offers in the matter of Texas opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of *County of Orange v. Purdue Pharma, Inc., et al.*, MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
42. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to execute an Order Authorizing Approval of Proposed Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements and any related release forms. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
43. 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.

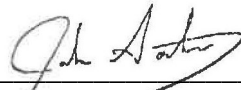
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THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA WHERE ANY EXCEPTION EXISTS UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

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 CONVENED.

Dated this 4th day of September 2025.

Posted at 10:00 a.m.



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